

**CITY OF GRAFTON
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grafton, North Dakota was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Mayor Chris West presided. Members present: Dave Fellman, Don Hutson, Chris Lipsh, Shane Mohn, Phil Ray, Brian Sieben, and Mary Stark. Member Greg Young was out of town and participated via telephone. Others present: Nick Hall, Tony Dumas, Kevin Sevigny, Rock Desautel, Russ Geddes, Jayce Schumacher, Shirley Burns, and Todd Morgan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor West announced Agenda item 9.2 – Presentation regarding an indoor play place will be removed from the agenda at the request of the presenter. He asked if any Council member wanted to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. As no one did, it was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Fellman to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes:

- a) City Council regular meeting of February 10, 2020 and special meeting of March 2, 2020.
- b) Ways and Means Committee regular meeting of March 2, 2020.
- c) Public Utilities Committee regular meeting of March 2, 2020.

4.2 Reports of Officers:

- a) City Auditor-Treasurer
- b) Municipal Judge
- c) Chief of Police
- d) Building Official
- e) Parks and Recreation
- f) Others, if any

On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Mohn, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed: None. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

BILLS, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Mr. Mohn and seconded by Mr. Fellman that the General, Special, Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Enterprise Funds bills be approved for payment in accordance with the listing submitted; said listing to be a part of these minutes as if herein set out verbatim. On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Mohn, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed: None. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

On recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee, it was moved by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Ray to approve the application for a special event alcoholic beverage license from Polly's Lounge, Inc. at the Centennial Center on March 28-29 from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. for the Mega Raffle Hockey. On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Mohn, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed. None. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

On recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee, it was moved by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Ray to approve the application for a special event alcoholic beverage license from Grafton Co. d/b/a Extra End at Centennial Center April 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the Fireman's Annual Fundraiser. Mr. Mohn recused himself as he is a member of the Fire Department. On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed: None. Recused: Mr. Mohn. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

On recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee, it was moved by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Sieben to approve the application for possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas special event permit submitted by the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce for the Beer & Bacon Bash on Thursday, March 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The licensed vendors are those included with the application. Shirley Burns, Chamber Director asked to add the Extra End to the list of participating businesses. It was moved by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Hutson to approve the application with the addition. On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Mohn, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed: None. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing new to report about the Flood Risk Reduction Project and Storm Sewer and Lift Station Project until the weather allows for startup. The southside storm sewer lift station was pumped. The Street/Wastewater Superintendent reported the Master Lift generator has been wired so work is complete except for startup.

Jayce Schumacher was present to report a 2020 Census preparation meeting was held on February 18th. The Regional Census Representative, Peggy Ann Archer, was at the meeting and shared more information on the Census. March 12 is the date the Census link will go live on the Census website. Ms. Schumacher serves as the Family Engagement Coordinator at the Grafton Public Schools and the School will be sending information to families. The School will also have an open house April 2nd where they will make computers available for families to take the Census. March 16-24 residents will receive a reminder letter if they have not responded yet. The Census Bureau is encouraging everyone to complete the Census online; this is the first time that is an option. Ms. Schumacher stressed the need for Census takers in the community; the wage is \$18-\$23 per hour and you will be paid for mileage and training.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Hutson to approve the application for special event alcoholic beverage license from Last Chance Bar & Grill at the Strand Theater Friday, March 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Take a Chance Movie Night. On roll call vote the following voted in favor thereof: Mr. Fellman, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Lipsh, Mr. Mohn, Mr. Ray, Mr. Sieben, Ms. Stark, and Mr. Young. Those opposed: None. Mayor West declared the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first day to circulate a petition for an elected position in the City of Grafton was January 1, 2020; deadline to file is 4:00 p.m. April 6, 2020. The City election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Mayor West reported that Homme Dam has opened the reservoir so more water is in the Park River; he warned citizens to stay off the river as ice will be thin and very dangerous.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Mohn, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Mayor

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor