



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons and Mike Thorstad. Absent was Bryan Schulz. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

Commissioner Mattern advised that City Attorney Brian Neugebauer has asked that Cost Participation Construction Maintenance Agreement for an Urban Federal Aid Project (bike path) be discussed under Non-Agenda. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the addition as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2009 and the Board of Equalization Minutes of April 14, 2009. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #35 - 46 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated April 20, 2009.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

The Auditor's Reports for March 2009 were received by the City Commission.

The Sanitation Department Report for March 2009 was received by the City Commission.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Thorstad asked if there was a way citizens could be involved in committees if they so choose to be appointed. City Auditor James Brownlee advised that he would review the City's procedure on appointments.

Bills

Gaming Site Authorization: Veterans Incorporated at Frontier Bar July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Special Sunday Opening April 26, 2009: West Fargo VFW

Site Authorization Renewal: Red River Human Services Foundation at Town Hall Bar (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

Games of Chance: Packers Helping Alleviate Trouble (P.H.A.T. Fund) – raffle May 15, 2009 at the West Fargo VFW

Games of Chance: West Fargo Baseball 14 year old Team – raffle July 8, 2009 at Spitfire

Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1214 (Eagle Run -- Phase II): approve Engineer's Report and authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications

Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1215 (Westport Beach 2nd Addition – Phase III): create Assessment District, authorize City Engineer to prepare Engineer's Report, approve Engineer's Report and authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications

Street Improvement District No. 2202 (Nelson Acres/Westport Beach Additions): approve Revised Engineer's Report, authorize City Engineer to prepare Plans and Specifications and approve Resolution of Necessity

Reappointment of Wayne Nelson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a second term through April 2014

No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on the Sale of Bonds. Mike Manstrom of Dougherty & Company LLC reviewed the bid information and the Moody's Report. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$10,000,000 City of West Fargo General Obligation Arterial Street Bonds of 2009 and to award the bid to Dougherty & Company LLC/Northland Securities/Bernardi Securities, Inc. (Joint Managers) at a purchase price of \$9,917,342.85 with a net effective rate of 3.7311 %. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission on the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation Memo of Understanding. Ron Robson, Chairman of Greater FM EDC, Brian Walters, President of the GFMEDC, Clair Vigesaa, Vice president of the GFMEDC, Chuck Crary of Cass County GIF, Marshall McCullough of West Fargo EDAC, Scott Wagner, Cass County Commissioner, Bernie Dardis of WF EDAC, and Brad Schmidt, Chair of WF EDAC also appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Mattern advised this discussion is informational at this meeting and there will be no vote since Commissioner Schulz is not in attendance at the meeting. Brian Walters advised that Barnesville, Dilworth, Fargo and Casselton have approved the Memo of Understanding. The cities of Moorhead and West Fargo have not approved the MOU. A discussion was held and this item will be placed on the May 4, 2009 City Commission Agenda for a vote.

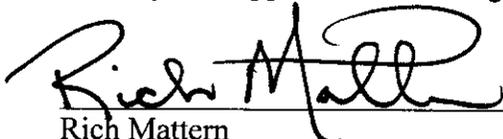
Nolan Carlson appeared before the Commission on his request to consider reprogramming the alarm system (sirens) to a once a month systems check to keep from disturbing the public. Police Chief Arland Rasmussen recommended the daily siren system for safety factors. Fire Chief Roy Schatschneider also recommended the daily siren system. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to deny the request from Nolan Carlson. No opposition. Motion carried.

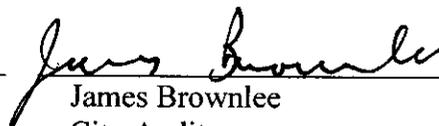
City Planner Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Tom and Chris McDougall for a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of an accessory building at 1724 40th Avenue West (detached garage larger than 1000 square feet). After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission and subject to the condition listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Attorney Brian Neugebauer advised that the Cost Participation Construction Maintenance Agreement for an Urban Federal Aid Project (bike path) will be placed on the May 4, 2009 City Commission Agenda rather than discussed under Non-Agenda at tonight's meeting.

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