

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
December 4, 2019

The Forman City Council meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Al Colemer and Neil Weaving. Luke Anderson and John Stenvold were absent. Also attending were Trish Pearson and Paige Cary. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moore Engineering was not present and did not submit a report.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve minutes from the November 12, 2019 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the city auditor's report including the November financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

Trish Pearson introduced the recommended year-end transfers between funds and several budget amendments. She explained each and the reason for them. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the year-end transfers and budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report. One item that is urgent in nature is a replacement for our old 1972 sand truck. Anthony Fiala was conferenced in and explained the condition of the current vehicle and the council agreed that it is not worth putting additional money into it. They discussed the specifications necessary for a replacement. Our sand box and spreader is in good condition and can be mounted on a different vehicle. Councilman, Neil Weaving found two vehicles to consider and will continue to look for viable replacements. The city will look at culling old vehicles and equipment that is no longer usable to help defray the cost. The set an asking price for the police car at \$1,250 stripped of equipment and \$2,000 as is. Trish Pearson will look into state laws in regards to selling an equipped vehicle.

There was no report from the city attorney or the sheriff.

Economic Development Coordinator, Paige Cary discussed ideas of a theme for Forman to help establish our identity. What makes us unique? She thought of something to do with cars tying in Carfest and the Museum. The council suggested putting it out on Facebook for other ideas as well. Other activities included working with Lake Agassiz to finalize our strategic plan, setting up a Go Fund Me account to help spay and neuter stray cats so they can be rehomed, and looking into available grants and deadlines.

Sheila Anderson had approached the city saying that they continue to have issues with their sewer backing up. Their plumber recommended installing a lift in their basement, but that cannot be done until spring. Meanwhile they should flush the line every other day with at least a bathtub full of water. She was looking to the city for financial assistance. The council noted there are other residents in the city that have a lift in the basements because of grade. The cost for a lift is a homeowner responsibility. The city has not shared the cost for other residents. The city already replaced the main sewer line and lowered it at the manhole as much as possible. They were willing to assist with water costs. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to waive charges for water and sewer overages through July 1, 2020 or until a lift can be installed, whichever comes first. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to table the annual salary review until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor