

Rutland City Council
April 4, 2022

The monthly City Council meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council Members Erickson, Lysne, McLaen present; Corry absent. City Auditor present.

Agenda: Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the March 7, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Drain 8: Michael Wyum, member of the Water Board, was present to discuss Drain 8 which is a safety hazard. He suggests a pipe at the bottom and fill that. The Water Board has about \$103,000 in that fund so something could be done.

The Council discussed the last Drain 8 proposal which the City rejected. Options for elevations and pipe size was discussed.

Mr. Wyum will bring the matter up at the next Water Board meeting to see what might be done.

School House & Pioneer House: Ione Pherson requested use of the School House and the Pioneer House for Sargent Central School field trip on May 13th. The Council authorized the use of the facilities.

Lagoon Cell Survey: The Mayor presented information on Team Lab's boat survey to map the lagoon. The last survey was done about 30-years ago. This would measure the amount of sludge in the cell to also determine how many bags of bugs need to be used weekly in the Lagoon.

Erickson/McLaen moved approve to have the main Lagoon cell surveyed and to have a sample taken. Motion carried.

City Clean-Up Day: The Council scheduled the next City-wide clean-up day for Saturday, May 7. Electronics will be collected at the City Shop and white-goods and large items can be brought to the Municipal Waste Site.

Building Permit: McLaen/Lysne moved approval of Building Permit No. 240-22 for an addition and new garage at 124 2nd St North. Motion carried (Lysne, McLaen, Mahrer; abstained – Erickson).

PILT: Lysne/Erickson moved approval of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for The Lariat Bar LLC for the 2021 property tax year. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the March 2022 financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the payment of bills:

13381	Scott Haan	\$ 688.48	2/27/22-3/12/22
13382	Deborah Banish	\$1,253.95	March & training reimbursement
13383	DRN	144.01	telephone
13384	NDLC	\$200.00	Appointed officials workshop
13385	Otter Tail Power	\$1,152.02	Utilities
13386	Rodney Erickson	\$501.53	Water tower beacon light
13387	Scott Haan	\$829.91	3/13-26

13388	SE Water Users	\$900.00	300,000 gals Feb.
13389	US Treasury	\$ 2,342.59	f941 1 st Qtr. 2022
13390	Vining Oil & Gas	\$ 1,046.47	Hall propane
13391	Roger Pearson	\$ 45.00	March readings
13392	Team Lab	\$ 622.50	Lagoon bugs
182E	Waste Management	\$ 94.81	Hall dumpster
183E	Waste Management	\$ 1,879.98	Garbage Contract

Motion carried.

Delinquents: There are three delinquents at this time. All have received the orange door notices with the amounts due. They will be shut off by April 15.

Auditor's Report:

- **Waste Management** will phase out the 32-gal trash cans and move to 64 gallons only. They are trying to transition everyone to the large 96 gals, which they state are more stable. The recycling bins will also be changed to 64 gallon. When those changes will occur is not yet known.
- **Backflow connection report** was submitted by the State's reporting deadline of April 1. A backflow connection survey was mailed to all Rutland commercial businesses and to Rutland Housing. A survey was/is a requirement of the annual filing.
- **Election Filing Deadline** is Monday, April 11, by 4 p.m. Only one person has filed for one of six positions on the June ballot.
- **Tree City USA** grant application deadline is April 30. It is preferable to start planting trees rather than removing more this year. However, both grants can be submitted. Suggestions are welcome – and needed - for location(s) of new trees on City/public property.
- **City lawn mower** needs to be replaced. Mayor Mahrer and Scott will check into a possible trade with RDO in Breckenridge as Milnor was not interested in a trade.

McLaen asked about the east side, Main Street sidewalk north of the café to the insurance building. The Council discussed the cost and the desire to do the project without needing an Engineer on the project. Bill Anderson stated that the City could have a special assessment to the owners of the property that would benefit from the project.

It was noted that the County plans to mill down the main road through Rutland this year.

Mayor Mahrer reported on a phone call from a USPS official regarding the Rutland Post Office. An email and certified letter will be sent to get something in motion. They are looking to lease an existing building between 700-800 SF, not more than 1,200SF.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor