



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

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Lou Bennett, Mark Simmons, Mike Thorstad and Duane Hanson. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern advised that item b of the Consent Agenda should read "bi-weekly" rather than bi-monthly, "Award 2011 equipment bids per recommendation of Public Works Director Barry Johnson" is to be added to the Consent Agenda and "Downtown Study Review Committee" will be discussed under Non-Agenda. Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the change and additions as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2010. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed Building Permits #639 – 645 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated January 3, 2011 and the Building Permit Valuation Report for 2009 Valuation/2010 Valuation.

Commissioner Simmons and Public Works Director Barry Johnson gave an update on the street work due to the storms. Resident Wally Tintes asked that the Commission and Public Works Director Barry Johnson consider a moratorium on sidewalk cleaning for the next 3-4 months. Commissioner Simmons stated that he would talk to Staff on this request.

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

Bills

Change in Personnel Policy to go to a bi-weekly pay period

Approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Advertisement for Bids with bid opening on January 27, 2011 for Sewer and Water Improvement District No. 1221 (Shadow Wood 4th Addition)

Award 2011 Equipment Bids as recommended by Public Works Director Barry Johnson

No opposition. Motion carried.

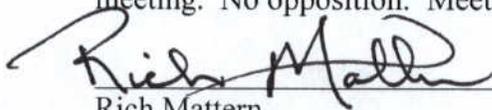
Commissioner Bennett asked that the motion from the December 6, 2010, City Commission Meeting to forward the request by Doug Buehre of 506 4th Avenue NW for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes to the County without a recommendation be reconsidered by the City Commission. Commissioner Bennett then moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to recommend denial of this request by Doug Buehre. No opposition. Motion carried. Doug Buehre appeared before the Commission.

Commissioner Mattern advised that the Army Corps of Engineers has asked the City of West Fargo to respond by January 31, 2011, with reasons why the Red River Diversion should not be connected to West Fargo's Diversion, and asked for discussion and or a vote on this matter. Commissioner Mattern recommended that for now the City still support the diversion but send the Corps of Engineers a letter stating some of the reasons why it should be moved west. Commissioner Thorstad agreed that the alignment should be to the west. The Commission agreed that direct communications with West Fargo are next to non-existent. Commissioner Hanson stated that supporting a diversion is supporting flood plain development no matter where it is placed. Residents Wally Tintes, Snyder Gokey and Tom Beaton appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers supporting a westerly path on the diversion at this point and provide document support from technical and legal teams. No opposition. Motion carried.

Senior Planner Steven Zimmer reviewed the Preliminary Study Review Committee Members for the Downtown Redevelopment Study and advised there will be a Leadership Forum with the consultant and Planning & Zoning members and City Commission members next Monday from 6PM to 7PM in the City Commission Chambers.

There was no correspondence

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



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor