

City of Forman, North Dakota
Special City Council Meeting
July 21, 2011

The Forman City Council met at 7:30 PM. Present were: Mayor Mark Bopp, council members Mary Bishoff, Dave Jacobson, Sue Kleingarn and Jason Rockswold. Also attending were Mary Ann Gadberry, Trish Pearson, Dennis Brezicka, Jim Marquette, Kyle Marquette, Dennis Miller, Mike Zirnhelt and Cheryl Zirnhelt.

The first order of business was to discuss and ratify the employee handbook. A motion was made to approve the employee handbook per the last revisions, make it effective August 1, 2011 and to account for time accrued as discussed. (Dave Jacobson, Mary Bishoff, passed)

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the proposed north culvert under Highway 32. Two excavators were contacted for quotes. Jerry Bohenkamp passed on the project. Calvin Jacobson was not sure his licensing would be adequate for the project. Moore Engineering did provide an estimate of \$84,000 for the entire project to NDDOT specifications.

The DOT has moved up the timing on the overlay of Highways 13 and 32 from 2014 to 2012. They will be doing culverts in Highway 13 but it has not yet been determined if they will go the culverts in Highway 32 in 2012 or wait until 2014 when they are mandated to have them done. Expectations are that if the city does nothing between now and spring, that the water will be topping the highways. The purpose of the culvert is to get the reservoir west of town lowered to a point where it can handle the inflows of water expected next spring.

Representatives from Dunbar and Rutland Townships expressed their opposition to an additional culvert stating that they cannot get rid of the water they already have. Additional water will take out numerous township roads and they do not have the funds to repair roads or install larger culverts to handle the additional water.

Mayor, Mark Bopp briefly discussed the issues with Drain #4 that will be the topic of the Water Board meeting later in the evening. Increasing the size and volume of the drain could help to some extent but would still create issues for those residents located downstream from the end of the drain. It was suggested that those landowners get together with the Water Board to try to form another legal drain.

While there were no resolutions, the mayor let the township representatives know that we will keep them informed of proceedings and intentions.