



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, November 21, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad and Duane Hanson. Absent was Rich Mattern. The meeting was called to order by Mark Simmons, Vice President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Order of Agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2011. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #529 - 560 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated November 21, 2011.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

The Auditor's Reports for October 2011 were received by the Commission.

The Sanitation Department Report for October 2011 was provided to each Commissioner.

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

Bills

Use of City Logo by MATBUS

Public Hearing December 5, 2011 at 5:45 PM to consider a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 4-460 of the Sign Regulations

Resolution Approving Contract and Contractor's Bond in Street Improvement District No. 2213 and Street Improvement District No. 2214

Bid Results and recommendations for 2012 Sanitation Packer and 2012 Tandem Truck with Dump body

No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Jayson Brunette for a Conditional Use Permit for Accessory Building in an Agricultural District at 1505 9th Street NW, West Fargo, ND and advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to conditions in the Staff Report. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit subject to all conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the 2012 Mosquito Control Agreement between the City of West Fargo and Cass County Government. City Auditor James Brownlee also advised that if the City would increase the Vector Control amount charged to residents, this would be done by an Ordinance change. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to accept the agreement and authorize the City to enter into the 2012 Mosquito Control Agreement. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission and provided a revised Job Description for the position of Director of Economic Development and Community Services. After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the job description as presented by City Auditor James Brownlee. No opposition. Motion carried.

Justin Pearson of the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation appeared before the Commission on the request from Cargill for a 10 year property tax exemption from the City of West Fargo and provided an Economic Impact of Cargill, Inc. in West Fargo, ND Executive Summary as of November 21, 2011. A public hearing was held. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the 10 year property tax exemption for Cargill as per the recommendation of the West Fargo Economic Development Advisory Committee with years 1-5 at 100%, years 6-7 at 75%, years 8-9 at 50% and year 10 at 25%. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the Mass Transit Agreement between the City of West Fargo and the City of Fargo. After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Mass Transit Agreement and authorize the City to enter into the agreement. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Non-Agenda items.

City Administrator Jim Brownlee gave the following report to Commissioners:

Meeting November 22, 2011 at Sheyenne 9th Grade Center on the 9th Street Corridor Study

Downtown Study presentation will be made at the December 19th City Commission Meeting

Joint Meeting with City/Park/School after the first of the year

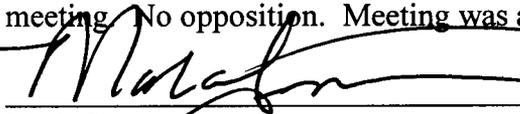
911 Fees: may be bringing to the Commission a request to put on ballot

City is working with Larry Lubben on West Fest for 2012

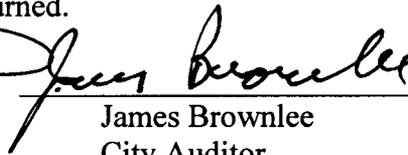
Tomorrow morning, November 22nd, Open House at Veterans Arena

There was no correspondence.

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



Mark Simmons
Vice President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor