

Rutland City Council
February 1, 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/Lysne moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Erickson/Corry moved approval of the January 4, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Jim Peterson said that his new siding was installed. He planned to relocate the City water reader to another location; however, before that was done someone installed the reader into the new siding. He has obtained a quote to replace the now damaged siding. The project involves removing the interlocking siding, replacing the damaged piece, and reinstalling the siding. The estimated quote for labor and the siding is \$720.64.

Lysne/Erickson moved approval of the payment to replace the damaged siding with the final bill to be sent directly to the City for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Position: The City Public Works position listing on the ND Job Service has expired. The Council agreed that the position should continue to be listed until filled.

Council Member Vacancy: Two individuals are interested in serving on the Council: Chuck Sundlie and Lori McLaen. The Council had Bill Anderson draw the name. Lori McLaen's name was drawn. Ms. McLaen will serve until the next election when the position will be on the ballot as a two-year term.

Municipal Waste Site Inspection: The Council reviewed the State Report on the unannounced routing inspection of the landfill. There are no fluids in the old mowers currently on the site. White goods and scrap were not removed in the fall but will be when weather conditions permit.

RV Ordinance: The first reading of an Ordinance prohibiting occupying an RV or camper for the purpose of a residence within the City limits was reviewed. Several questions were raised on the wording. The City Attorney will be contacted prior to the next meeting to address issues and concerns.

Noxious Weeds: The Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance to streamline the process for notification. The second reading and adoption is planned for the next meeting.

Arbor Day: Erickson/Lysne moved to proclaim Rutland Arbor Day for Friday, May 7, 2021 and authorized the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID Funds: Lysne noted that the County and other Cities have waived the liquor license fees for businesses. Lysne/Erickson moved to refund the six-month liquor license for the Lariat Bar and Grill from the COVID funding that the County allocated to the City. Motion carried.

Financials: Erickson/Lysne moved to approve the January 2021 financials. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Corry/Erickson moved approval of payment of bills:

General Fund			
ACH	DRN Readitech	146.13	Telephone
ACH	Waste Management	1621.92	Garbage Contract

ACH	Waste Management	76.64	Hall Garbage
ACH	ND Job Service	29.58	4 th Qtr Unemployment
13143	US Treasury	97.46	2020 Qtr 4 941X
13144	ND DEQ Chemistry Lab	58.26	Lagoon discharge testing
13145	City of Fargo	14.00	Health water samples
13146	Colton Corry	116.36	Snow removal
13147	Deborah Banish	831.15	Jan salary
13148	Larry Christensen	80.00	Water/sewer readings
13149	Municipal Finance Officers	30.00	2021 membership
13150	Nardini Fire Equipment	350.00	Annual Hall monitoring
13151	Otter Tail Power	1178.50	Utilities
13152	Quill	270.96	Printer toner/supplies
13153	Riteway Business Forms	125.48	Checks
13154	Roger Pearson	38.79	January reading
13155	SE Water Users	700.92	Dec. 233,640 gals.
13156	Tyson Siemieniewski	36.00	Hall snow removal
13157	USPO	199.00	Stamps
13159	Lariat Bar	500.00	License refund
13160	Sargent County Teller	33.56	Jan minutes published
	Sewer & Lagoon Fund		
EFT	Bank of North Dakota	1,075.85	Loan interest/admin fee

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Whistle/Siren: Lysne reported that the fire whistle near the Hall cannot be turned off but the City can change the times that it is sounded. It currently blows shortly after noon, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The Mayor will contact the County Emergency Manager to remove the 9 p.m. whistle and to see if the siren can go at noon exactly rather than 6 minutes after.

The Mayor reported that he has one individual available for community service. So far, the Mayor has had the person shovel snow and will plan to do that as part of the service; the City will not need to hire anyone to remove the snow from Hall areas.

Water Tower: The Mayor reported that the small hole in the water tower was repaired and seems to be holding. Erickson said the epoxy liner was sprayed in 2010 and should have held. The contract with Maguire will be reviewed and cost estimates obtained from them and another firm in Devils Lake for maintenance.

Delinquents: There are two delinquent accounts at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor

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