The Garrison City Council met Monday October 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Diffely, David Reinarts, David Jeffrey, Curt Olson, and Billee Jo Iglehart. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher and Chief of Police Tesch. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Iglehart to approve the city council minutes with corrections. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey. Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Chief of Police monthly Calls for Service and Citation Report were reviewed.

At 7:05 pm the 2023 Budget Hearing was held. No one present. The final budget was reviewed showing a decrease in mills from 66.66 to 62.77.

At 7:10 pm the handicap ramp bids presented. No bids were received.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher reported employees are flushing hydrants, sweeping leaves, and prepping for winter. The water plant project continues.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Diffely to approve the city auditor’s monthly financial report. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey, Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The municipal court report for September was presented.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt gave her monthly report. Published the handicap ramp bid advertisement. Performed web site updates. Sent letters on non-registered vehicles to trailer park residents. 2023 preliminary budget hearing was published. Attended NDLC conference in Grand Forks.

Moved by Jeffrey, seconded by Olson to approve bills submitted for payment. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey, Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

US Postmaster Postage 120.00

Verizon Wireless Cell phones 456.41

One Call Concepts Inc Fax calls 44.20

Circle Sanitation Service City garbage/landfill 426.50

Garrison Park Board State revenue 3,155.62

ARAMARK Services 438.61

Krause’s Super Valu Copy paper 79.00

Jessen Roofing Repairs 1,250.00

Garrison Lumber Supplies 8.99

NorDak North Publishing & supplies 272.94

Flowers N Things Flowers 60.00

LinkHR Manual 180.00

Stu Merry Mileage/meals 356.37

David Reinarts Mileage 315.62

Billee Jo Iglehart Mileage 323.12

Travis Tesch Mileage 330.62

ND League of Cities Conference 985.00

Verizon Connect Service 56.85

McLean Co. Sheriff Housing 195.00

Francis Law Office Judge 375.00

Balco Uniform Restraints 104.00

Justine Arrey Fuel 59.69

Fargo Glass & Paint Auditorium doors 1,569.88

First District Health Testing 50.00

MDU Service 262.00

ND Dept. of Health Testing 791.76

McLean Electric Coop Power 2,116.00

Hawkins Inc. Chemicals 3,124.90

USA Blue Book Chemicals 500.98

American Welding Chemicals 54.42

Moore Engineering Water plant project 11,332.07

Share Corp. Chemicals 1,690.98

Napa Auto Parts Parts 354.43

Sanitation Products Parts 4,129.05

Northern Plains Equip. Parts 104.94

Schumaier Concrete Sidewalk/drain 4,320.50

Otter Tail Power Power 7,502.43

Waste Management Garbage 236.16

Barnes & Noble Library 149.91

Digital Office Library 71.45

SYNCB/Amazon Library 232.84

Krause’s Super Valu Library 33.05

MidAmerica Books Library 227.60

KLJ Engineering Airport project 56,160.88

Wilson Law Firm Attorney 2,238.50

S & J Hardware Supplies 528.15

Farmers Union Oil Gas 2,009.85

Doug Steinmetz Mowing 326.00

US Postmaster Postage 232.81

Building permit for the month of September was recognized.

Moved by Diffely, seconded by Jeffers to approve Certification of 2022 Special Assessments as presented. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey, Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Diffely to approve 2023 Final Budget. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey, Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffrey, seconded by Olson to approve City of Garrison as a sponsoring agent for a loan thru BNC National Bank for the construction/upgrades to the city pool contingent upon state and/or local funding. Roll Call: Jeffers, Aye; Diffely, Abstain; Reinarts, Aye; Jeffrey, Aye; Olson, Aye; Iglehart, Abstain.

Moved by Jeffery, seconded by Diffely to approve water treatment plant bills from Burlington Electric, Inc. for $26,579.03; Stanek Constructors for $423,117.00 and Moore Engineering for $16,417.51 and change order #1 for Stanek Constructors for $24,824. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, Reinarts, Jeffrey, Olson, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

No city attorney report.

Mayor Merry’s monthly report was reviewed. He attended the Trees Bowl Awards Ceremony in Fargo, where the city received an award for outstanding forestry activities through the Tree City USA program. This is the second year in a row the city/park board has received recognition for its tree planting and maintenance efforts. Attended the ND League of Cities Convention in Grand Forks. Participated in meetings on water treatment plant upgrades, Water Board meeting and other committee meetings.

Alderman Reinarts reported for the Utilities & Street Committee. The committee meet as a Water Board to review and discuss water treatment plant progress and product availability. While attending the ND League of Cities Conference Reinarts and Iglehart met with representatives on radio read water meters. Two companies have provided information and cost to change over to radio read.

Alderman Olson reported for the Cemetery, Trailer Park, Public Buildings, & Landfill Committee. The committee approved the possible disposal of the lodge building at Fort Stevenson State Park at the city inert site. The new site at the city cemetery will be seeded into grass next year.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Police, Fire Dept. & Personnel Committee. The committee held one interview and offered the employee $19 per hour and it was declined.

Alderman Olson directed the police department to install the keypad on the office door and contact RTC to install the required phone line to operate the breathalyzer. We will enter into an agreement with McLean County Sheriff’s Department for half of the phone cost, installation, and monthly fee.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday November 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The city council meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Diane Affeldt, City Auditor Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council met in special session Wednesday October 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Billee Jo Iglehart, and Bree Diffely via conference call. Absent: David Reinarts, David Jeffery, and Curt Olson.

Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Jeffers to approve the recommendation from Police, Personnel and Fire Department Committee to hire Craig Smith for a city maintenance position at $19.00 per hour. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Diffely, and Iglehart. Nay: None.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

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