**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GWINNER, SARGENT COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 4 PM IN EMS BUILDING, GWINNER, ND 58040.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karla Ulven, ElRoy Odegard, Dan McKeever, Jerry Zetocha and Linda Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Howey, Paige Kerry, Jeff Leadbetter, Dave Even, Dave Kozok, Kent Thorsen, Harold Rotunda and Jessica Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McKeever.

The minutes from August were approved. (Karla/ ElRoy)

The council needs some more time to look into the auditor’s job description and wages. Karla currently checked into three other towns and Dan checked into two so far. Dan stated that he would like Jessica to be involved in this process.

The council has decided not to put any more bids in at this time for the two large two-story flood homes.

Kent was here with Bituminous Paving, Inc invoices one from #11-1 (Main Street Improvements) for $1000.00 and then one from 12-1 (City Wide Street Improvements) for $52,256.70. ElRoy made the motion to pay both of them and Linda seconded the motion, all ayes. Karla asked about Fairway addition, Kent said that he will get with Clarmont and look putting in easements in so it can hook up to where Kari Ulven would put the next flood home into.

Dave Kozok didn’t have a police report. The bar street dances seemed to went ok. ElRoy said that he wanted to see more done with the dogs running around loose and more enforcement on the speeding around town. Dave said they he has made some stops for the new stops signs that were put in. Dan also mentioned that he received complaints about the new stop signs on four avenue and third street. The council reviewed and they would like to see the stop signs in for a year and revisit it then. Dan stated “What we have now is not working so let’s try something different and a thru street is not an option at this time.” Dennis would like to see one stop sign removed on the north side of town Linda made a motion and Jerry seconded the motion all ayes.

Harold sat down with the council to let them know we have city specials out there for $96,902.91 that we either need to take more levies out or figure out a way to pay for. There would be two ways, one to increase taxes or two by increase revenue by

Community Center project drawings were present by Dennis Dahl. He had two options one was a screened porch and the other option was an enclosed. Roger and Ken would get bids and report back to council with the results.

Naomi asked if third ave could get some oil on the road for all the dust, she would like to see it done more in May before all the ball games begin. Denny thought we could get it done this year yet. Mariana Jacobson had some questions on the curb of her driveway. There was also a question on resident’s sidewalks; all residents need to maintain their own sidewalks along their property. Also, ElRoy mention that main street sidewalks are cracking, will notify Kent.

The Springs Golf Course had no monthly report. Gwinner Housing Authority is in need of a maintance man for on call purpose. Also a carpet needs to be replaced in one of the townhomes due to past pets of $4095. The money will come out of the sales tax funds. ElRoy made the motion and Linda seconded the motion and all ayes. Also, the building permit form has a new look for the residents to fill out.

Activity Center had a bill for cleaning the black marks on the floor, will send it over to the school for them to pay. Some more estimates are coming in for Sean and Dawn Anderson’s house. Council hopes to stay in the $180,000 range.

Jessica had a meeting with the bank to check into direct debit/direct deposit for the City of Gwinner. The service would be around $840.00 a year. No decision has been made.

Public works report was given by Dennis Howey. Water production was normal but seems like everyone started to demand more water at the same time. Water line extension to the fairway addition is completed. Waste water flows are normal for this time of year. Gwinner days went over well, it been the cleanest that it has ever been, stated Dennis.

The pool was brought up; the council would like to meet park board to see what they are thinking in the years to come.

Auditor’s report was given by Jessica Peterson. Jessica handed out North Dakota City Officials handbooks to each of the council members. WSI report went ok; we have one change that needs to take place. The cleaning lady needs to either be an employee or she needs to be a contractor that supplies her own supplies for cleaning. No decision has been made. Jessica asked if the council wants to be a part of the 2013 budget and Jeff suggestion was that each council member does their portfolio. Jessica placed stickers on the back of July utility bills to see who would like a newsletter. DOT would like a temporary easement for 15ft x 39ft sidewalk in front of the EMS building for $150.00. ElRoy made a motion to approve; Linda seconded the motion and all ayes.

Building permits Brian Frederick for a 14X12 entry way added to mobile home, Tim/Nancy Swearingen add a wood fence (21 feet) , but needs to be 3 feet from property lines. Special Permits for the Iowa Steak Co. to go door to door route developing, and Liq’r Pigz MC for pig races 50/50 prizes. ElRoy made a motion to accept the permits and Karla seconded and all ayes.

July bills are the following: Edman Agency $945, Canad Inns $287.00, Sakry Plumbing, INC $6099.16, Post Office $282.00, Ottertail $5206.23, Buhls $45, House of Glass $167.34, Readon Office $108.46, Red River Electric $1615, True North Steel $421.90, The Teller$156.21, Verizon Wireless $93.99, Workforce Safety& Insurance $64.86, The Oder Killer$140, Tom Lyon $779.34, Sundale Hutterian $1250, Municipal Gov $15, Airborne Custom Spraying $2275, Arrowhead Transport Inc $172.97, AW Diesel $180.52, Bohnenkamp $1658.75. Bank of ND $16762.50, Computer Express $165.97, Dakota Plains Co-Op$123.97, DRN $443.28, Fantasy Furniture $549.50, Full Circle $335, One Stop $444.31, Hawkins, Inc $2249.23, Dennis Howey $90, Fargo Water Equipment $2727.93, Interstate Engineering $7335, Hansen Lumber $1048.09, Midwest Pest Control $155, Martinson Home Center $1565.04, MJ Tarp Repair $65, NDLC $60, Chance Noonan $140, Nichole Noonan $586, Hanson Sanitation $4100, Sargent County Auditor $3915.26, Hogness Contruction $4100, ND One Call $21.25, Potty Shacks $250, Jessica Peterson $3.48, Red River Valley Railroad $80,RG, INC $180, Linda Johnson $5000, City of Moorhead$26,500, Sargent Bank $2678.77, ND PERS $3905.44 TOTAL $107,543.75 plus Payroll of $8439.52

The meeting was recessed until August 21st at 5:30pm.

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Dan McKeever, Mayor Jessica Peterson, City Auditor