



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, May 1, 2006, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons and Brenda Warren. Absent was Bryan Schulz. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern advised that Item No. 1, "Request for repair/replacement of City approach at 537 8th Avenue West", is to be removed from the Regular Agenda and Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4039 is to be added to Non-Agenda. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the changes as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2006. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #179 - 264 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated May 1, 2006 and the Building Permit Monthly Comparison Report for April 2005/ April 2006.

Commissioner Mattern advised that a committee will be formed to look at the City's strengths, weaknesses, etc. every four years, and Chris Barton of the Chamber has agreed to be one of the members.

Commissioner Mattern advised that Superintendent of Schools Charles Cheney met with Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Mattern and a Cass County Commissioner regarding the Senior Citizens Center at the Lodoen Center and would like to form a committee of people who would be willing to look at coming up with some ideas on how to get the Center going. Commissioner Mattern asked that any names be given to him for this committee.

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

Bills

Housing Contract with Cass County Juvenile Detention effective January 1, 2007

Site Authorization Renewal for ShareHouse, Inc. at O'Leary's Pub

Site Authorization Renewal for Red River Human Services Foundation at Town Hall Bar

Site Authorization Renewal for Arthur W. Jones Post 7564 at VFW Club

Games of Chance for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007

Proposal for Acquisition Services for I-94 & 9th Street Interchange – Fargo, ND from SFR Consulting Group, Inc. and Moore Engineering

Revised Assessment District for Sewer & Water Improvement District No. 1179 (Eagle Run 12th Addition) and authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report

Public Hearing May 15, 2006 at 5:45 PM for Lodoen Center Addition rezoning from Single Family and One and Two Family Dwellings to Planned Unit Development

Public Hearing May 15, 2006 at 5:45 PM for Woodlinn West 4th Addition rezoning from Limited Multiple Dwellings to Light Commercial and Planned Unit Development

No opposition. Motion carried.

Building Administrator Mark Housh appeared before the Commission on the Certificate of Occupancy for Paul Hegge at 904 Sheyenne Street and advised that Mr. Hegge is working toward completion of the house. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that Mr. Hegge had paid his \$500.00 fine and apologizes to the Board for not attending the meeting. No action was taken by the City Commission.

Building Administrator Mark Housh appeared before the Commission on the building permit at 932 Parkway Lane for Mark Fournier and advised there has been no progress on the interior of the house; however, the exterior is almost complete. The Commission asked that Mark Housh keep them informed on the progress.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on Sidewalk District No. 6043 and provided the Commission with three additional properties to be added to Sidewalk District No. 6043 (High School Second Addition – Lot 1, Block 1, High School Third Addition – Lot 1, Block 1, and Homestead First Addition – Lot 32, Block 1). Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adopt the Resolution Declaring Work Necessary for Sidewalk District No. 6043 to include the three additions. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded that the FM Metropolitan Council of Governments, along with help from the West Fargo staff, update the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, at no cost to the City since it is a member of the organization. No opposition. Motion carried.

The background check from Detective Derek Cruff of the West Fargo Police Department for Ricky Anderson for the Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License at 701 E. Main Avenue was provided to each of the Commissioners. A public hearing was held on the Retail Liquor/Beer License application for Workzone at 701 E. Main Avenue, West Fargo, ND. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the liquor license application. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 4-427.2.14 providing for Automobile Repair Shops and Major Mechanical Work as Permitted Uses within the Light Commercial District. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer and Senior Planner Steve Zimmer also appeared before the Commission. A public hearing was held. Don Spieker appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to place the Zoning Ordinance Amendment on First Reading as recommended by Staff. No opposition. Motion carried.

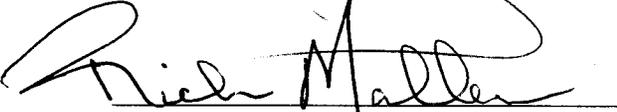
Senior Planner Steve Zimmer appeared before the Commission on the rezoning from Single Family Dwelling District to Public Facilities and from One & Two Family Dwellings to Public Facilities part of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2, Block 1 of High School 3rd Addition and Lot 32, Block 1 of Homestead 1st Addition, West Fargo, ND. A public hearing was held. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to place the rezoning on First Reading as recommended by Staff. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4039. City Auditor Jim Brownlee and Planning Director Larry Weil also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, it was agreed that Planning Director Larry Weil and his Staff should receive information for this project. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to create Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4039 and authorize City Auditor Jim Brownlee to purchase the property. No opposition. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the City Commission Meeting to be held May 29, 2006 which is Memorial Day. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded that no meeting will be held May 29, 2006. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattern provided the letter of April 25, 2006, from the Lake Agassiz Council to each of the Commissioners.

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



Jim Brownlee
City Auditor