

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**OCTOBER 2, 2023**

Mayor Ward called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., October 2, 2023, at the Hankinson Community Center. Council members present were Krump, Roeder, O’Hara, Steffens and Heins. Bladow was available via telephone. Others present Angie Evans, Reggie Bladow and Nick Pohl, City of Hankinson; and Deputy O’Hara, Richland County Law Enforcement.

Motion by Steffens/O’Hara to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023 regular council meeting. Carried.

Motion by Steffens/Heins to approve the minutes from September 20, 2020 special council meeting. Carried.

Motion by Heins/Steffens to accept the September law enforcement report. Carried.

A motion by Heins, second by Steffens to accept the Municipal Judge’s September report. Carried.

Steffens offered Resolution 23-12 Sale of City Property (parcel 48-1205-04129.330) contingent upon purchase by potential buyers of 305 Prairie Dr S for \$1,122.00 (W50’ of Lot 1, Block 4 in Prairie Pines Addition) and requiring these buyers to survey the property for new legal description. Special assessments will be prorated based on square feet of lot as well. Second by Heins. Roll call vote, all aye. None nay. Carried.

Motion by Steffens/Krump to accept the September Auditor’s financial report. Carried.

Motion by O’Hara/Krump to approve the final 2024 budget for \$292,879.00. Roll call vote – all aye. Carried.

Krump/Roeder made a motion to accept the September bills for payment, as presented. Carried.

First Community Credit Union (941)	\$4,348.46	Red River Communications	\$458.77
Bank Service Fees	\$333.49	FDI Service Center	\$52.14
NDPERS	\$2,879.75	ND One Call Inc	\$19.50
FCCU	\$948.03	Lee Stein	\$295.00
NDPHIT	\$4,667.90	Bolton & Menk Inc	\$5,517.00
City of Hankinson	\$80.17	Jaime Adrian	\$370.00
ND Tax Commissioner	\$6.45	Canon Financial Services Inc	\$99.00
Richland County Recorder	\$20.00	Reggie Bladow	\$83.19
Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative	\$5,652.00	Mutchler Bartram Architects	\$5,768.25
Verizon	\$42.46	Otter Tail Power Co	\$3,819.68
Kristi Kelley	\$314.40	Core & Main LP	\$9,752.60
First Community Credit Union	\$330.00	Reggie Bladow	\$266.57
Richland County Recorder	\$60.00	Dacotah Paper Co	\$196.07
City Payroll	\$16,818.97	Southeast Water Users	\$8,204.83
Hankinson Park District	\$897.93	JBX LLC	\$1,100.00
Hankinson Public Library	\$897.93	Loffler Companies Inc	\$240.00
Hankinson Housing Authority	\$598.62	Aramark	\$62.08
Hankinson CDC	\$5,387.59	Lies, Bullis & Hatting PLLP	\$670.00
Hankinson Park District	\$3,591.73	City of Fargo	\$14.00
Hankinson Housing Authority	\$3,591.73	Ron Hubrig	\$60.00
Hankinson CDC	\$3,591.73	Lovdoken Auto & Convenience Store LLC	\$222.22
Hankinson Public Recreation	\$1,455.23	Minn-Kota Communications Inc	\$1,507.96
Bank of ND	\$20,694.47	Dakota Water Solutions	\$52.00
Angie Evans	\$50.00	The Aurora Group Inc	\$11,800.00
Nick Pohl	\$50.00	Butler Machinery Co	\$204.78
Kristi Kelley	\$50.00	Post Hardware Hank	\$959.99
Richland County Administration	\$2,900.00	Column Software PBC	\$226.80
Department of Environmental Quality	\$166.85		

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Steffens/Bladow as follows: Transfer Balances: \$11,972.43 from 225 City Sales Tax Fund to 535 Community Center Operations/Building Permits: Hankinson CDC, Hankinson CDC, Signature Homes Inc, Burchill Construction and Burchill Construction; Gaming Permits: HHS Pirate Trap Team, Richland County Wildlife Club, Hankinson Booster Club and Hankinson Booster Club; Liquor Licenses: None. Carried.

The water and sewer report was presented by Reggie Bladow. Well #8 is in need of repair and Falk Drilling Inc will work on this. Sweeney Controls met with Bladow regarding installing of a

new control system, Insight, at the wells. Wells #5 and #7 will be updated in October with these new controls with the remaining wells updated as soon as possible.

There was discussion regarding the departure of Reggie Bladow from the city. He resigned his Water & Sewer Technician position effective October 6, 2023. Motion made by Steffens/Bladow to give authority to the HR Committee to meet and review, revise job descriptions and update the pay scale for public works employees. Once the committee has met and discussed these items, a decision to post for two new city positions will be posted. Roll call vote – all aye. Carried.

Krump offered 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-07 An Ordinance Rezoning from Commercial to Residential R-2 Two Family (Lot 4, Block 3 Hank Southside Addition). Second by Roeder. Roll call vote – all aye. Carried.

Steffens offered 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-08 An Ordinance Rezoning from Residential R-2 Two Family to Commercial (Lots 1 & 12, Block 3 Hank Jones' 2nd Addition). Second by O'Hara. Roll call vote – all aye. Carried.

A motion by Steffens/Heins to waive landfill fees for house demolition at 111 2nd St NW for the Richland-Wilkin JPA, pending approval of asbestos inspection and removal. Roll call vote – all aye. Carried.

City engineer, Grant Kuper, was not in attendance. He provided a Memorandum to the city council regarding project updates on the capital improvement plan, main street drainage project, HRE water transmission line and general engineering.

O'Hara/Heins made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Carried.

The next regular city council meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hankinson Community Center.

Adam Ward, Mayor

Kristi Kelley, Auditor

Minutes subject to council approval.