

**CITY OF EDGELEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday November 6th, 2023  
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cal Triepke. Council members in attendance were Michelle Berry, Sally Caudillo, Rick Gutschmidt, Dan Schlosser, Preston Sitzmann, and Stefan Schoenfelder. Also in attendance were city employees Glen Fischer & Ron Wald, City Clerk Sandi Horsager, City attorney Kim Radermacher, Nicki Brandenburg, and Art Hagebock from the Kulm Messenger. Mayor Triepke called for any corrections or additions to the October regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Dan Schlosser. All voted in favor, and the motion was approved. Mayor Triepke then asked for a motion to approve the monthly bills. A motion was made by Michelle Berry, and seconded by Sally Caudillo to approve paying the monthly bills. On a roll call vote motion carried.

30357	PFS Shareholders	3,046.16
30358	Allied Energy	1,489.50
30359	Anderson Brothers	182.28
30360	Aramark	322.93
	EFTPS (Payroll Taxes)	3,242.81
	BND (Street Project)	44,478.71
30361	CapFirst Equipment	20,000.00
30362	Central Door & Hardware	1,900.00
30363	City of Fargo	14.00
30364	Craigs Dust Control	5,245.00
30365	Dakota Valley Electric	97.00
	Dakota Valley Electric (loan)	2,104.50
30366	Dickey Rural Network	678.25
30367	Edgeley Ambulance	2,732.00
30368	Ferguson Waterworks	7,036.30
30369	Glen Fischer	564.41
30370	Kulm Messenger	227.92
30371	LaMoure County Highway	62.50
30372	Millers Fresh Foods	27.46
30373	MB Custom	450.00
30374	Municipal Impact	1,004.00
30375	On Call Solutions	864.00
30376	ND One Call	13.00
30377	ND Sewage Pump & Lift	158.45
30378	Otter Tail Power Co.	2,320.26
30379	Cal Triepke (Promo Signs)	290.00
30380	Quill	61.36
30381	Recycling Center of ND	7,921.67

30382	Service Master of Jamestown	2,061.88
30383	Solinger Lumber	28.30
30384	Southeast Water Users	6,708.33
30385	Sweeney Controls	8,963.42
30386	Denisa White (Refund)	10.75
30387	Anderson Brothers	3,000.00
30388	Newman Signs	11,600.00
30389	A-Train Auto LLC	2,900.00
30390	Garitt Irely (Rent Ext)	7,200.00
30391	Glen C. Fischer (Payroll)	1,316.47
30392	Ronald M. Wald (Payroll)	1,314.82
30393	Dollar General	15.00
30394	Glen C. Fischer (Payroll)	1,316.47
30395	Ronald M. Wald	1,314.82
30396	AFLAC	82.80
30397	Postmaster	174.42
30398	Joseph C. Neis (Payroll)	1,869.90

**TOTAL    \$156,411.85**

#### **UPDATE ON DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS**

Nicki Brandenburg was present with concerns about the old coast to coast building that was being removed at this time. She was concerned that water will enter her building the post office since the area that attached to the other building is exposed. She would like to see it taken care of so that she does not get water into her building. The council advised her that it was not their building so she should take it up with the current owner. Schrumms are removing the building and expect to be done soon. Both the old library and the old coast to coast will then have been completed. The coffee shop owner Pam Schrader is working with the state on a solution for her building.

#### **BUILDING RENT FOR CITY HALL**

The city rents space from Garitt Irely in his building for city offices and meeting space. The city had paid rent for several years to get a discount on the rent to allow for Garitt to make improvements to the building. Garitt inquired about extending the office rent at a discount to allow for him to make some updates on the heating system. The proposal would be to advance \$7,200.00 for three additional years rent. The normal cost for the rent would be \$10,800.00. The city would save \$3,600.00 by extending the contract for office space. A motion was made

by Rick Gutschmidt to approve the payment of \$7,200.00 to add three more years to the contract. The motion was seconded by Stefan Schoenfelder. On a roll call vote all will voted in favor.

#### **UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT AND AUDITORS POSITION**

Michelle Berry reported that the employee relations committee had met and they are making a recommendation to the council that the current policy on health insurance be terminated and replaced with a defined benefit of \$10,000.00 per year for full time employees and prorated for employees working less that full time. This would be a taxable benefit that could be used for whatever the employee needs to include health insurance. She said they also recommending a 3% increase in hourly wages for Ron and Glen. Glen would receive a \$.75 per hour increase and Ron would receive a \$.80 per hour increase. They were also recommending a salary of \$36,000.0 per year for the new auditor based on a 32 hour work week. This job would continue to be a salaried position. The current benefit of a reduction in the utility bill will end with the exception of Sandi's. Rick Gutschmidt made a motion to approve the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded by Michelle Berry. On a roll call vote all voted in favor.

#### **NEW CITY WEB SITE UPDATE**

It was reported that Joy Powers and Joe are working with Municipal Impact on getting the new site up and running. They will be moving content from our current provider to the new site. The new web site will have a notification system included. Residents will be able to go to the site and register their phone and email to receive notices that will be sent out regarding city related notifications. A company called PayStar is being recommended to handle payments by credit cards and also they can also handle ACH from banks. The cost for handling ACH is \$25.00 per month. Michelle Berry made a motion to move forward with the Pay Star system. The motion was seconded by Rick Gutschmidt. On a roll call vote all voted in favor.

#### **PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER LOADER**

The city purchased the current skid steer from Anderson Brothers two years ago with the understanding that a new one could be purchase in two years for \$3,000.00 with the trade of the current one. They have the new one ready for us at the agreed \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Preston Sitzmann and seconded by Sally Caudillo to approve the purchase. On a roll call vote all voted in favor.

## **SNOW PUSHER**

Mayor Triepke reported that we can purchase an eight foot snow pusher for the skid steer for \$2,900.00. Last year we tried putting a wider one and with the wet snow it did not work very well. After some discussion a motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Michelle Berry. On a roll call vote all voted in favor.

## **EASEMENTS FOR STORM SEWER**

The city put a storm sewer in Rall's addition that ends up crossing the Steve and Sandi Rupp property and then goes on to Gary and Sandi Horsagers property. City Attorney Kim Radermacher created a easement document to cover the property that is being affected. A motion was made by Preston Sitzmann to approve the easement document. The motion was seconded by Dan Schlosser. All voted in favor.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Triepke reported that Allied Energy had purchased Jerry Lagodinski's building in the industrial park and will be moving NAPA to the building and will also be starting a hardware store. They would like to remove the current curb and replace it with a valley gutter to allow for easier entry to the property for parking. No one objected to the plan. New rates for water and sewer were discussed with the increase from South East Water beginning in 2024. The committee for Utilities will meet and bring back a recommendation on a rate increase and how to handle billing for property owners that currently only spend part of the year here.

Cal reported that he had been approached about purchasing two city lots that were bought out by FEMA. It was reported that they can never be sold and a restricted deed is recorded at the court house stating that the City will remain the owner and must ask permission to build anything on the property. The sale of a lot in Rall's addition that was put out on bids has not been paid for at this time. It was decided to send a registered letter giving him 10 days to complete the purchase.

There was no other business at this time a motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Schlosser.

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Cal Triepke, Mayor

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Joseph C. Neis, Auditor