



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, May 3, 2010, 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 Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Order of Agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Minutes of April 19, 2010. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #134 – 186 along with the Building Department Activity Report for May 3, 2010 and the Building Department Monthly Comparison Report for April 2009/April 2010.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

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

Bills

Gaming Site Authorization: West Fargo Fire Department at Silver Dollar Bar 7/1/10 to 6/30/11

Gaming Site Authorization: ShareHouse, Inc. at O'Leary's Pub 7/1/10 to 6/30/11

No opposition. Motion carried.

Florentina Bradforde of 609 13 ½ Ave East and Rachel Westlin of 611 13 ½ Avenue East appeared before the Commission to request that entrances and exits from 13 ½ Avenue East be removed since the street is so narrow. Marlyn McDonald of 741 13 ½ Avenue East and Jon Blixt of 617 13 ½ Avenue East also appeared before the Commission. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz, City Attorney Brian Neugebauer, Planning Director Larry Weil and Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt also appeared before the Commission. Assistant Public Works Director Brungardt stated that in his opinion, it is highly dangerous to put access onto 13th Avenue. Diane Rust, Retail Sales Director for Dakota Boys/Girls Ranch, also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to have Assistant Public Works Director Chris Brungardt take a look at the issue to review any options and come back to the City Commission in two weeks. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Ashley and Justin Morken to consider amendments to Chapters 4 (Planning & Zoning) and 11 (Animals) of the City Ordinances providing for up to four (4) chicken hens within enclosures on residential properties. A public hearing was held. David Wyum of 3522 Hidden Court stated that he opposed the idea. Justin Morken and Ashley Morken of 1228 Goldenwood Drive also appeared before the Commission. The public hearing was closed. Commissioner Simmons moved to deny the request on the basis that the proposed use is not compatible with residential use in the City. The motion died for lack of a second.

After further discussion, Commissioner Thorstad moved to follow the Minneapolis example for spacing and requirements and to have annual permitting and limited to single family only along with any other recommendations of Planning & Zoning. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission to suggest that the request be tabled to allow Staff to put together an ordinance. Commissioner Thorstad withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Simmons then moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to table this request for two weeks. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer reviewed the Liquor Ordinance Amendments. Commissioner Simmons asked if members of the Liquor Industry had been given the opportunity for any input to the amendments. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to table this matter for two weeks to allow the Liquor Industry to get involved with input into the ordinance. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1218 (Eaglewood 1st Addition) and asked that this item be tabled for two weeks in order to meet with the contractor to discuss past projects with the City and other issues. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to table this item for two weeks. No opposition. Motion carried.

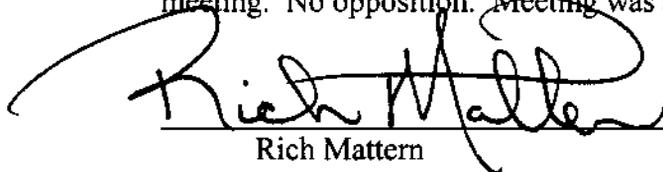
A discussion was held on the May 31, 2010 and July 5, 2010 City Commission dates. Mayor Mattern recommended to cancel these two meeting dates. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to cancel these two meeting dates. Finance Director Sharon Schacher recommended that the July 5th meeting be changed to Tuesday, July 6th rather than cancelled, since there would be a lot of bills at that time. Commissioner Bennett withdrew his motion and Commissioner Schulz withdrew his second to the motion.

Commissioner Schulz then moved to cancel the Memorial Day Meeting on May 31, 2010 and to reschedule the July 5th meeting to Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Non-Agenda items.

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