

**Rutland City Council
July 12, 2021**

The regular Rutland City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor Mahrer. Council Members Erickson, Lysne and McLaen present; Corry absent. City Auditor present.

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

Minutes: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the June 7, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Rutland Housing Manager, Bert Siemieniewski, asked the Council to take action to improve the steep ditch crossing the east end of the alley north of Rutland Housing #2 at 316 Ross Street, and about leveling the excavation site where a drainage pipe was installed along Gay Street, on the north side of Rutland Housing #3 at 204 Dakota Street to allow for better access to the tenants' parking sites. The Council will examine the locations to see what can be done and what is the responsibility of the City and what is the Housing's responsibility.

Public Works Position: The City Public Works position remains listed with ND Job Service. The Council will review the description and potential hours at a future meeting.

Council Vice-President: Lysne/Erickson nominated Lori McLaen as Council Vice-President and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously (Corry absent).

Financials: Lysne/Erickson moved to approve the June 2021 financials. Motion carried.

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

Auto	DRN	\$ 146.25	telephone
Auto	Waste Management	85.25	Hall garbage
Auto	Waste Management	1,683.97	Contract garbage
13232	Advantage Pest Control	160.00	Spider control
13233	Colton Corry	230.87	Council pay
13234	Culinex	61.54	Coffee pot
13235	Deborah Banish	831.15	June salary
13236	Delores Lysne	177.05	Council pay
13237	Ed Erickson	300.00	Replace #13216
13238	Forman Lumber	89.95	weed control
13239	Larry Christensen	80.00	Meter reading
13240	Lori McLaen	184.70	Council pay
13241	Michael Mahrer	304.75	Mayor pay
13242	Nardini Fire Equipment	45.30	Museum & Pioneer House
13243	ND League of Cities	30.00	EOY planning
13244	ND One Call	2.40	Line locate
13245	ND Rural Water Systems	255.00	2021 Membership
13246	Otter Tail Power	841.23	Electricity
13247	Rodney Erickson	230.87	Council pay
13248	Sargent County Teller	45.96	Legals & CCR rept.
13249	SE Water Users	915.45	305,150 gals. May
13250	US Treasury	439.86	Qtr. 2 f941
13251	Walock-Johnson	705.00	Property insurance
13252	Roger Pearson	116.36	June salary

13253	Buck's Paving	\$ 23,655.50	Street repairs
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Motion carried.

Delinquents: There are no delinquent accounts at this time.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the street repairs currently underway. The County has agreed to pay half of the cost for the repairs by the railroad tracks. The Lagoon seeding was done as required to finish the emergency repair project.

Erickson reported that that the Lagoon discharge should be done soon. Cell 3 will need to be tested to obtain a drain permit. Then transfers can be done between the other cells.

Erickson reported that the light fixture on the water tower has been replaced. There are several rust holes inside the tower roof and it is in worse shape than thought. The City should get bids to seal the interior and exterior – which will be about \$80,000. A new tower can run around \$800,000. Fairmount recently had a new roof put on their tower. There may be some funding grants available. The City Engineer may be able to provide rough estimates for a new tower.

McLaen reported that a new sink garbage disposal is being installed in the kitchen as the old one is beyond repair.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor

The next meeting is Monday, July 12, 2021.