

Rutland City Council
May 2, 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: Lysne/McLaen moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the April 4, 2022 Board of Equalization minutes and regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Drain 8: Michael Wyum, member of the Water Board, was present to discuss Drain 8. Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering, was also present for discussion.

Wyum said the Water Board discussed what it can legally do which is different from what the City would be able to do with the drain. State requires a cost-benefit analysis for all water projects.

Trosen discussed the slope and pipe requirements needed to meet State criteria. An economic analysis is required by the State to determine the future cost benefit. Wyum said safety is the biggest concern but that is not a factor in that analysis. Another option is for the Water Board to abandon the drain to the City and adjoining property owners. The Water Board has about \$103,000 available for the project; an engineer analysis would be about \$20,000. Nate said a storm water model analysis could be done with different size pipes at 8", 10" and 12"; a full summary was done in 2015 and that data could be used.

The Council discussed the cost of an analysis and the different size pipes. It was agreed that a 12" pipe would be the minimum needed. Moore Engineering will use the existing data and studies and develop an analysis based on those figures using a 12" pipe. There are minimum standards and safety issues that must be complied with in the project.

Mower: A new mower has been ordered for the City; it has a four-year warranty. The City received \$2,400 for the trade-in.

Property Insurance: The Council reviewed the proposed increase in building values and insurance coverage. Values and insurance coverage for City Hall and the East and West Maintenance Buildings were increased, all others to remain the same. The personal property insurance coverage for contents of the West maintenance building will be dropped.

City Clean-Up Day: The collection of materials on Saturday has been changed to the City Shop due to the recent rains the path to the waste site. Electronics, white goods, and large items will be collected at the City Shop and white-goods; lawn clippings and branches can be brought to the Municipal Waste Site.

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

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

AP	Waste Management	\$ 94.81	Hall garbage
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AP	DRN	\$ 146.35	telephone
13394	Deborah Banish	\$ 831.15	April
13395	Immense Impact	\$ 565.95	Website host

13396	Otter Tail Power	\$1,074.17	Utilities
13387	Roger Pearson	\$ 45.00	April reading
13398	Sargent Co. Teller	\$ 135.00	Minutes
13399	Scott Hann	\$ 854.22	Apr. 1-23, 2022
13400	SE Water Users	\$1,242.00	414,000 gals. March
13401	Vining Oil	\$ 97.12	Hall fuel oil

2010 Streets

1036	Stock Growers Bank	\$ 16,543.75	2010 Streets Principle & Interest
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Motion carried.

Water Break: The Council discussed the recent water break under the Rutland Oil building. The break is on the owner side of the City shut-off valve; however, the City had to dig up the area to get to the shut-off. The City water bill is over 125,000 gallons than the City's highest use.

Lysne/McLaen moved that Rutland Oil/Greg Donaldson be billed for an additional 50,000 gallons of water due to the break under the building. 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 on May 15 if not paid in full.

Auditor's Report:

- **Tree City USA** grant application deadline was April 30. An application was submitted for grant funds to help with the cost of planting 14 trees in Rutland this summer.
- **American Rescue Plan Act** report was due and filed by April 30. This was the first report due to report use/non-use of funds by this date. The application was filed so that the funds can be used for non-water/sewer improvement projects that meet the ARPA requirements.

Mayor Mahrer reported that several water main tops/cover collars are broken. There are also water drainage issues due to a new cement driveway and missing gutters.

McLaen reported that the Hall basement has water damage again from the recent rains. The basement dehumidifier and fans have been running for several days.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor