

Rutland City Council Minutes
June 1, 2020
Rutland Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Acting Mayor Michael Mahrer. Council Members Erickson, Lysne, and Siemieniewski present. City Auditor present.

Minutes: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the May 4, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Calvin Jacobson asked about the Council requirement that sump pumps be piped outside rather than into the sewer system. There are many low spots where the water would sit creating a mess in the street, contributing to road erosion and mosquito control problems. There is not a lot of natural drainage in town. He would agree to a monthly sewer charge/surcharge if the City needs to assess a fee for funds to cover costs for the sewer lift to handle sump pumps discharge. There are some curb stops that may be off but continue to leak even where there are no longer homes.

Erickson noted that the issue was that the Lagoon was overflowing before the snow was gone. That happened even with the cells empty last fall; they were at capacity in the spring. Lysne stated that some homes cannot drain sump pumps outside but those who can should be encouraged to do so. Siemieniewski stated that landscaping also helps to run water away from the home.

Sewer & Lagoon Project: City Engineer Tracy Eslinger is starting the project close-out phase and is asking for input on any issues that need to be addressed prior to close-out. Erickson stated that the pipes slid when the area was backfilled and they are not straight. Eslinger should contact him or Mike Mahrer regarding the matter.

City Public Works Position: Lysne/Siemieniewski moved that to advertise the City Public Works/Maintenance position and accept applications until the position is filled. Motion carried unanimously.

City Engineer: Three firms submitted a Statement of Qualifications in response to the City's request: Moore Engineering, Interstate Engineering and Bolton & Menk. Lysne/Erickson moved that Interstate Engineering be hired as the Rutland City Engineer. Motion carried on roll call vote: Aye – Erickson, Lysne, and Siemieniewski. Nay – none.

Preliminary 2021 Budget: A preliminary budget will be developed for discussion at the July meeting; the preliminary budget must be adopted and submitted to the County Auditor by August 10.

Building Permit: Chuck Sundlie and Kim Kohler have applied for a building permit to move in a new storage shed at 409 Cooper Street. The metal shed is 20'x14', 14' high; it meets zoning requirements.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of Building Permit No. 230-20 for a storage shed at 409 Cooper Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the May 2020 financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of payment of bills from the General Fund:

ACH	DRN	\$ 139.84	Telephone
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13012	USPO	8.40	Sample postage
13013	B&K Electric	292.00	Office thermostat
13014	City of Fargo	14.00	Health Water samples
13015	Deborah Banish	574.19	June hours
13016	Ferguson Water Works	88.70	Remote reader charger
13017	Larry Christensen	42.00	May meter reading
13018	Nardini Fire Equipment	35.35	Shop fire inspection
13019	ND League of Cities	60.00	Budget training
13020	ND State Auditor	160.00	2019 yr. end audit
13021	Otter Tail Power Company	866.98	Electricity
13022	Roger Pearson	96.04	May salary & meter reading
13023	SE Water Users	1560.57	April 520,190 gallons
13024	Southside Automotive	27.85	Hydraulic hoses
13025	Sweeney Controls Company	540.00	Annual tower remote read
13026	Sargent County Teller	58.50	Cleanup day/Weeds ads
13027	Vining Oil & Gas	384.79	Hall propane 322 gals.
13028	Waste Management	155.89	Roll-off delivery
13029	Waste Management	738.89	Roll-off for Cleanup Day
13030	Logan Wyum	210.00	Mowing City lots
13031	ND One Call	3.60	Line locate
ACH	Waste Management	1571.56	Garbage contract
ACH	Waste Management	75.08	Hall garbage

Motion carried unanimously.

Delinquents: There are three delinquent accounts at this time. They will be contacted to pay by the 15th or water will be turned off.

Auditor's Report: The ND Insurance Reserve Fund claim has been filed for the water tower freeze up last February.

The Hall propane tank had a slow leak by the valves but it has been fixed for now. It may have been due to the recent fill. The valves are old and will need to be replaced if the problem continues. The City owns the tank so replacing the tank is not being considered.

Acting Mayor's Report: Mahrer reported that road patching is needed by the NLC old parsonage.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the purchase of two rolls of road patch at an estimated cost of \$1,000 to test it on areas needing repair. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Acting Mayor

The reorganization meeting will be June 23, 2020 and the next regular meeting is Monday, July 6, 2020