

CITY OF OXBOW

Council Meeting Minutes 9-20-2023 Oxbow Country Club

Present: All members present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 6:02 pm.

Motion by Triebold, second by Campbell, to approve the minutes from August 16, 2023. Motion carried.

Building plans – none to discuss

Landscaping plans – motion by Campbell, second by Schulz, to approve the landscaping plans for 233 S Schnell Dr and 229 S Schnell Dr. Motion carried.

Sheriff's report – 41 calls for service, of which 30 were Community Orientated Policing, which is a new requirement from Sheriff Jahner for the deputies to submit. These help the sheriff's department know how much time is being spent in each city/town.

City Engineer update:

- Storm sewer/swale project – will come in about \$45k less if the drain tile option is chosen.
- Street light project – plans to approve to go to bid will be presented at the next meeting.
- Motion by Schulz, second by Triebold, to approve repairing the drainage issue by the park/Dawson lot with the estimation of \$3k. Motion carried.
- Motion by Triebold, second by Schulz, to approve reimbursement request #126 upon the approval from the DA. Motion carried.
- Mill and overlay project – estimated for bids. Riverbend Rd patch up will coincide with the mill and overlay project.
- Motion by Schulz, second by Althoff, to approve the amendment to continue the Diversion Authority project management services. Budget to be increased by \$24k. Motion carried.

Water treatment plant:

- Flow meter was maxed out. Flomax walked Dennis through resetting the meter.
- Sweeney well panels are on hold due to the wait on the blower motor for the heating and cooling system. There was no cost estimate provided.
- Oxbow Circle hydrant has been fixed. Engineer Aakre stated that the hydrant on Sunset will be replaced this week.

Motion by Campbell, second by Triebold, to approve bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Schulz, second by Triebold, to approve financials. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Campbell, to approve the 2024 final budget. Motion carried.

Snow removal equipment update – received a quote from Swanston Equipment to rent a loader for the season for \$5k with 200 hours included. Questions brought up were where would it be stored and who is responsible for the servicing. Althoff commented that the crew got through last year with the equipment that we currently have and it was a tough winter. Triebold to look into quotes from other companies for a larger loader.

Tree disposal area – being that the old driving range land has been purchased and is no longer the site for burning branches, the Mayor, along with David Wood – Superintendent of the golf course, decided to go ahead with the construction of the new burn pile site by the pumphouse on Riverbend Rd. Quality

concrete was brought in to repair the cart path and to add additional concrete for the burn pile. The city planned to fence this area from the street level. Comments from the residents in attendance:

Jim Tallakson – did not know this was happening. How will the residents transport the branches to the site?

Tyler Nelson – Will there be grass clippings dropped? Which in turn will begin to stink? How many times will it be cleaned/burned? Agree on the lack of communication.

Jordon Benson – current lot owner of 744 Riverbend Rd – haven't built yet but will be right across the street from the burn pile. Will it be maintained? Will they get smoked out?

Scott Differding – Why does the city want the liability of burning by a building and houses?

Tami Henke – has trees at her house, but there are not many branches. She burns her branches in her firepit on her patio.

Althoff apologized for the lack of communication from the city.

Motion by Althoff, second by Campbell, to restore the ground back to its original and stop the project. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Campbell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Mayor Jim Nyhof

Stacey Fett – City Auditor