



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, March 2, 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 "Appointments to Metropolitan Council of Governments and Greater Fargo Moorhead EDC" are to be added to Non-Agenda, Consent items f, Street Improvement District No. 2206, and g, Street Improvement District No. 2205, are to be moved to the Regular Agenda and Item No. 8 of the Regular Agenda is to be removed at this time. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the changes as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2009. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #17 - 22 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated March 2, 2009, and the Building Department Monthly Comparison Report for February 2008/February 2009.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

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

Bills

Site Authorization: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at West Fargo Speedway on April 4, 2009

Games of Chance: West Fargo Baseball for Calendar Raffle July 1 – July 31, 2009

Games of Chance: East Gate Lodge #120 for raffle to be held April 23, 2009

Games of Chance: South Elementary PTA for Bingo and Raffle on April 17, 2009

No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Street Improvement District No. 2206 (9th Street CPR) and Street Improvement District No. 2205 (Street Overlays – 2009). City Engineer Kevin Bucholz advised they have applied for stimulus funding waiving the local match of \$1,226,294 and \$719,000 for the overlay projects. After review of the overlay projects, Commissioner Thorstad and Commissioner Simmons felt that 13th Avenue should be discussed since it is so rough. Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt also appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to Approve the Engineer's Report and authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications for Street Improvement District No. 2205 (Street Overlays – 2009) and Street Improvement District No. 2206 (9th Street CPR). No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz advised that the Department of Transportation has provided project costs for Main Avenue and asked the City Commission to look at the information, give any input to the City Engineer and consider an informational meeting to discuss assessments. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz also stated that if additional stimulus funds are available perhaps the City could request funding for another phase of the Main Avenue project.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz also reviewed a Revolving Loan Fund for clean water and drinking water type projects.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on the sale of General Obligation Bonds Arterial Street Bonds of 2009 (for the interchange project). After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to adopt the Resolution for Public Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Arterial Street Bonds of 2009. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Assessor Wanda Wilcox appeared on behalf of Business Development Director Dorinda Anderson on the Exemption/PILOTS for West Fargo businesses and advised that Cargill PILOT #1 and Cargill PILOT #2 be removed from the list of businesses for 100% exemption. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to allow the following businesses to continue their exemption at 100% for 2009: Bobcat Company, DMI Industries, Integrity Windows, Infinity Window, and Crary Company. No opposition. Motion carried.

Senior Planner Steve Zimmer appeared before the Commission on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment providing for religious institutions as conditionally permitted uses in the Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial Zoning District. Planning Director Larry Weil and City Attorney Brian Neugebauer also appeared before the Commission. A public hearing was held. Mike Jesser of Rommesmo Family LTD appeared before the Commission. The hearing was closed. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to place this Zoning Ordinance Amendment on First Reading subject to all conditions listed in the Staff Report. Commissioners Mattern, Bennett, Thorstad and Schulz voting aye. Commissioner Simmons voting no. Motion carried.

Property Appraiser Paul Fracassi appeared before the Commission for approval of a remodeling exemption request from Chris Brungardt at 725 11th Avenue West for years 2009-2011. City Assessor Wanda Wilcox also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the remodeling exemption. No opposition. Motion carried.

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt appeared before the Commission to review pickup and mower bids. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to award the ½ Ton 4X4 pickup bid to Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN, in the amount of \$22,710.00, to award the ½ Ton 4X4 Extended Cab Pickup bid to Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN, in the amount of \$27,391.00 and to award the Two Zero Turn Mowers to Acme Electric of Fargo, ND in the amount of \$14,300.00, as recommended by Public Works Director Barry Johnson. No opposition. Motion carried.

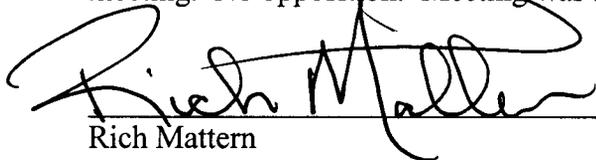
City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Street Improvement District No. 2201 (15th Street Northwest). Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to award the contract for Street Improvement District No. 2201 to Dakota Underground Company for their bid amount of \$230,571.20. No opposition. Motion carried.

Mayor Mattern asked that the Commission consider renaming 9th Street South of Interstate to Veterans Boulevard in honor of those that have served and are currently serving our country and to reflect all the work that the VFW has done for the City of West Fargo. Planning Director Larry Weil and City Attorney Brian Neugebauer also appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Thorstad felt that all 9th Street should be renamed. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adopt a Resolution to rename 9th Street South of Interstate to Veterans Boulevard. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattern advised appointments are needed to the FM Metro Council of Government Policy Board and Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation and that Commissioner Lou Bennett has agreed to these appointments. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to appoint Commissioner Lou Bennett to the FM Metro Council of Government Policy Board and the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation. No opposition. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor