

CITY OF OXBOW

Council Meeting Minutes 3-12-2025 Oxbow Country Club

Present: Jim Nyhof, Mike Bindas, Cody Furstenau, Bryan Triebold, Stacey Fett

Absent: Mark Sanders

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 5:59 pm.

Motion by Triebold, second by Furstenau, to approve the minutes from February 19, 2025. Motion carried.

Building plans – none to approve.

Landscaping plans – none to approve.

Sheriff's report – report received, no review.

Southern Valley Fire & Rescue – no report.

City Engineer update:

- Agrees with Stu from Watersmith on needing an additional well. Moore Engineering cannot say that well #1 could be rehabilitated to a point that it is in working order. Noted that the new well would cost approximately \$70k-\$100k. The city could reach out to the Department of Water Resources to get a cost share of up to 60% to add an additional well since well #3 is only pumping 150 g/m when it should be pumping 250 g/m. Engineer Aakre to get a scope of work study done for what the city would need to present to the Department of Water Resources. The council would still like to go forward with pulling up well #3 for inspection. Also included in the discussion was the cost to add an additional room onto the current water plant to house the water chemicals, since they should be kept separate from the main water plant. The cost of the new well and the cost of the addition to the water plant would potentially be put into a special assessment to the city. The council has the ability to make this decision without public protest because water is a necessity. Motion by Bindas, second by Furstenau, to allow Engineer Aakre to move forward with the feasibility study, which is a requirement to receive cost sharing with the DWR. Motion carried.
- Water pond lot on S Schnell Dr – a request was sent in to a couple of council members to convert the land next to the Bosh residence on S Schnell Dr into a lot to build a home on. Currently this land is not connected to the sewer and would need to be re-platted. Cost of connecting the sewer would be around \$20k and re-platting would cost around \$5k. Engineer Aakre to produce a drawing of what the lot would look like and could possibly get out to put stakes up to visualize the potential lot. If the council did decide to convert this to a sellable lot and put it up for sale, the city would have to either list it with a realtor or put it up for auction. There was a lot of discussion on how much the lot would cost, ranging from \$150k to \$300k. Auditor Fett to send an email to the person that reached out to buy the land to inform them of the procedure.

Water treatment plant: lengthy discussion on well #3. Dalager thinks it is only pulling in 150 g/m after a discussion with Stu from Watersmith and it should be pumping 300 g/m. Stu would like to start drilling the new well prior to the inspection of well #3. Engineer Aakre thinks to leave well #3 alone until there is a back-up. He doesn't think it is as dire as what is being assumed.

Motion by Triebold, second by Bindas, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Triebold, to approve financials. The new JD tractor needs to have its own debt service account. Motion carried.

Part-time city maintenance – current person has put in his notice that he will not be returning this spring. A new company has requested to take his place to mow the city areas in the spring/summer/fall as well as do some maintenance around the city, starting with taking down the snow fence. Motion by Triebold, second by Bindas, to hire OnSite Landscaping at \$30 per hour. Motion carried.

Discussion on replacing the some of the stop signs throughout the city with ‘Yield to Pedestrian’ signs. Bindas to get proposal ready for next meeting.

Motion by Triebold, second by Furstenau, to approve the new contract with Cass Rural Water to continue with the water/sewer billing for the City at an increased rate. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Bindas, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Mayor Jim Nyhof

Stacey Fett – City Auditor