

**North Powder Special City Council Meeting**  
**June 23, 2022**  
**6:00PM New City Hall Building (340E Street)**

Attendance: Mayor John Frieboes, Councilors Justin Wright, Joyce Lawyer, Jeff Grende, Logan McCrae and Vicki Townsend, City Recorder Beth Wendt, Barbara Weeks, Jeff Nielsen, and Mary Jones.  
Councilor Mike Morse was excused.

Mayor John Frieboes called the special meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

John asked for approval of the minutes from the May 23<sup>rd</sup> budget meeting. Joyce moved to approve the minutes from May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Logan seconded. Motion carried with 4 yes. Jeff abstained.

John asked if there were questions or comments on the approved budget. Joyce asked about water and sewer rate increases. Beth explained that the budget includes an option for a \$10 increase in sewer rates and a \$5 increase in water rates but it will be up to the Council to decide how much, if any, will be applied.

Logan read Resolution #2022-R-7 electing to receive State Revenues for 2022-2023. He made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-R7. Jeff seconded. All were in favor.

Beth made sure everyone in attendance had copies of the approved budget which included a copy of Resolution #2022-R6. Logan read Resolution #2022-R-6 to adopt the approved budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 in the aggregate amount of \$7,941,847 and levying a property tax at the rate of \$4.3114 per \$1000 value. Logan then made a motion to pass Resolution #2022-R6 adopting the budget and levying a taxes for 2022-2023. Vicki seconded. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 council member absent.

**Misc. Old Business-**

John commented that the first Monday of July is a holiday. Usually, we would meet on the following Monday, July 11th. However, since John will be out of town, he wondered if it could be moved to Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. After a brief discussion, it was decided the next meeting would be Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the new City Hall.

Beth noted that it is time to do annual employee reviews. She asked if the Council would like to have an executive session before the next meeting. An executive session will be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular Council meeting.

Logan noted that the City Hall project is, to all intents and purposes, complete. We are still waiting on metal siding for under the windows and we need to mark handicap parking. There are also a couple of light fixtures that need to be secured. We had an inspection and were given temporary occupancy approval until those things are fixed. John has talked to Sheriff Bowan about getting some inmates to help move the big stuff. Some of it may have to be stored in the back room until we have a chance to figure everything out. Logan noted that we are within budget for labor but we went over about \$200 for supplies. Beth interjected that we still have a few things to return for credit. Logan estimated that the electrical work should be around \$6000-\$7000. John added that EONI will be here next week to connect the internet. Beth commented that we are shooting for July 7<sup>th</sup> to be moving day. Logan remarked that the total project was about \$50,000. He proposed that we move forward with cleaning up the small bathroom. He estimated the total cost should be no more than \$4500. That includes a new sink, toilet, and light fixture.

Vicki wondered about security cameras. Joyce thought we should have a glass division over the front counter. Logan thought that could be added later if we feel it needs to be done.

Justin stated that Kay Patterson has an original Ice Cutter from the old Ice Plant that she would like to donate to the City. Vicki has an old aerial map that she felt should come back to the City.

Joyce thought we should make a list of things that the town needs, including work on the water and sewer systems. Beth reminded that water and sewer things have to come from the water and sewer funds. Logan

felt we should do the bathroom next. Beth noted that we had \$10,000 included in the budget for miscellaneous things that we may find we need in the new office, such as blinds, floor mats, chairs, etc.

Beth reminded that the risk assessment surveys from Solutions CPAs need to be completed and returned to them as soon as possible.

John asked if we had a date for the SCA grant project. Beth thought they would be here around the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Beth Wendt  
City Recorder