



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, May 7, 2007, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett and Mark Simmons. Absent were Brenda Warren and 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 d of the Consent Agenda should read "rezoning of Goldenwood 3rd Addition to Single Family Dwellings and One and Two Family Dwellings", Item No. 4 of the Regular Agenda should include "Resolution Determining that Not Sufficient Protests were Filed on Improvement in Street Improvement District No. 2193" and "Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License" from JDR Productions is to be added to Non-Agenda. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the change and additions as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Minutes of April 30, 2007. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed 2007 Building Permits #174 – 212 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated May 7, 2007, and the Building Department Monthly Comparison Report for April 2006/April 2007.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

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

Bills

Appointment of David Mattson to the West Fargo Airport Authority to replace Benji Cunningham who resigned as of June 1, 2007. Appointment is a fill term to December 2011

Games of Chance for Low Rise Community Center for Bingo and Raffle to be held July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Public Hearing May 21, 2007 on the rezoning of Goldenwood 3rd Addition to Single Family Dwelling and One & Two Family Dwellings

Final Plat of Elmwood Court 3rd Addition (Reapproval)

Engineer's Report for Street Improvement District No. 2194 (Public Works Facility – Public Parking Lot), authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications, approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on May 31, 2007

No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee reported on the final League of Cities report and gave an update on legislation. Senator Judy Lee also appeared before the Commission to provide results of the 2007 Legislation.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on Special Assessments for the following districts:

Water and Sewer Improvement Districts No. 1148, 1182, 1184, 1189, 1195,

Street Improvement Districts No. 2157, 2182, 2186, 2188

Street Light Improvement District No. 7072

Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4038

A public hearing was held on Water and Sewer Improvement Districts No. 1148, 1182, 1184 and 1195, Street Improvement Districts No. 2186 and 2188, Street Light Improvement District No. 7072 and Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4038. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

The Board considered the question of approval of the assessment lists for Water and Sewer Improvement Districts No. 1148, 1182, 1184 and 1195, Street Improvement Districts No. 2186 and 2188, Street Light Improvement District No. 7072 and Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4038 as confirmed by the Special Assessment Commission of the City of West Fargo. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded that the assessment lists for Water and Sewer Improvement Districts No. 1148, 1182, 1184 and 1195, Street Improvement Districts No. 2186 and 2188, Street Light Improvement District No. 7072 and Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 4038 of the City of West Fargo, be and the same are hereby confirmed. No opposition. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 1189. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. The Board considered the question of approval of the assessment list for Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 1189 as confirmed by the Special Assessment Commission of the City of West Fargo. After meeting with several landowners in the district, it was decided by City Staff that the assessments on eight of the properties in the district should be lowered. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the assessment list for Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 1189 of the City of West Fargo, as amended by the City Commission of the City of West Fargo, be and the same is hereby confirmed as amended and attached hereto. No opposition. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on Street Improvement District No. 2157. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the assessment list for Street Improvement District No. 2157 of the City of West Fargo, be and the same is hereby confirmed. No opposition. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on Street Improvement District No. 2182. Nancy Loberg of 2503 Sheyenne Street appeared before the Commission. The hearing was closed. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the assessment list for Street Improvement District No. 2182 of the City of West Fargo, be and the same is hereby confirmed. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on Eagle Run Plaza 1st Addition. A public hearing was held. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to place the rezoning of Eagle Run Plaza 1st Addition from Light Commercial to Planned Unit Development on First Reading and to approve the Final Plat subject to the conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on Street Improvement District No. 2193 (32nd Avenue East – Sheyenne Street to 9th Street East). Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adopt the “Resolution Determining that Not Sufficient Protests were Filed on Improvement in Street Improvement District No. 2193”. No opposition. Motion carried.

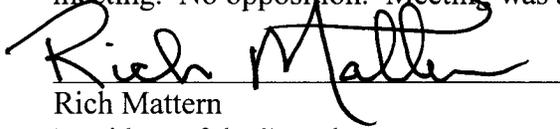
City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Street Improvement District No. 2193 (32nd Avenue East – Sheyenne Street to 9th Street East) and advised that due to an error on the low bid of Northern Improvement Company and their request to withdraw the bid, recommends to award the bid to Border States Paving, Inc. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to award the bid to Border States Paving, Inc. for their bid amount of \$724,500.00. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission to announce City Assessor Wanda Wilcox as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award as of March 31, 2007. A plaque and token of appreciation was presented to City Assessor Wanda Wilcox.

The Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License from JDR Productions was reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to schedule a Public Hearing on this request for June 4, 2007, at 5:45 PM and to forward the application to the Police Department for a background check.

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