

**CITY OF GRAFTON
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the City of Grafton was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota at 5:30 p.m. Monday, November 4, 2019.

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Dave Fellman, Don Hutson, Chris Lipsh, and Shane Mohn. Others present: Greg Young, Brian Sieben, Phil Ray, Mary Stark, Tony Dumas, Kevin Sevigny, Russ Geddes, Todd Morgan, and Shirley Burns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Applications for Walsh County ½-Mill Self-Help grant have been received from the Grafton Sunshine Senior Citizens Club for operating expenses and the Angel of Hope Memorial. It was moved by Mr. Lipsh to recommend the City Council approve donating the Self-Help funds to the Angel of Hope Memorial. Mr. Mohn seconded the motion. All members were present and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

Chairperson West announced the balance in the Round Up account is \$50.99.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Mohn to recommend the City Council renew the lease for the Armory kitchen and dining room with the Walsh County Meals for Seniors. Mr. Hutson asked if the rent should be increased since the lease has remained unchanged for 5 years. Following discussion, the City Auditor was directed to bring the matter up for consideration next July or August for 2021's contract. All members were present and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

The Committee considered the lease for the Armory community room with the Grafton Senior Club. The Club has been advised the City Council may be increasing their rent which is currently \$100 per month. Chairperson West said he would like to prepare the Club that the City will be increasing their monthly rental rate by a small amount each year so they can plan for it. The Auditor noted the Club owns most of the portable contents of the community room, which are used by all renters and she believes the City should replace the equipment as it becomes obsolete and worn. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Mohn and seconded by Mr. Lipsh to recommend the City Council approve the Grafton Senior Club lease for the Armory community room with a rental rate increase to \$125.00 per month. All members were present and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

The City Auditor reported the City Attorney has recommended the consideration of the on sale beer and on sale wine application submitted by Mike1Hospitality, d/b/a AmericInn be tabled until the City Council meeting on November 12th. The City Attorney is checking to see if the City ordinance, which requires liquor applicants to be US citizens, is a legal requirement. Police

Chief Dumas said there are many different statuses available to non-US citizens that give them the right to be employed or own businesses.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson West reminded the members that the City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh, seconded by Mr. Hutson and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor