

**Rutland City Council
June 3, 2024**

The monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council President Erickson and members Anderson, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Others present: Larry Christensen, Brad Siemieniewski, Andrew Woytassek, and David Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/Anderson moved approval of the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the May 6, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Land Sale: The Auditor opened the bids submitted by noon, June 3, 2024: Patty Woytassek \$750.00 and Brad Siemieniewski \$750.00. The Mayor opened the oral bidding process for the two submitted bids. The top bid was \$2,000 from Brad Siemieniewski. Mr. Siemieniewski will submit the payment tomorrow morning. He will be required to clean up the trees and fix the existing garage either by demolition or repair.

Public Comments: David Young asked the Council to address the slough by draining the water. The Mayor informed Mr. Young that the drain is not on City water and he will need to address the issue with the property owner, Jimmy Fust. The slough can be drained to the west. The easement is on the other side of the drain so is not an issue.

Larry Christensen, Park Board President, informed the Council that the Park Board plans to create a Frisbee Golf Course on the land on the north side of right and center field at the ball diamond. That area is city property and the park board is requesting permission to utilize that land.

Lysne/Anderson moved the Council approve the request from the Park Board to install a Frisbee Golf Course on the city land adjacent to Sanderson Field and the ball diamond. Motion carried unanimously.

Anderson asked about the infield area at the diamond that needs clay or sand. Christensen says the Park Board plans to fill that in and will have Mahrer Construction bring in the sand.

McLaen asked about a pickle ball court utilizing the current basketball area to the east of the Hall. The Rutland Community Club could help with funding. Christensen said the Park Board will consider that option.

Anderson/McLaen moved to approve the agreement with ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Company and authorize the Mayor and City Auditor to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Anderson/Lysne moved approval of the May financial report presented by the City Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Anderson/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills:

ACH	Waste Management	\$1,727.89	ACH	DRN	\$149.82
ACH	Waste Management	\$97.99	13793	Scott D. Haan	\$1,342.23

13794	ND DEQ	\$ 58.26	13809	Otter Tail Power	\$ 1,200.91
13795	Deborah Banish	\$ 1,452.21	13810	Rodney Erickson	\$ 56.82
13796	J. Deere Financial	\$ 108.44	13811	Rutland Oil	\$ 16.80
13797	Matt Smith	\$ 30.00	13812	The Teller	\$ 145.78
13798	Nardini Fire Equip.	\$ 526.00	13813	Scott Haan	\$1,401.47
13799	ND One Call	\$ 4.50	13814	SE Water	\$1,134.25
13800	ND Rural Water	\$ 265.00			

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported there are no delinquents at this time.

The City Auditor reported that the August meeting will be the adoption of the preliminary budget so budget discussion will be on the July 8th agenda. There is not much room for changes as the City is at its maximum mill levy.

The Mayor said that Scott and others are working to find where the water is coming from that is going through the lift and into the lagoon. No residential or commercial water meters appear to be leaking. They are trying to determine if there is an abandoned well that is the cause of the water.

Anderson suggested the cistern behind the Hall might be a possibility. Two cisterns were installed after the 1914 fire – one was under the old fire hall and the other is behind the current hall where the recycling cans are located. The RFD should know where it is located. They may have drained from the eave troughs to fill them or hauled in water from the railroad well to fill them.

The Mayo said thousands of gallons of water are getting into the sewer somewhere but it is not coming through the tower water. The lagoon has been filling and Scott has been moving water but something needs to be done soon or the City will need to get a permit to release water from the lagoon soon.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2024.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor