

City Council Meeting
July 8, 2024

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of July 8, 2024 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Taylor.

Present: Alex Taylor, Ken Skuza, Dave Fryda, Mike Dirk, Jerry Orth and Auditor Del Kolke

Organization:

Newly elected council members completed Oaths of Office.

Serving as President of the council will be Mike Dirk and Dave Fryda will be Vice President.

Taylor assigned portfolios:

Taylor – Personnel

Dirk – Water, Sewer, Garbage, Streets

Fryda – Electric

Orth – Water Treatment Facility

Skuza – Campground

Orth moved to approve check signing authority for financial accounts with Bravera Bank and Bank of North Dakota to Alex Taylor, mayor; Mike Dirk, council president; and Delerie Kolke, city auditor with removal of Garth Zimbelman on accounts. Fryda seconded. Motion carried.

Dirk moved to appoint city officers. Fryda seconded. Motion carried.

Del Kolke – City Auditor

Moore Engineering – City Engineer

Orth moved to approve the consent agenda with addition to agenda to include McLean-Mercer Regional Library. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Guests:

Grant Dockter, Moore Engineering, reported DL Barkie has completed all gate valve installations and restoration. Moore Engineering representatives and city staff have completed final inspection and all necessary punch list items have been addressed. Orth moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for a decrease of \$2,191.00 in total project cost. Fryda seconded. Motion carried. Dirk moved to approve Pay Request No. 4 for \$77,970.00. Orth seconded. Motion carried. Water tower painting is tentatively scheduled for September and water treatment facility valves will be addressed in October.

Steve Cottingham, McLean-Mercer Regional Library board member, would like more definite options for the library to consider due to the plaza building condition. The library may be able to pay rent and city encourages ownership of the building be transferred to the library. Work will continue on proposals.

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Old Business:

Dirk moved to assess a \$25.00 charge, beginning in spring 2025, for appliances containing refrigerants deposited at the landfill. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Orth moved to renew law enforcement services with McLean County Sheriff's Dept. for 2025. Skuza seconded. Discussion ensued. Orth retracted motion and JR Kerzmann will be invited to August city council meeting.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 44 is tabled until August meeting.

Preliminary budget was discussed briefly and will be placed on August meeting agenda for further review. Due to budget submission deadline, the August meeting will be held Tuesday, August 6 rather than Monday, August 12.

Reports:

Taylor noted a change to underground electrical service for Reel Convenience will be pursued by the owner. The city will install a 25kv ground mount transformer for the new service line.

Fryda explained the recent power outage was due to a lightning strike at the Corps switchgear and a breaker issue was the cause of the second interruption. A scheduled outage will take place on Wednesday, July 10 from approximately 2:00 – 3:00 to address maintenance items.

Fire Dept. reported a very chaotic event at the ball field on July 4th. There were a couple of small fires and large amounts of trash left scattered throughout the area. Additionally, many folks in town were shooting off fireworks on their property. Possible changes to the current fireworks policy may be implemented as non-compliance of current rules is causing dangerous situations.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Executive Officer: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Auditor