



The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, July 16, 2012, 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 Duane Hanson, Vice President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hanson stated that Item b of the Consent Agenda, Second Reading of Ordinance No. 928, is to be removed from the Consent Agenda and returned to the Planning & Zoning Commission for review. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the change as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2012. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #433 - 466 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated July 16, 2012.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

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

There were no Department Reports.

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

Bills

Games of Chance: Southdale Senior Citizens Club for Bingo and Raffle 7/7/12 to 6/30/13

Games of Chance: Sandhill Archers, Inc for Raffle to be held March 3, 2013

Public Hearing 5:45 PM August 6, 2012 for rezoning of Westview 1<sup>st</sup> Addition from Agricultural to Mixed One & Two Family Dwelling District

Request for Public Hearing August 6, 2012 at 5:45 PM and Background Check: Costco Off-Sale Liquor License for 2012-2013

Street Improvement District No. 2221 (Shiloh and Doll's Subdivisions): Approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening August 2, 2012

Change Orders: Street Improvement Districts No. 2213, 2214, 2211 and Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1234

No opposition. Motion carried.

Robert Butts III appeared before the Commission on his request to allow constrictor snakes in the City of West Fargo. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer and Police Chief Arland Rasmussen also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to deny the request to amend the ordinance to allow constrictor snakes. Commissioners Simmons, Bennett and Hanson voting aye. Commissioner Thorstad voting no. Commissioner Mattern absent and not voting. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sidewalk District No. 6050. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to adopt the Resolution Directing Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications, Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications, Resolution Directing Auditor to Advertise for Bids and Resolution Declaring Work Necessary. No opposition. Motion carried.

Police Chief Arland Rasmussen appeared before the Commission on the Third Amendment to the Third Amended and Reconstituted Joint Powers Agreement for software costs for the New World System Software used by cooperating entities at the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to authorize the Mayor and City Auditor to enter into this agreement. No opposition. Motion carried.

Senior Planner Steven Zimmer appeared before the Commission on Oak Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to place on Second Reading Ordinance No. 923 relating to the rezoning of Oak Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition from Agricultural to Light Commercial District and to approve the Final Plat as recommended by Staff. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz and Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission to review Bikeway and Pedestrian Linkages around the Westview 1<sup>st</sup>, Shadow Creek 3<sup>rd</sup> and Furnberg Additions. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer also appeared before the Commission. City Engineer Kevin Bucholz will continue to evaluate the need and warrant for signals and Planning Director Larry Weil will continue to work with the developers. There was no action by the Commission since this was only informational for the Commission at this meeting.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1240 (Oak Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition). Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to award the contract for Sewer, Water, Storm and Street Improvement District No. 1240 to Dakota Underground Company for their bid amount of \$383,951.77 as recommended by City Engineer Kevin Bucholz. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the new agreement with the North Dakota Association of Counties for next generation 911 and recommended approving the agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to authorize the Mayor to enter into this agreement. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no Non-Agenda items.

City Administrator Jim Brownlee gave the following report to Commissioners:

Joint City/Park/School District meeting Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 9AM

Director of Economic Development and Community Services Mark Vaux presented the new marketing piece that was approved by the Economic Development Advisory Committee to promote the community

There was no correspondence.

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

  
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Duane Hanson  
Vice President of the Board

  
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James Brownlee  
City Auditor