

Rutland City Council
January 8, 2024

The monthly City Council meeting was convened at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council Members Anderson, Erickson, Lysne, and McLaen present. City Auditor also present.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the December 4, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

The City Auditor approved and issued the Lariat Bar liquor license as the application and payment was received in mid-December after the Council meeting. McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the liquor and beer license for the Lariat Bar, LLC, for January 1, through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the December 2023 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills: ND State Treasurer \$126.00; ND Job Service \$51.61; DRN \$146.29; Waste Management \$1742.97 and \$98.65; US Treasury \$1994.60; Scott Haan \$1050.33; Bill Anderson \$323.22; Deborah Banish \$1,329.84; Interstate Engineering \$4,067.28 and \$2,845.50; Kotaco Fuel & Propane \$1,196.60; Lori McLaen \$323.22; Michael Mahrer \$355.55; ND Secretary of State \$50.00; ND One Call \$1.30; Rodney Erickson \$230.87; Roger Pearson \$45.00; Sargent County Teller \$94.00; SE Water Users \$900.00. Motion carried.

There is one delinquent account and the water has been turned off. The Auditor also reported:

- The delinquent water account will be forwarded to small claims court if no arrangements for payment are made within the next 60 days.
- Tree City USA paperwork for a growth award was submitted prior to the December 31 deadline.
- The State Auditor has reviewed and approved the 2022 report; however, there are several discrepancies in the changes made by the State Auditor and they have been contacted. In addition, the 2021 State report has not yet been completed by the State Auditor.
- Year-end reports will be prepared for the January 29 meeting that will reflect the City's financial situation.
- The burn permit submitted in December has not yet been approved by the State.

Erickson reported that he contacted Maguire about sandblasting the water tower as the Council has determined not to proceed with a replacement. Maguire informed him that a new tower was built recently equivalent to the Rutland tower; that cost was over \$2 million. The cost to sandblast and paint would be around \$100-200,000.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor