



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad, Duane Hanson and Mark Wentz. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern advised that the application for Games of Chance for the North Dakota Peace Officers Association for Raffle to be held August 13, 2015 at the West Fargo Police Department is to be added to the Consent Agenda, Second Reading for Rezoning from Agricultural to Light Commercial Lots 3 and 6, Block 1 of North Pond at the Preserve 3rd Addition is to be added to the Regular Agenda and “authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications” is to be removed from Item f of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Thorstad moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the additions to the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda and the change to Item f of the Consent Agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Wentz seconded to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2015. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #1 – 12 and the Building Department Activity Report dated January 19, 2015.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

There were no Department Reports.

Commissioner Wentz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Bills

Designation of Depositories: Alerus Financial Bank, First International Bank & Trust, Gate City Bank, Bell State Bank, Choice Financial, Wells Fargo Bank, Western State Bank, Union State Bank and Starion Bank

Resolution approving the annexation of West Fargo Third Addition

Games of Chance: West Fargo Exchange Club for Raffle to be held April 17, 2015 at Speedway Event Center

Resolution changing the name of 8th Avenue Way NW to 8th Avenue NW

Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1282 (Brooks Harbor 4th Addition): Create Assessment District, authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report and approve Engineer's Report

Games of Chance: North Dakota Peace Officers Association for Raffle to be held August 13, 2015 at the West Fargo Police Department

No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning and Community Development Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Duane Hazer for access onto an arterial roadway located at 12th Avenue NE, West Fargo, ND. Planning and Community Development Director Larry Weil advised that Staff recommended approval of permanent access providing median is in place for right in/right out only. After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the access subject to the three conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

Director of Economic Development and Community Services Matt Marshall appeared before the Commission on the Renaissance Zone Application from K & T Irrigation, Inc. for a new building at 1124 Main Avenue West. Owner Ken Strom also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Renaissance Zone Application. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney John Shockley appeared before the Commission on Street Improvement District No. 2237 and advised that the City had received only one protest letter. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz also appeared before the Commission and advised the overlay is from 9th Street to 17th Street and 13th Avenue up to and including part of the trailer park. A public hearing was held. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Wentz seconded to adopt the Resolution Determining that no Protests were Filed on Improvement in Street Improvement District No. 2237. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning and Community Development Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on Second Reading for Rezoning from Agricultural to Light Commercial, Lots 3 and 6, Block 1 of North Pond at the Preserve 3rd Addition. After discussion, Commissioner Thorstad moved and Commissioner Wentz seconded to place on Second Reading Ordinance No. 1022 for the rezoning as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Non-Agenda items.

City Administrator James Brownlee gave the following report:

Staff is gathering information and data on a water treatment plant which will be presented to the City Commission

IT Director James Anderson will be getting options for equipment in the new building. City Commissioners should contact him if there is a request for certain equipment

Retirement party for Street/Sewer/Water Manager Bob Olson on January 22, 2015 at 2:30 PM at the Public Works Building

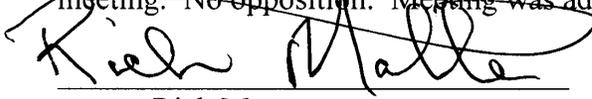
Staff is requesting FEMA for flood proof basement exemptions

Legislative Session information was provided to the Commissioners. Legislative Forums will be held at City Hall on February 7, March 7 and April 11, 2015. (Chamber sponsor with City and School)

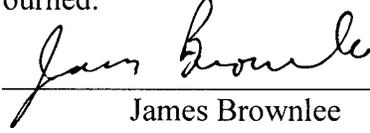
Finance Director Tina Gustafson gave an update on the progress of the new Police Building, and advised that Furniture Bids will be reviewed by Police Chief Reitan, Finance Director Tina Gustafson and Julie Rokke of YHR. Mayor Mattern asked that Staff look into interchangeable picture panels in the new building rather than permanent panels.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Wentz seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor