

**CITY OF EDGELEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY August 7th, 2023**

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 and Ron Wald, City Clerk Sandi Horsager, Todd Langston and Jeremy Rham of Otter Tail Power Co., residents Amanda Jensen, Amanda Huber, Alex and Anna McLean, Dion and Megan Weichel, Spencer Isaacson, Corin and Tyler Ascheman, Melissa Entzi, and Julie Homola. Mayor Triepke called for any corrections or additions to the July regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt that the minutes be approved with a correction on a motion regarding the removal of a building. The motion was seconded by Michelle Berry. 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 Dan Schlosser, and seconded by Michelle Berry to approve paying the monthly bills. On a roll call vote motion carried.

30259	PFS Shareholders	2,199.34
30260	Otter Tail Power Co.	2,589.74
30261	Glen Fischer (Payroll)	1,316.47
30262	Ronald M. Wald	1,338.45
30263	Allied Energy	3,079.74
30264	Anderson Brothers, Inc.	344.40
30265	Aramark	322.93
	EFTPS (Payroll Taxes)	2,304.04
	Bank of ND	22,475.00
30266	Central Business Systems	159.71
30267	City of Fargo	14.00
30268	Craig's Dust Control	5,500.00
30269	Dakota Valley Electric	97.00
	Dakota Valley Electric (loan)	2,104.50
30270	Dickey Rural Networks	667.84
30271	Direct Electric	160.00
30272	Ferguson Waterworks	876.18
30273	First Choice Home Insp.	800.00
30274	Glen Fischer	9.55
30275	Hample Excavation	975.00
30276	Kulm Messenger	208.68
30277	Millers Fresh Foods	57.76
30278	ND One Call	14.30
30279	Oakes Roofing	250.00
30280	Recycling Center of ND	7,981.89
30281	Southeast Water Users	6,708.33
30282	Solinger Lumber	498.70

30283	Glen C. Fischer (Payroll)	1,316.47
30284	Ronald M. Wald (Payroll)	1,314.82
30285	LaMoure County Recorder	40.00
30286	Postmaster	175.44
30287	AFLAC	82.80
30288	Joseph C. Neis (Payroll)	1,869.90

TOTAL \$67,772.98

OTTER TAIL POWER PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED POWER LINE

Todd Langston from Otter Tail was present to explain the proposed project that will run between Jamestown and Ellendale substations. It is a joint project between MDU and Otter Tail. He explained that they are currently in the process of developing the plans to meet all of the requirements that will be needed to build the power line. He informed the council that public meetings will be held in September. The construction phase will begin in 2025 and run for three years going on line in 2028. He said to expect significant impact on the community with all of the workers that will be in the area for all of that time. Jeremy Rahm was also present from Otter Tail in Jamestown to explain their situation on not covering power surges that recently damaged equipment at the water plant.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RALL'S ADDITION AREA

Anna McLean addressed the council about any future plans to pave the area since it is all new homes and it is currently gravel. Mayor Triepke said that we have prairie dog funds that are designated for new roads and a project of this kind meets the requirements. He also reported that he had talked with Border States about such a project and he was told that they wouldn't be able to do it this year. The council will discuss the possibility of paving the area next year. A motion was made by Stefan Schoenfelder to get three quotes to pave the area. The motion was seconded by Sally Caudillo. All members voted in favor.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Tyler and Corin Ascherman were present in regards to having an excess number of chickens above the number allowed in the ordinance. Julie Homola also commented that they have ten chickens. She said that they order chickens and they come with ten in the order. The ordinance allows for six chickens. They requested that we consider increasing the number allowed. Several parts of the ordinance were reviewed in regards to the current ordinance and it was requested that we consider amending the current ordinance to allow for more chickens. A motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt to consider amending the ordinance. The second to the motion was made by Preston Sitzmann. All voted in favor. It will be considered at the September meeting.

CLINIC UPDATES

Sanford Health had their safety and building division look at the clinic recently when the roof had some leaks. The roof has since been repaired. The back door needs to be replaced and a new one is ordered. A few areas have mold and Service Master will be coming to clean those areas.

THE COFFEE SHOP BUILDING

Amanda Jensen was present in regards to the coffee shop and the open basement wall and the fuel smell that is coming out of it. She said it is affecting her building and the customers that come to her business. She was informed that the state health department has been here to work on a plan with the owners of the building.

REQUEST TO BLOCK STREET

On the Rocks Bar and Grill requested that the street be blocked on the Southside of their building on Saturday August 26th for a game day. A motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt to approve the request. Preston Sitzmann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

Mayor Triepke reported that asbestos inspection will be done on the old library. The bowling alley has been inspected by the building inspector. A motion was made by Preston Sitzmann to get quotes for taking down the old coast to coast. The motion was seconded by Sally Caudillo. On a roll call vote all voted in favor.

SALE OF LOTS IN RALL'S ADDITION

The city has an individual that is interested in building a new home on the lots that are left. It was decided to advertise the lots on bids with the stipulation that a new home will be built on the lots within a year. Sally Caudillo made a motion to advertise the lots with bids opened at our September meeting. The motion was seconded by Preston Sitzmann. All voted in favor.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The council reviewed the proposed budget that will not have any increase in taxes. Increases in state funding and sales tax revenue are helping to keep the increase in costs in check. There were no questions from any of the public on the budget. A motion was made by Rick Gutschmidt to approve the preliminary budget. The motion was seconded by Dan Schlosser. All members voted in favor. Southeast Water is increasing the water contract so we will make an increase in the amount we charge for water by resolution at a later meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michelle Berry asked about the pool sales tax situation. The new pool is paid for and we are no longer obligated to administer the funds. At the next meeting the council will discuss giving them the sales tax funds from the pool sales tax.

There was no other business at this time a motion was made by Rick to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan. All voted in favor.

Cal Triepke, Mayor

Joseph C. Neis, Auditor