

**Rutland City Council**  
**January 4, 2021**

The regular Rutland City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at Rutland City Hall by Mayor Michael Mahrer. Council Members Corry, Erickson, and Lysne present; City Auditor present.

**Agenda:** Erickson/Corry moved approval of the agenda as presented. Motion carried (Aye – Corry, Erickson and Mahrer. Absent - Lysne).

**Minutes:** Erickson/Corry moved approval of the December 7, 2020 minutes. Motion carried (Aye – Corry, Erickson, Mahrer. Absent – Lysne).

**Public Comments:** Bill Anderson said that the snow accumulation in the street from the Bank to the Store corner makes it difficult to cross the street and he requested that be remedied. The Council agreed that the street and walkways from the Housing unit to the Senior Center and Insurance building needs to be clear as well as the area on the North side of Gay Street.

**Landfill:** The State Solid Waste Program/Department has requested contact updates. Council Member Erickson will be the primary contact regarding the City Municipal Waste Site.

**Snow Removal:** There have been no bids on City street snow removal. Council Members mentioned individuals who have expressed interest in doing snow removal. Council Member Corry was thanked for doing the snow removal needed this winter. He will be paid for the time working on the snow removal.

Council Member Lysne entered the meeting.

**Council Member Vacancy:** The City Auditor has not received any letters or calls from residents interested in filling the current two-year vacancy at this time. Hopefully, someone will express interest.

**LED Lighting:** The City Auditor presented a lighting cost analysis for the City Hall and City Shop. The analysis was done by Hope Electric. The State has 50% cash match awards available to cover a portion of the costs.

The Council reviewed the cost analysis noting that there is not a significant cost-benefit to change the lighting. There are other options to upgrade the lighting as well that would cost less than the proposal submitted. The City will not act on the proposed change.

**Financials:** Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the December 2020 financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills:** Lysne/Corry moved approval of payment of bills:

ACH	ND Tax Commissioner	7.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2020 tax
ACH	DRN Readitech	146.82	Telephone
ACH	Waste Management	1,610.89	Garbage Contract
ACH	Waste Management	76.26	Hall Garbage
13125	B. Mahrer Construction	90.00	Snow removal
13126	Bert Siemieniewski	277.05	6 mo. Council pay
13127	City of Fargo	14.00	Health Water Sample
13128	Colton Corry	138.52	Council pay 6 months
13129	Computer Express	56.39	Webcam

13130	Deborah Banish	829.15	December
13131	Delores Lysne	177.05	6 months Council pay
13132	Larry Christensen	80.00	Water/sewer reading
13133	Michael Mahrer	304.75	Mayor, 6 months pay
13134	ND Water Users Association	100.00	Membership
13135	Otter Tail Power	929.50	Utilities
13136	Rodney Erickson	138.52	Council pay, 6 months
13137	Rutland Township	182.21	Utilities/joint shop
13138	Sargent County Teller	69.14	Minute publication
13139	Sargent County Treasurer	3211.75	City property tax
13140	Southeast Water Users	871.35	Water
13141	US Treasury	671.42	Payroll taxes
13142	Vining Oil & Gas	3038.84	New tank

Motion carried (Aye – Corry, Erickson, and Lysne).

**Delinquents:** There is only one delinquent account at this time.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Mahrer thanked Council Member Corry for snow plowing. He noted that the City needs a snow plow and could probably get a 1 ton truck to replace the City's current plow.

There has been another complaint about the City siren going off at 9 p.m. which is disruptive to residents who work night shifts. In the past, there have been complaints about the noon siren. The issue may need to be discussed with the Fire Department and the County Emergency Management Office to determine if there are alternatives or when the alarm is used.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Deborah Banish, City Auditor

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Michael Mahrer, Mayor

The next regular meeting is Monday, February 1, 2021.