

North Powder Special City Council Meeting
June 19, 2023
6PM City Hall

Attendance: Mayor John Frieboes, Councilors Logan McCrae, Vicki Townsend and Jeff Grende, City Recorder Beth Wendt.

Others: Jeff & Wynn Nielsen, Dave Hoene, Mike Schoeningh, Barbara Weeks, Mary Jones, Shorty Schwehr, Joyce Lawyer, & Jason Bingham.

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

Agenda: Jeff asked to move the library floor plan and the letter of interest for the open Council position to the next regular meeting. Beth explained the reason the library floor plan was on the agenda was because if we wait July 10th it puts too much of a time crunch in getting everything done in time to apply for the CDBG grant this year. Jeff verified that it was just for approval of a basic floor plan. Vicki asked if we could wait until August to deal with the council position. Jeff felt that as we have an applicant, we should go ahead and deal with it at the July meeting. He made a motion to amend the agenda and move the council position to the regular meeting. Logan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: John asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 22nd budget meeting. Logan made the motion. Vicki seconded. Motion carried with Logan and Vicki in favor. Jeff abstained as he hadn't read the minutes.

New Business:

2023-2024 Budget- John asked for questions or comments on the budget. As Budget Committee President Shorty Schwehr presented the approved budget to the Council for adoption. The budget was approved for a total of \$10,075,724 as opposed to last year's budget of \$7,941,847.

Resolution #2023-R3- Logan read Resolution #2023-R3, adopting a budget and levying property taxes for 2023-2024. The budget was appropriated as \$177,825 in the General Fund, \$122,153 in the Library Fund, \$174,422 in Water, \$164,406 in Sewer, \$1,121,284 in Street & Park fund, \$22,000 to Fire, \$4,373,078 to General Capital Reserves, \$3,920,528 to the Water-Sewer Capital Reserves, and \$29 to Wastewater Improvement for a total of \$10,075,724. The Resolution was passed with a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

Resolution #2023-R4- Logan read Resolution #2023-R4, a resolution electing to receive State Revenues for 2023-2024. Jeff moved to accept Resolution #2023-R4. Logan seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution #2023-R5 – Logan read Resolution #2023-R5 resolving to transfer \$2000 from budget line item #9000, Contingency, in the general fund, to payroll adjustment, line Item #5099 in the 2022-2023 budget. Logan moved to pass Resolution #2023-R5. Vicki seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution #2023-R6 – Logan read Resolution #2023-R6 resolving to transfer \$2331 from budget line item #9000, Contingency, in the water fund, to payroll adjustment, line Item #5099 for 2022-2023. Logan moved to pass Resolution #2023-R6. Jeff seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution #2023-R7 – Logan read Resolution #2023-R7 resolving to transfer \$2000 from budget line item #9000, Contingency, in the sewer fund, to payroll adjustment, line Item #5099, and to transfer an additional \$3766 from Contingency to line item #6051, chemicals, for a total of \$5766 for 2022-2023. Logan moved to pass Resolution #2023-R7. Vicki seconded. All were in favor.

Resolution #2023-R8 – Logan read Resolution #2023-R8 resolving to transfer \$2000 from budget line item #9000, Contingency, in the street fund, to payroll adjustment, line Item #5099 for 2022-2023. Logan moved to pass Resolution #2023-R8. Vicki seconded. All were in favor.

Beth noted that it was mentioned at the last meeting about moving some of the ARPA Funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Jason felt it would be best not to do that in 2023-2024 because it has

already been set in the General Fund and in order to change it, we would have to re-open the budget. We have quite a bit in the water/sewer reserve that can be transferred if we need it this year. He suggested we wait to make the transfer next year during the budget process.

Old Business:

Library Floor Plan- John reiterated that this was just a preliminary floor plan so that we have something to work with to get cost estimates to apply for a block grant. Once we receive a grant, we will hire an architect and go through the complete planning process to get exactly what we want. Vicki made a motion to accept the proposed plan. Beth thought we should acknowledge the changes. Logan agreed that a single unisex ADA restroom made more sense than two separate restrooms. The design may not be perfect, but we will get there. Vicki pointed out that it would have an emergency exit at the back between the meeting room and the library. There were no further comments. Vicki made a motion to accept the plans with a single unisex restroom, a smaller vestibule and a door at the back for an emergency exit. Logan seconded. All were in favor. Beth will submit the approved plan to the architect who will help get cost estimates for the block grant application.

Fire Department Contract-Beth remarked that the current agreement expires July 1st. Logan noted the only changes were that it included a 2.5% annual increase instead of 5%, and it is for 3 years instead of one. The Rural Fire Department has agreed to the changes. Everything else remains the same. Logan made a motion to enter into the intergovernmental agreement between the City of North Powder and the North Powder Rural Fire Department. Vicki seconded. All were in favor. Joyce asked if the RFD had totally ruled out annexation. Logan said no but it is on the City to convince residents.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Beth Wendt
City Recorder