



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Brenda Warren, Bryan Schulz, Lou Bennett and Mark Simmons. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, Chairman of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern advised that reapproval of the Final Plat for McDougall First Subdivision and the Jim Brownlee letter are to be added to Non-Agenda. Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the additions as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2007, and the Budget Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2007. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #538 - 577 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated September 4, 2007 and the Building Department Monthly Comparison Report for August 2006/August 2007.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

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

Bills

Games of Chance for Harlan Muhlenbeck Benefit for raffle to be held September 27, 2007, at the Speedway Event Center

Games of Chance for Stars and Strikes Youth Program for raffle to be held December 14, 2007, at Stars and Strikes

Site Authorization for Games of Chance for West Fargo Fire Department at Pistol Petes

Reapproval of the Final Plat for Center at 7th Addition

No opposition. Motion carried.

Barry Nelson, representing Healthy Communities Partnership, appeared before the Commission to review the program and request funds of \$20,000 in the 2008 Budget. Police Chief Arland Rasmussen, Senator Judy Lee, President of the West Fargo High School Student Council Alex Windjue and Dr. Dana Diesel-Wallace also appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Mattern advised that this request will be discussed at the 2008 Budget Meeting following this meeting.

City Assessor Wanda Wilcox appeared before the Commission on the request from Birchtree Investments for a five year remodeling exemption at 522 Morrison Street, West Fargo, ND. After discussion, Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to grant the five year remodeling exemption. No opposition. Motion carried.

Senior Planner Steve Zimmer appeared before the Commission on the request from Sean McAllister for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile sales at 225 East Main Avenue. This item was continued from the August 20, 2007 City Commission Meeting in order to have Mr. McAllister present at the meeting. Since Mr. McAllister was not in attendance, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to again table this matter to the September 17, 2007, City Commission Meeting. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request for use of City Right of Way for Parking Lot/Driveway at 601 First Avenue East. Brent Tabor with Goldmark also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the request and authorize City Attorney Brian Neugebauer to prepare an agreement. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Engineer Kevin Bucholz appeared before the Commission on Sewer & Water Improvement District No. 1193 (Shadow Wood Addition). Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to award the contract for Sewer & Water Improvement District No. 1193 to Master Construction Co., Inc., for their bid amount of \$2,717,465. No opposition. Motion carried.

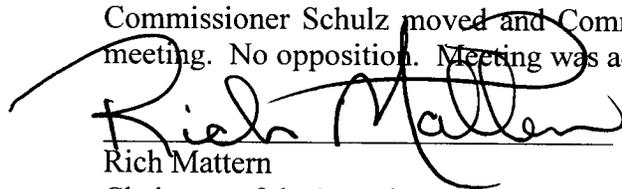
City Auditor Jim Brownlee appeared before the Commission for approval to purchase Lot 3, Block 2 of Eagle Run 12th Addition for a future Fire/Police Station at a cost of \$180,000.00 (45,000 square feet at \$4.00 per square foot). Fire Chief Roy Schatschneider also appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the purchase of this lot. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission for reapproval of McDougall First Subdivision. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the Final Plat of McDougall First Subdivision. No opposition. Motion carried.

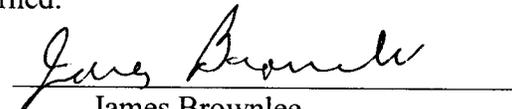
Commissioner Warren reviewed the recent article in The Fargo Forum regarding City Auditor Jim Brownlee painting a "dire picture" for taxes if there was a smoking ban and the fact that correspondence had been received requesting tax information, a response mailed by City Auditor Jim Brownlee and no copies kept in the Auditor's office. Commissioner Warren advised that this procedure has been addressed with the Auditor's office and will be corrected in the future. Bette Deede of Fargo Cass Public Health also appeared before the Commission.

There was no Correspondence.

Commissioner Schulz moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
Chairman of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor