



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, January 5, 2009, 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 advised that the following are to be added to the Regular Agenda: Special Presentation by Mrs. Forness' High School Class regarding a Pharmaceutical Recycling Project, Ordinance No. 839 relating to Non-Criminal Traffic Offenses, Annexation by Resolution and Mass Transit Agreement. Commissioner Mattern also advised that Item e of the Consent Agenda, Storm Improvement District No. 4042, is to be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed under the Regular Agenda. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the additions and change as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

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

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #601 - 608 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated January 5, 2009, the Building Department Monthly Comparison Report for December 2007/December 2008 and the Building Permit Valuation Report for 2007/2008 Valuation.

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 Street Improvement District No. 2195 – Phase II

Resolution Approving Contract and Contractor's Bond in Phase I of Street Improvement District No. 2195

Resolution Approving Contract and Contractor's Bond in Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4041

Street Improvement District No. 2201 (15th Street Northwest – North of 2nd Avenue NW to 4th Avenue NW): Create Assessment District and authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report

Final Plat Approval: Simpson's 5th Addition

No opposition. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sara Forness and students from her High School Class appeared before the Commission to present a Pharmaceutical Recycling Project for the City of West Fargo. After discussion, Assistant Chief Michael Reitan agreed to research costs and any other ideas for this type of project and to find out what other communities are doing in regard to disposal of pharmaceuticals.

Fire Chief Roy Schatschneider and Public Works Director Barry Johnson appeared before the Commission on the request from Chris Zietz that fire hydrants be clear of snow and visible.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer reviewed Ordinance No. 839 relating to Non-Criminal Traffic Offenses. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to place Ordinance No. 839 on First Reading. No opposition. Motion carried.

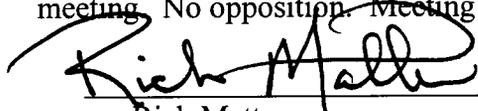
City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on a Resolution of Annexation for a parcel of land containing approximately 296.41 acres. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to adopt the Resolution of Annexation. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the Mass Transit Agreement between the City of West Fargo and the City of Fargo. After review, Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to authorize the Mayor and City Auditor to enter into the agreement for 2009. No opposition. Motion carried.

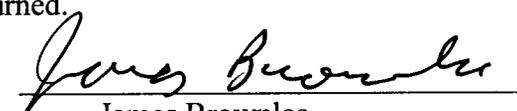
City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Storm Improvement District No. 4042 (Section 31, T139N, R49W and Section 6, T138N, R49W). Commissioner Thorstad questioned the process of creating the district at this time since there is no final decision on the golf course. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to create the Assessment District for Storm Improvement District No. 4042 and authorize the City Engineer to prepare the Engineer's Report. Commissioners Mattern, Bennett, Simmons and Schulz voting aye. Commissioner Thorstad voting no. Motion carried.

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



James Brownlee
City Auditor