

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
March 12, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Luke Anderson, Neil Weaving, Al Colmer and John Stenvold . Also attending were Alicia Thompson, Sara Dux, Donovan Hajek, and Lyle Bopp.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Al Colmer , seconded by John Stenvold to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold , seconded by Neil Weaving to approve minutes from the February 13th, 2024 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report: Not present

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek reported that JT has been out adding/blading gravel on the allies, also been able to get street sweeping done. We met with Interstate Engineering about the lead and Copper survey questions, been busy getting their questions answered and getting the “ bible “ of curb stops scanned into the system for our records and Interstate Engineering’s records. We also met with Wendy Willprecht about a state survey on emergency preparedness.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Luke Anderson to enhance the emergency preparedness of City Hall structure. Motion Carried.

We are looking for a generator project to enhance sustained power for the City Hall. We also got quotes from Forman Lumber for Ceiling tile for the City Hall and Jeff from Marc Chemical for the flooring in City Hall. Donovan also made mention that the city siren has been shut off for the wintertime due to being out of tornado season, however they will be turned on shortly for the summer/fall season.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving and Seconded by Al Colmer to discontinue Anthony Fiala for the \$500 retainer for water permit license beginning in April. Motion carried.

City Attorney Lyle Bopp made mention about the fact there isa Rural Slum and Blight grant which supports local governments and/or non-profit organizations in addressing dilapidated and blighted properties and/or facilities in rural areas, however if we are looking to tear down old houses/buildings purchase agreements are needed to be drawn up and get them in the City’s name to tear down.

A motion was made by Al Colmer and seconded by Niel Weaving to approve Rutland Sportsman’s Club gaming at Deuces Bar in Forman.

In other business Lajuana Hayen will be attending the next Council for Equalization meeting.

Alicia and Sara are signed up for “ 5 rules of grant writing workshop “ in Ellendale on April 8th and 15th

A Motion was made by Neil Weaving and seconded by Al Colmer to increase Utility Billing by 4% putting Water rate at \$ 42.90, Sewer rate at \$7.45, and Garbage rate at \$17.70.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the City Auditor's report including the February financial statements, delinquency report, and payment of the bills. Motion carried. Dickey Rural 632.09, Forman Park Board 2960.19, Waste Management 4240.86, Bopp Law Office 500.00, Banyon Data 2944.00, Core and Main 874.55, Computer Express 1038.98, Central Grocery 30.83, Ekstrom Repair 169.95, City Of Fargo 14.00, Forman Golf Association 986.73, Hawkins Inc 3898.96, MARC 3060.04, Ottetail Power 5441.59, Rite Way Business Forms 378.13, Sargent County Auditor 734.40, Sargent County Teller 385.48, Southside Automotive 5242.32, Thein Well 11640.56, ND Workforce 1257.08, Dakota Plains 270.84, Forman Lumber 8.98, JP Morgan Chase 918.19, Storbakken Sanitation 1692.65.

City Coordinator Sara Dux gave her report, mentioning we need to set a date for the final presentation for the Community Impressions program with Napoleon. She completed and submitted the annual Renaissance Zone report to the Dept of Commerce and created an informational letter and sent to the residents in the 'new' 6 renaissance blocks. She is continuing to post for Deputy Auditor/City Coordinator job. Continuing to advertise for Citizen of the year and collected nominee forms, the deadline for that was March 15th. She has been busy planning Mayor for the day award presentation at the school. It is National Police Week May 12-19th, planning a parade and " Meet the Badges " event on the last day of school. Also, deadline to run for office/city council is April 8th @ 3p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next regular Council meeting is scheduled for April 9th @ 6:00 PM

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Alicia Thompson, City Auditor