



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad and Duane Hanson. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern stated that Games of Chance for Sandhill Archers, Inc. for raffle to be held March 25, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial Arena is to be added to the Consent Agenda and Item h of the Consent Agenda is to be moved to the first item of the Regular Agenda. Commissioner Thorstad moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the changes as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2012. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Building Permits.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

The Auditor's Reports for February 2012 were received by the Commission.

There were no Department Reports.

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

Bills

Games of Chance: Kim & Drew Jameson Fundraiser for raffle to be held 4/27/12 at West Fargo VFW and Altrusa International of Fargo, ND for raffle to be held 4/21/12 at Carol Jacobson residence at 713 2nd St E, West Fargo, ND

Add Hydraulic Chute for \$1,400 to Titan Machinery Snow Blower bid as approved earlier

Change Orders: Sewer, Water, Storm Sewer & Street Improvement Districts No. 1229 (Shadow Creek 1st Addition) and No. 1227 (Shadow Wood 5th Addition) and Storm Sewer Improvement District 4044-Phase II, 4046 and 4047 (Regional Lift Stations for Sections 19, 29 and 20)

Public Hearing 5:45 PM April 2, 2012 for Extraterritorial Extension and Zoning Transition

Public Hearing 5:45 PM April 2, 2012 to consider Amendments to Chapter 4-04 of the City Code (Subdivision Regulations) and to Chapters 4-200 and 4-400 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinances)

Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1235: Create Assessment District and authorize City Engineer to prepare report

Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No.1236 (South Pond at the Preserve 4th Addition): Approve Engineer's Report, authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications, approve Plans and Specification and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on April 12, 2012

Sewer, Water, Storm Sewer and Street Improvement District No. 1237 (Maple Ridge at The Preserve 2nd Addition): Approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on April 12, 2012

Drain #45 Improvements (7th to 12th Avenue East): Approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on March 29, 2012

Games of Chance: Sandhill Archers, Inc. for raffle to be held March 25, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial Arena

No opposition. Motion carried.

At this time, a discussion was held on Street Improvement District No. 2220 (Veteran's Boulevard – Traffic Signals at 23rd and 26th Avenues) – Create Assessment District and authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report, which was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Thorstad questioned any direct benefit to residents on the east side of Sheyenne Street to the river. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz and City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Thorstad moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to create the Assessment District and authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report with the idea that the City will try to make adjustments, if possible. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the rezoning of South Pond at the Preserve 4th Addition from Agricultural to Single Family Dwellings and from Single Family Dwellings to One and Two Family Dwellings. After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to place Ordinance No. 912 on the rezoning of South Pond at the Preserve 4th Addition on Second Reading and to approve the Final Plat. No opposition. Motion carried.

Director of Economic Development and Community Services Mark Vaux appeared before the Commission on the Exemptions/PILOTS for West Fargo businesses. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to follow the recommendations of the Economic Development Advisory Committee to allow the following businesses to continue their exemption at 100% for 2012:

- Infinity Windows
- Integrity Windows
- Mid Continent Communications
- Sheyenne Crossing
- Caterpillar Remanufacturing

to allow the following business to return to 100% for 2012 since their job creation met the necessary minimum jobs needed:

- Moore Engineering

and not to grant an exemption for year 10 of a 10 year PILOT for DMI Industries because they did not meet the employment guidelines. No opposition. Motion carried.

Director of Economic Development and Community Services Mark Vaux appeared before the Commission on the Renaissance Zone Project Application from Wayward Winds Transportation, a new company leasing office space from Roddies II Storage, LLC, at 670 West Main, Suite 1A. Planning Director Larry Weil also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Renaissance Zone Project Application contingent upon receipt of a Renaissance Zone Certificate of Good Standing from the ND Department of Commerce. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on The Wild's 2nd Addition rezoning from Agricultural to Single Family Dwellings. A public hearing was held. Developer Steve Iverson appeared before the Commission. There was no further public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to place the rezoning on First Reading subject to the eleven conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

Director of Economic Development and Community Services Mark Vaux appeared before the Commission on the Renaissance Zone Project Application for Jemco at 1805 E Main. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Renaissance Zone Project Application based on the recommendation of the West Fargo Economic Development Advisory Committee. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1234 (23rd Avenue East – 4th and 7th Street East). After discussion, Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to award the contract for Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1234 to Dakota Underground Company for their bid amount of \$2,383,080.70. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Non-Agenda items.

City Administrator Jim Brownlee gave the following report to Commissioners:

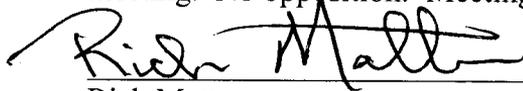
Home Builders Association City Night will be held March 22, 2012 at 7PM at the Radisson

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer will present an additional bond refunding for substantial savings at the next meeting

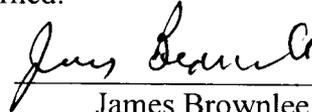
Main Avenue Meeting will be held March 27, 2012 at 6PM at the Public Works Department

There was no correspondence.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor