

CITY OF OXBOW

Council Meeting Minutes 8-21-2024 Oxbow Country Club

Present: All in attendance

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 6 pm.

Guests: Tom and Katie Webster

Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to approve the minutes from July 17, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Furstenau, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024 budget meeting. Motion carried.

Building plans – none to approve.

Landscaping plans – none to approve.

Tom and Katie Webster in attendance to discuss the dirt pile behind their home. It is creating a retaining pond which is hindering their lawn growth. The council agreed that an inlet should be created to release the water to the storm sewer, such as what the city did by the park/Dawson's.

Sheriff's report – Corporal Krause in attendance to go through June and July Sheriff's reports. There were 17 COP calls and 23 residence/building check calls in June. There were two calls for theft, with one of the suspects identified. In July, there were a total of 15 COP calls, with no real calls of significance.

Southern Valley Fire & Rescue – Fire Chief Mahoney in attendance to go through the June report. There were 5 calls for service – 4 EMS related and 1 reported vehicle fire. The fire engine at Station 2 (Hickson) has been replaced with a newer engine. The fire district is interested in partnering with Oxbow to assist in hydrant flushing and data collection.

City Engineer update:

- Street lighting project:
 - Some lights are not fully vertical, Aakre to reach out to Scott's Electric.
 - The feed point has not arrived yet, expected to arrive in late October. Motion by Sanders, second by Bindas, to approve the temporary feed point with a cost of \$1400. Motion carried.
 - Motion by Bindas, second by Furstenau, to approve Pay app #3 in the amount of \$123,589.04. Motion carried.
- Swale drainage project update:
 - Received 3 quotes for the project. Motion by Triebold, second by Sanders, to approve the quote from Dirt Dynamics in the amount of \$100,500.00. Motion carried. Triebold suggested using the Prairie Dog Fund money for this project. All in agreement.
- Mill and overlay project:
 - Water and sewer stubs have been installed.
 - Milling operations started this week and should last through the week.
 - Paving is expected to start on Saturday and end next week.
 - The current school bus pick up is at the fire hall in Hickson.
 - Seal coat will happen the back half of September.
 - Road striping at the intersection of Hwy 81/Clubhouse Dr. Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to approve the striping if it comes in less than \$1000 with just one yellow stripe, no turn lanes. Motion carried.

- Motion by Triebold, second by Furstenau, to approve reimbursement request #132 in the amount of \$2,672.63. Motion carried.

Water treatment plant:

- Motion by Bindas, second by Sanders, to approve the automatic transfer switch quote from Interstate Powersystem for \$4375.00. Motion carried.
- When checking to see why the floats showed that the wells were dry, Dalager saw that the wiring for the floats sit behind the chlorine tank. The wires were all rusted out. They have been re-wired for now, but the chemicals need to be moved into a separate room in the water plant. This will be added to the capital projects list for the water treatment plant.
- Omnisite controller is in just waiting on installation.
- Moore Engineering to meet with Dalager to go through the water treatment plant to look for places for improvement.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the bills. Motion carried. Auditor Fett to reach out to PeopleService to question the charges for attending meetings and what the price would be without hydrant flushing.

Motion by Bindas, second by Furstenau, to approve financials. Motion carried.

The tool cat is set to be serviced at Swanston Equipment. Discussion on trading it in on a skid steer or a Kubota with a blower on the front. Mayor Nyhof to have numbers for the next meeting.

\$1000 is the dollar amount that council members are allowed to spend without prior approval to purchase to be reimbursed.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to limit public comments to the end of the meeting or if they request to be on the agenda with a 5-minute max per person and a max of 30 minutes in public comment. Motion carried.

Public Comments

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- No personal attacks to persons present or not
- No inflammatory language used during time that you have the platform
- 5-minute maximum or as directed by the chair
- Thank you for participating in City Government.

Dakota Fence proposal has been tabled until Moore Engineering has had time to assess the needs of the water treatment plant.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Mayor Jim Nyhof

Stacey Fett – City Auditor