CITY OF REILE’S ACRES

**Regular MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes subject to council review and revision**

April 9, 2024

Mayor Amundson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Tim Hager, Carol McCamy, Tom Krantz. Also present was Cass County Sheriff’s department, Auditor Miller, and several residents. Motion (McCamy, Hager) to approve the March 5th council meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Bryce Noonan provided the policing report for March. There were 6 calls for service in the city in March, one of those calls was for a burglary. The burglary took place in a new construction home and tools were stolen.

Outstanding ordinance issues:

Accessory Buildings - Jared & Sarah Purdy 3478 45th St N – extension given until 6/15/24

Accessory Buildings - Kenny & Patty SteMarie 4717 Adams Drive – extension given until 5/1/24

The City held an Easter Egg hunt on March 30th. There were about 75 kids in attendance with fun and candy all around.

Several residents came to the meeting to discuss the possibility of allowing chickens in the city. Currently the city ordinances do not allow fowl of any type. Some topics of concern from the council include: what does the enforcement look like (West Fargo and Fargo are using a health inspector); fitting the coupe into the accessory building ordinance or making an exception for it; how the fencing in the run would meet the current ordinances. The council will work to draft a revised ordinance based on West Fargo’s recent ordinance and get it out to the residents for feedback.

A resident asked the council if there were plans to slow traffic on 45th street. She noted that many cars are traveling double the speed limit and make no attempt to stop at the stop signs. Mayor Amundson noted that we have temporary speed bumps that will be installed in the coming weeks to help the issue. He will also talk with deputy Noonan to increase patrols on 45th street.

The mayor position and two city council positions will be up for election this June. There will be three people on the ballot for two open council positions and two people on the ballot for one mayor position. There will also be the question on whether the city is required to publish the abbreviated city minutes in the city paper.

Member Hager will call Fargo Electric to get an estimate to run power to the pump in the middle of the drainage. Work will be completed as soon as possible to avoid running temporary extension cords to nearby homes. Concrete work for the drain is planned in the next month. This concrete work will add a curb to the rest of the drain as was done on the east half last year.

Member Hager will start working on drawings and options for play structures in the New Haven Addition.

Member McCamy is working with the state forestry department to host a tree trimming/planting event at the community center this spring/summer. Thursday May 15th the city will look to host a community event in the park and may include food trucks or other activities. The fall community picnic will be held September 14th. More info on these events will be posted on the community Facebook page.

Member Krantz provided an estimate from S&S for planting 24 trees along the Landview boulevard from the roundabout to one lot south of 36th Ave for $9,300. Motion (Hager, McCamy) to purchase trees for Landvew for $9,300. Auditor Miller will work with Happy Valley tree farm on replacement trees for some storm damaged trees in the parks and addition plantings along 45th street.

Member Krantz provided estimates from 5 contractors to pave a 6’ wide Motion (Hager, Krantz) to approve the low bid from Camrud-Foss to pour a 5’ wide 5” thick sidewalk from 38th to 39th ave for $64,900; passed unanimously. This work will be completed this summer with a completion date of 9/30.

Mayor Amundson gave an update on the 45th Street paving project. The city of Fargo did receive some protests for the 45th street project. There meeting to approve or deny the project will occur on 4/15. If they choose to proceed with the low bidder, Reile’s Acres costs to be special assessed will be $624,495.99. If they decide to not proceed with the project in full, Reile’s Acres will likely look to complete part of the project as an independent project.

Member McCamy verified the checking and money market accounts. Motion (Krantz, Hager) to approve the March financials, and the following bills (roll call: In Favor: Hager, Krantz, McCamy; Opposed: none; Abstained: None), motion passed. Council and employee wages 3300; IRS fund 66.45; Cass County Electric 1250.95; City of Fargo 8240.10; Waste Management 6043.47; Xcel Energy 197.94; Cass Rural Water 103.54; Petro Serve USA 220.95; Cass County Reporter 279.30; Lowry Engineering 2485; Kotaco Fuels Inc 1564.97; and Chase Card 1990.86.

Motion (Hager, McCamy) to adjourn the meeting carried. Mayor Amundson adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.

Attest: Approve:

Nic Miller Shane Amundson

Auditor Mayor