CITY OF REILE’S ACRES

**Regular MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes subject to council review and revision**

January 9, 2024

Mayor Amundson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Tim Hager, Carol McCamy, Tom Krantz, and Jay Dick. Also present was Lowry Engineering, Sheriff’s department, and Auditor Miller. Motion (Hager, Dick) to approve the December 12th council meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Kale Peterson provided the policing report for December. There were 1 call for service in the city this month for a medical assist. Time spent patrolling the city was 22 hours and 15 minutes this month. There have been some increased thefts in the area. The thieves are stealing trailers and items that aren’t locked up. Please lock your garages and vehicles. The Sheriff’s department also recommends hitch locks on your trailers. Regarding the ½ time Sheriff’s Deputy, the depart has opened the position internally and is hoping to have the position filled by February 1st. The City of Horace is looking to add a truck regulation rig and is partnering with the county to purchase some of the equipment for the truck. The cost of the equipment for the truck is $44,000. Motion (Hager, McCamy) to approve $15,000 to partner with Horace to purchase equipment for a truck regulation unit for the Cass County Sheriff’s Department; passed unanimously.

The West Fargo Fire department contract was reviewed. Motion (Hager, Krantz) to approve a one year contract for the 2024 season for $8000; passed unanimously.

One resident came to the meeting to discuss the 45th Street paving project. Some of his concerns included increased traffic and special assessments. The council addressed the concerns and noted that the increased traffic is partially the reason for the partnership with the Sheriff’s office for the increased patrol time in the city. At this time, the city is roughly estimating that the costs per home in the city would be around $1200-1800 per home over 20 years or $60-90 per year. These are very preliminary estimates, and more information will be given when the engineering and other estimates get completed in the next few months. The council will likely approve creating the special assessment district at the February meeting.

A resident also asked about rural water for the older parts of town. Mayor Amundson has submitted a request to Cass Rural Water for a rough estimate for costs and has not seen a reply yet. He will follow up again this coming month. Once a rough estimate is received the city can look at funding and grant options and then poll the effected residents to get input.

Member Krantz noted that he is working on a revised sidewalk/trail between 38th Ave and 39th Ave. He is planning a 6’ or 8’ concrete path.

Mayor Amundson noted that he has been working with the State Court Administrator on options to have the State take care of municipal court for the city. This can be done with a relatively simple contract. The contract would award the state with 60% of the ticket revenue and the city with 40% of the ticket revenue. In order to move forward with this contract the city would need to change its current ordinance 1.04.01 to remove the requirement to have an elected judge for the city. Motion (McCamy, Krantz) to approve resolution 2024-1 to remove ordinance 1.04.01 which removes the city elected municipal judge; passed unanimously. Motion (Dick, Hager) to approve signing a contract with the state to split ticket revenue 40% city and 60% state in return for judicial services, passed unanimously.

The council discussed the multiple trailers and some vehicles parked on unapproved surfaces. After some discussion the council asked Auditor Miller to proactively send letters to all residents with trailers and/ or vehicles on unapproved surfaces. Starting February the city will post, in the meeting minutes, the address and homeowners that are mailed letters for violations.

The mayor position and two city council positions will be up for election this June. Interested parties can find the needed forms and date requirements on the city web page. Candidates interested in the city council position will need 3 signatures and the mayor position will require 17 signatures.

Member Krantz verified the checking and money market accounts. Motion (Dick, Hager) to approve the December financials, the final 2023 financials, and the following bills (roll call: In Favor: Dick, Hager, McCamy; Opposed: none; Abstained: None), motion passed. Council and employee wages 4194.38; IRS fund 214.38; Cass County Electric 873.27; City of Fargo 8024.15; Waste Management 5886.47; Xcel Energy 144.05; Cass Rural Water 103.05; Lowry Engineering 5255; Precision Lawn & Landscape 280; Dakota Underground 402,644.90; Titan Homes 1000; Nic Miller 1207.92; Rusco Windows 575; and Chase Card 1093.65.

Motion (Krantz, Hager) to adjourn the meeting carried. Mayor Amundson adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Attest: Approve:

Nic Miller Shane Amundson

Auditor Mayor