

## **CITY OF OXBOW**

### **Council Meeting Minutes 2-19-2025 Oxbow Country Club**

**Present:** Jim Nyhof, Mark Sanders, Cody Furstenau, Bryan Triebold, Stacey Fett

**Absent:** Mike Bindas

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 5:58 pm.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Triebold, to approve the minutes from January 22, 2025. Motion carried.

Building plans – none to approve.

Landscaping plans – none to approve.

Oxbow Park District review – Oxbow Park Board member, Aja Nyquist, present. Proposed an Oxbow Community Night to be held on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Food trucks, open swim at the Oxbow Country Club, live music at the Country Club, and fireworks at dusk were some of the ideas mentioned. The city contributes to the fireworks every year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, this would be replacing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. As said by Nyquist, this is a great way to strengthen the relationship between the city, park, and country club by having an inclusive event for all residents of Oxbow.

**Sheriff's report** – Sheriff Jahner in attendance to present the 2024 annual report. The report provided budget numbers, breakdown of employees, number of calls for service for Oxbow compared to the entire county, lists of crimes against person, property, and society. The Oxbow annual report was provided via email. If any residents would like to read it, please send a request to Auditor Fett.

**Southern Valley Fire & Rescue** – received report via email. Any requests to view the report can be submitted. Did not discuss the report.

**City Engineer update**: no report. Engineer Aakre was present to receive well replacement suggestions from water guy Dalager.

**Water treatment plant**: everything looks good and running well at the water treatment plant.

Discussion on water/sewer rates – have not been increased in many years. Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to increase the water/sewer rates by \$50 for the quarters 2-4 in 2024 and the first quarter of 2025 and another \$50 starting quarter 2 in 2025. Resident Chase Raymond in attendance to voice his opinion on the increase – not all residents water their lawns continuously throughout the summer, why should his rate increase the same as those that do. The council responded with the water usage is not metered, so it is hard to decipher what residents would be charged more. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Sanders, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve financials. Motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the ProSweep contract for 2025. Rates remain the same as 2024. Motion carried.

Discussion on the yellow plow truck – resident Chase Raymond suggesting taking the truck to the auction in Glencoe, MN. Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to sell the plow truck at auction at a minimum of \$15k. Motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Triebold, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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Mayor Jim Nyhof

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Stacey Fett – City Auditor