



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, September 29, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Bryan Schulz, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons and Mike Thorstad. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern stated that Craig Hakanson of Brokerage Printing would like to discuss the Main Avenue Project under Non-Agenda. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the addition as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2008. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #472 - 488 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated September 29, 2008.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Bills

Resolution Approving Contract and Contractor's Bond in Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 1205

Contract with Centre, Inc. from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010

Games of Chance: Hunt of a Lifetime at Speedway Event Center for raffle March 14, 2009

Games of Chance: Red River Regional Marksmanship Center at VFW for raffle on January 15, 2009

Games of Chance: VFW – Department of North Dakota at VFW for raffle on May 1, 2009

Games of Chance: West Fargo Packer Backers July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Sewer & Water Improvement District No. 1202 (32nd Avenue East from Sheyenne Street to 9th Street East): approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for bids with bid opening on October 23, 2008

Storm Improvement District No. 4039 (Section 29 – Phase I – New South Pond and North Pond Additions) – approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on October 30, 2008

Street Improvement District No. 2195 – Phase I (9th Street East from Interstate 94 to 32nd Avenue East): approve Engineer's Report and authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications

Street Improvement District No. 2195 – Phase II (9th Street East Widening 13th Avenue to 19th Avenue) – approve Engineer's Report, authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications

Approve Resolution Declaring Work Necessary for an Improvement in Street Improvement District No. 2195

No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thorstad gave an update of discussions held with railroad officials regarding Quiet Zone and railroad crossing options.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the amendment to the Cost Participation Agreement with ND Department of Transportation on the 9th Street Overpass. Public Works Director Barry Johnson and City Engineer Kevin Bucholz also appeared before the Commission. A discussion was held on the naming of the street. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the amendment. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License from Bottle Barn Liquors – Joel Wold. A background check was provided by the Police Department. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License. No opposition. Motion carried.

Senior Planner Steve Zimmer appeared before the Commission on the rezoning of Lot 1, Block 1 of Maul's 1st Subdivision (714 12th Avenue NW) from Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial to Heavy Industrial and advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the rezoning on the condition that the stockpiles of crushed concrete are kept below the tree line of neighboring properties. Terry and Karen Maul also appeared before the Commission. A public hearing was held on the rezoning. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve First Reading of the rezoning on the condition that the stockpiles of crushed concrete are kept below the height of the current buildings. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the 2009 Budget for the City of West Fargo. A public hearing regarding the 2009 Budget was held. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to adopt the 2009 Budget with expenditures of \$29,440,023.00 and to set the annual levy for 2008 at \$6,002,823. No opposition. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$7,218,769
Sanitation Fund	1,644,525
Sewer & Water Fund	3,592,870
Library	628,550
Airport	145,246
Debt Service	13,742,386
Capital Improvements	500,000
Special Revenue Funds	1,967,677
Total 2009 Budget	\$29,440,023

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on Shadow Wood 2nd Addition. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 828 relating to the rezoning of Shadow Wood 2nd Addition from Agricultural to Special Single Family Dwellings District and to approve the Final Plat based on zoning consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

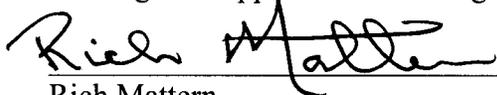
City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1188 (Christianson's First Addition). City Engineer Kevin Bucholz advised there will be a change order for the project with a cost of approximately \$500,000 rather than \$1,492,220.40. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to award the contract for Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1188 to Master Construction Co., Inc. for their bid amount of \$1,492,220.40. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission on a proposed golf course for the City of West Fargo. Park Board Chair Sharon Odegaard appeared before the Commission to state that the Park Board would be willing to be involved in the planning discussions, but is unable to provide any monetary funding. Westport Beach Development Corporation Attorney Jim Bullis also appeared before the Commission and advised that 160 acres would be donated to the city for the golf course and possibly the donation of additional acres if other projects would come up. It was also agreed that the School District should be involved in planning discussions. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to authorize the City Staff to negotiate terms with the developers for the gift of the land. No opposition. Motion carried.

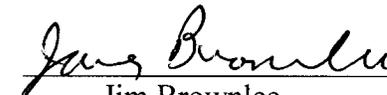
Craig Hakanson of Brokerage Printing appeared before the Commission regarding the Main Avenue Project asking that the City Commission support a right turn off the Frontage Road in front of his business, and provided photos of a similar situation for the Detroit Lakes project. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz agreed to contact the City Engineer of Detroit Lakes for more information. The City Commission advised Mr. Hakanson to bring this request to the next Main Avenue meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



Jim Brownlee
City Auditor