

Rutland City Council
May 6, 2024

The monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council President Erickson. Council Members Anderson, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Mayor Mahrer was absent. Residents present: Brad Siemieniewski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Anderson moved to add the Veterans Memorial to the agenda under new business. McLaen seconded approval of the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

McLaen/Anderson moved approval of the April 1 Board of Equalization and regular minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Siemieniewski asked to have dirt applied where the old fire hydrant was moved; the pipe is about 10" above ground. Erickson said the hydrant was moved to the west end of the line. He will inspect the area to determine what should be done.

Anderson/Lysne moved to accept sealed bids for Parcel No. 29-9012000, Lot 16, Block 2, Original Town, with existing structure, as is, located at 211 Arthur Street with a minimum bid of \$750.00. Bids due noon June 3. Bids will be opened at the meeting at which time oral bids will be accepted from those submitting sealed bids equal to or exceeding \$750.00 with oral bidding starting at the highest sealed bid submitted. Motion carried.

Anderson/McLaen moved to approve building permit 249-24 for the Rutland-Cayuga Rural Fire District new 132'x 60' fire hall on Coopers Addition, Block 1, Lots 21-22-23 at a fee of \$250.00. Motion carried.

Anderson/McLaen moved approval of the State Bonding Fund Bond coverage application for the City of Rutland in the amount of \$135,295.00. Motion carried.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the disposal/destruction of City records in accordance with State Records Retention Requirements. Motion carried.

Anderson said he was contacted by Ted and Joan Lee who are concerned about the Veterans Memorial. They said the American Legion Post and American Legion Auxiliary raised funds for the Memorial. Ted and Joan Lee asked about a definite arrangement or agreement as to who owns the memorial and who will be responsible for it in the future. The memorial was dedicated in 2015.

The City Auditor stated that the City approved the installation of the Memorial on City property in September 2012 and agreed to insure the Memorial. In December 2013, the City Council sent a letter to the Park Board regarding maintenance of the green space between the American Legion building, the playground, basketball court areas and City Hall. The City Council stated that the maintenance of the area is the Park Board's responsibility including mowing and trimming. The Park Board has continued to maintain the area and mow since that time. The confusion may be the fact that the Park Board President Larry Christensen is also the Legion Commander.

Erickson stated that the Memorial is on City property and would be maintained by the Community Club and/or the City if the Legion and Auxiliary are unable to maintain the Memorial.

Anderson/Lysne moved approval of the April 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the payment of bills from the general and 2010 Streets funds:

ACH	ND Job Service	\$50.17	13782	Forman Lumber	\$46.49
ACH	Waste Management	\$1,749.93	13782	Jacobson Plumbing	\$165.57
ACH	Waste Management	\$98.86	13782	Michael Mahrer	\$161.00
ACH	DRN	\$146.60	13782	Otter Tail Power	\$76.70
13778	Scott D. Haan	\$1,188.93	13782	Sargent County Teller	\$48.92
13779	Scott D. Haan	\$1,059.63	13782	Scott Haan	\$1,422.75
13780	Immense Impact, Inc.	\$665.00	13782	Southeast Water Users	\$1,657.50
13781	Otter Tail Power	\$1,355.39	13782	USPO	\$212.00
13782	Banyon Data Systems	\$195.00	13782	Valley Plains Equip.	\$108.44
13782	Deborah Banish	\$1,427.78		Total Checks - General Fund	\$11,836.66
1040	Stock Growers Bank	\$17,000.00			
		\$ 807.50			
	2010 Streets Fund	\$17,807.50			

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported there are two delinquents at this time; payment is anticipated by the 15th.

The City Auditor reported that the Mayor contacted the company that now owns the Bradbury house and has asked them to remove the dead trees on the property. The Auditor has contacted a sign company to obtain signs for the City Trailer/campground area and the Municipal Waste Site as required. The Auditor is in contact with the State Auditors' office regarding the 2021 and 2022 audit reports.

Lysne asked about removing trees at Housing Building No. 2. The trees are not on City property so that is the Housing's responsibility.

McLaen asked about the work to repair the water line at the Rutland Oil building. The excessive mud is getting onto the City streets when people drive on the Kulzer building property. Kulzer should be asked to block the street or clear the mud.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2024

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor