

**Rutland City Council
September 9, 2024**

The monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 5p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council members Anderson, Erickson, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor and City Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the agenda with one item added. Motion carried unanimously.

Lysne/Erickson moved approval of the August 5, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the July financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

City Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite asked about the City projects on the State DWSRF funding project list. The water tower and the water main lines are on the list and could be renewed. He stated that any projects under \$50,000 are not worth obtaining the State funding. The Council discussed the need to replace fire hydrants and will begin with the main street hydrants as part of the sidewalk project. Bassingthwaite said that the City should hire someone to replace the main street hydrants prior to starting the sidewalk project. Hydrant replacement would be around \$10,000 each and probably about \$25,000 to replace two of them. SRF has 2% loans that can help with some projects. The City will bid the sidewalk project in February and then develop plans. He noted that the ADA sidewalk slope requirements have changed so those will be done as part of the sidewalk project.

Council President Erickson said the old City well is not working due to a hole in the pump that was installed in about 1985. A new motor was installed in 1999. The City obtained an estimate to replace the pump and motor which is about \$13,000. The well able is brittle and the City may not want to keep an old motor and install a new pump. The well cannot be abandoned as it is a backup water supply for the City. The City Auditor suggested that the cost of the well replacement could be covered by Municipal Infrastructure Fund (the Prairie Pothole Fund) as that would be an acceptable project for the use of the funds. The Council agreed that the work needs to be done and should proceed.

Lysne/McLaen moved to accept the estimate from Wieber Drilling for the well work including a new motor, pump, and cabling for an approximate cost of \$12,974.40 to be paid from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund. Motion carried.

McLaen/Lysne moved acceptance of the financial report for August as presented. Motion carried.

Anderson/Lysne moved approval of the payment of bills:

ACH	Waste Management	\$ 1,717.90	13851	US Treasury	260.84
ACH	Waste Management	107.85	13852	Deborah Banish	1,368.71
ACH	DRN	147.03	13853	Joe's Ag Supply	120.00
ACH	ND Job Service	78.10	13854	J. Deere Financial	94.94
13846	Scott Haan	1,321.01	13855	Michael Mahrer	46.00
13847	Scott Haan	1,340.85	13856	ND League of Cities	275.00
13848	Scott Haan	119.72	13857	ND One Call	6.00
13849	Walock-Johnson Ins.	1,462.00	13858	Scott Haan	1,204.69
13850	Otter Tail Power	1,220.16	13859	SE Water	1,247.64

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported one delinquent at this time. The Council stated that if there is no payment received by September 23, the delinquent account should be immediately disconnected. The Auditor reported if there is no payment the account may be assessed to the property in October.

The Auditor reported that DRN will be providing an estimate for three external security cameras to be placed at the Hall.

Council Member Anderson reported that Greg Donaldson asked him why he pays \$164.00 for Street improvements on his property taxes. He did not own the property at the time he purchased the lot and the street does not reach his lot. Erickson noted that there is no recourse on a special tax that has been approved.

The Mayor reported that the Park Board Frisbee golf court is getting installed. The course will be near the city municipal waste site so the gate will be moved to the end of the road. Some items stored in the site area can be sold such as chain link rolls and the large rack. McLaen said the bicycle rack belongs to the Park Board.

McLaen reported that the Community Club had hired Off the Wall in Britton to do a canvas hamburger for the sign. That is no longer an option and the sign will be painted around the 13-15th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 7, beginning with the 2025 budget public hearing.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor