

Washburn Commission Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Commission members present: Thomas, Kroll, Baumann, Boehm, and Jacobson

Commissioner Thomas called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 24, 2017, Baumann and seconded by Boehm.

Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 2017 financial statements, Kroll and seconded by Boehm. Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the running route for the Fred Five, a 5K benefit run on Sunday, September 24th, 2017, for Stacy Boeshans, Jacobson and seconded by Baumann. Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to sell Lot 9 or Lot 4 in Block 7, Heritage Heights Pioneer Addition for \$2,499.00 to Tim and Mary Lou Johnson, Jacobson and seconded by Boehm. Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve an additional \$32,000 from Community Development Street Fund, of the Sales and Use Tax Fund for October, November and December which makes a total buy down of \$230,766.11 for the 2016 Street Project, Thomas and seconded by Kroll. Discussion: Zimmerman explained this would finalize the financial commitment to the 2016 Street & Utility Project from the Sales and Use Tax Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Helper Guy, Robert Frank provided an estimate of \$17,707.17 for the remaining repairs that should be completed on the Sioux Ferry. No additional action taken at this time. Commissioner Boehm, Buildings and Grounds Portfolio, stated it may be something for the 2018 budget and Commissioner Baumann asked the auditor to look into possible grants to help defray costs of rehabbing.

Motion to approve Helper Guy's invoice of \$4,366.38 for repairs done on the Sioux Ferry, Baumann and seconded by Boehm. Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Resident Kristi Jaeger on behalf of the concerned citizens of Washburn addressed the whole City Commission as follows: First off, speaking to the whole commission, we'd like to thank you for all the hard work that you do. We know that it's not an easy job and often times a thankless job, but we do appreciate all that you do for our community.

A committee made up of sponsoring citizens which include, Bruce Sailer, Ray Hager, Judy Beaudry, Derik Laning and myself, we have taken the time and steps needed for a recall petition of Commissioner Larry Thomas and the Sec of State has granted us the approval to move ahead with this.

We find no pleasure in this task, but we also feel our community has reached a point where we find it necessary to ask Commissioner Larry Thomas to step down from his position as President of the Commission.

Our reasons for our actions are as follows:

Commissioner Thomas's continued discussion of city business w/o having it listed on the meeting agenda, this excludes the opportunity for our citizen's to be informed and participate in the discussion. As citizens of Washburn, it is our right to be given that opportunity to discuss city business as it's listed on a publicized agenda.

You knowingly have conducted a sub-committee bid opening meeting outside of the boundaries of the ND state law and as a consequence you have incurred an open meeting violation from the Attorney General. Sadly, this violation makes our whole commission and community look poorly in the eyes of the state.

By working outside of the established personnel procedures; Commissioner Thomas has created a hostile work environment and displayed personal bias to try and remove an employee w/o due cause. You have applied such unreasonable practices that our city work force has been left discouraged and frustrated.

In and out of city commissioner meetings Commissioner Thomas has displayed unprofessional behavior towards the general public, this includes outbursts and demeaning remarks. The lack of respect for our citizen's that take the time to attend our city meetings and voice their concern's does not reflect the opinion of our community and is not a desirable characteristic of leadership.

Lastly, Commissioner Thomas has shown an unwillingness to change his practices. His disregard for suggestions and direction from fellow elected members of this commission is unfortunate. These are the same elected member's that are committed to upholding the laws of our City and State.

We respectfully request that Commissioner Thomas resign effective immediately so that our community can avoid the expense of a special election and move forward with city business. Thank you for your time.

Thomas asked if anyone else has something to say.

Jacobson addressed Commissioner Thomas adding that nobody wants to be in this situation and that Thomas has done a lot of good things, but we keep going back into the same situations. Jacobson said some issues that have taken place had been worked on as a group and dealt with, but they are still brought up. No action taken.

Eric Lothspeich from AE2S, provided an update on warranty items for the 2016 project. Some restoration work is left for the sidewalk project. Water tower inspections for the North tower will be on August 23rd and the old tower will be August 24th. The 2018 Intake project is still being worked on, but adding Site One may best the option. The tech memo will be presented at the August 29th City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Boehm asked Lothspeich the purpose of sealcoating, adding he has had numerous people ask him and wanted to be clear he was giving correct information. Lothspeich stated that the oil seals up cracks and keeps the water from seeping under the road and the rocks add another layer of protection. Boehm asked why wait do we wait a year after a project? Lothspeich stated that with a new road you want to make sure there are no minor or major issues with the road. Putting a seal coat on the road right away might hide any flaws and it is preferred to the road go through at least one freeze and thaw cycle, then if there is any movement, cracks, or any other issues, can be fixed before the sealcoat is applied.

Motion to approve special liquor license for Ron Possen, Captain's Cabin on for a bike run on August 26th, Jacobson and seconded by Thomas. Discussion: Zimmerman explained that there would be no outside alcohol sales, but that the ordinance and special event liquor license application didn't address this type of situation, but is moving forward with a permit to cover all bases. All in favor, motion carried.

Portfolios:

Jacobson: none

Boehm: Gutters and snow guards now installed on the Memorial Building. Still accepting bids for painting of the old courthouse. Board meetings coming up for the Airport Authority and the Library Board.

Baumann: none

Kroll: none

Thomas: none

Zimmerman: Going through past minutes there are outstanding items that have not yet been addressed and asked if the commission wanted the following items on the agenda for the August 29th meeting: special events permitting, review of properties for cleanup following the citywide letter that was sent out, dangerous buildings, and memorial building kitchen project.

Zimmerman informed the preliminary budget would be reviewed at the August 29th meeting. The Special Assessment Committee would meet on August 23rd, and once those numbers are complete, the final assessment will be brought to the commission.

Motion to approve the estimate of \$4,238.04 from Weber Electric for the fish cleaning station, Thomas. Jacobson asked since this isn't on the agenda if we should get another estimate. Boehm asked if we know when Weber would get to the fish cleaning station. Zimmerman said we don't know, but the fish cleaning station has been out for a while and Bryan had asked Weber's for an estimate. Resident Mark Lelm stated that when he talked to Bryan, Bryan wasn't sure if the fish cleaning station would be done yet this year.

Economic Director Tana Larsen asked if the commission could maybe find a way of enclosing the fish cleaning station so it could be used year round. Thomas stated there was no ice fishing in the area, so there would not be a need for this; Larsen disagreed. Thomas asked for a second, Boehm seconded. Discussion: none. Roll Call: Aye: Jacobson, Boehm, Kroll and Thomas. Nay: Baumann. Motion Carried.

Bills:

Chk# 021934E	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	(\$87.70)
Chk# 021986E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$3,747.39
Chk# 021987E	ND STATE TAX COMMISSION	\$668.16
Chk# 021988E	ND STATE TAX COMMISSION	\$98.84
Chk# 022000E	WEST RIVER TELEPHONE	\$657.34
Chk# 022001E	MCLEAN ELECTRIC	\$88.50
Chk# 022002E	MIDCO	\$75.00
Chk# 022003E	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$6,861.34
Chk# 022004E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$3,167.51
Chk# 022005E	MDU	\$214.99
Chk# 022006E	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	\$431.46
Chk# 022007E	OTTERTAIL POWER	\$5,613.94
Chk# 022008E	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$6,861.34
Chk# 022009E	CIRCLE SANITATION	\$7,644.00
Chk# 022010E	REVTRAK	\$244.86
Chk# 022011E	GLOBAL PAYMENTS	\$74.04
Chk# 022012E	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$85.86
Chk# 022013E	ND TAX PYMT	\$0.00
Chk# 022014E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$289.28
Chk# 027254	LINDELL LAW OFFICE ND ASSOC OF OIL & GAS	(\$75.00)
Chk# 027473	PRODUCI	(\$195.03)
Chk# 028675	WAEDA	(\$5,000.00)
Chk# 028704	ND DEPT OF HEALTH	\$4,068.19
Chk# 028736	Fuchs, Nancy L	\$135.76
Chk# 028737	Germundson, Julie L	\$479.52
Chk# 028738	Hansen, Koby	\$838.98
Chk# 028739	Hendrikson, Sharon	\$1,070.90
Chk# 028740	Hillerud, Nancy J	\$0.00
Chk# 028741	Patterson, Elizabeth A	\$218.17
Chk# 028742	Rothmann, Bryan L	\$1,809.35
Chk# 028743	Schell, Zachary D	\$917.52
Chk# 028744	Thomas, Adam L	\$1,687.44
Chk# 028745	Zimmerman, Joan R	\$1,598.96
Chk# 028746	Zimmerman, Kim G	\$1,354.50
Chk# 028747	AE2S	\$5,913.50
Chk# 028748	AgPro-Napa	\$9.27
Chk# 028749	AMERICAN FUNDS	\$941.46
Chk# 028750	AMERIPRIDE	\$297.24
Chk# 028751	BHG LEADER NEWS, INC	\$639.82
Chk# 028752	DIRTY DEEDS EXCAVATING	\$618.75
Chk# 028753	FISHBECK TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING	\$30.00
Chk# 028754	HAWKINS INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY	\$6,479.07
Chk# 028755	J & R VACUUM & SEWING	\$55.90
Chk# 028756	JOHN HANCOCK ANNUITIES SERVICE	\$132.88
Chk# 028757	J-S SANITATION	\$307.63
Chk# 028758	KRAUSES SUPERVALU	\$80.00
Chk# 028759	MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	\$34.35
Chk# 028760	MVTL LAB	\$12,295.77
Chk# 028761	ND DEPT OF HEALTH LAB SERVICES	\$25.00
Chk# 028762		\$32.00

Chk# 028763	ND DEPT OF INSURANCE	\$4,372.13
Chk# 028764	QUALITY ASPHALT, INC	\$29,832.65
Chk# 028765	RDO EQUIPMENT	\$69.89
Chk# 028766	THOMAS, ADAM	\$59.95
Chk# 028767	WAGNER CONSTRUCTION	\$69,590.40
Chk# 028768	WAGON WHEEL LUMBER	\$117.58
Chk# 028769	Fuchs, Nancy L	\$48.48
Chk# 028770	Germundson, Julie L	\$522.19
Chk# 028771	Hansen, Koby	\$460.02
Chk# 028772	Hendrikson, Sharon	\$1,062.12
Chk# 028773	Patterson, Elizabeth A	\$218.17
Chk# 028774	Rothmann, Bryan L	\$1,311.82
Chk# 028775	Schell, Zachary D	\$751.67
Chk# 028776	Thomas, Adam L	\$1,683.47
Chk# 028777	Zimmerman, Joan R	\$1,367.29
Chk# 028778	Zimmerman, Kim G	\$1,432.81
Chk# 028779	AE2S	\$9,426.85
Chk# 028780	Ascendum Machinery Inc.	\$459.00
Chk# 028781	DACOTAH PAPER CO	\$193.36
Chk# 028782	Dakota Supply Group	\$304.61
Chk# 028783	ENERBASE COOPERATIVE RESOURCES	\$1,183.80
Chk# 028784	HAWKINS	\$8,716.00
Chk# 028785	HELPER GUY	\$2,629.20
Chk# 028786	LEVEYS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$1,953.93
Chk# 028787	LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$59.35
Chk# 028788	MVTL LAB	\$25.00
Chk# 028789	ND DEPT OF HEALTH	\$785.77
Chk# 028790	ND SEWAGE PUMP LIFT STATION SV	\$796.50
Chk# 028791	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	\$12.10
Chk# 028792	PRESORT PLUS	\$428.90
Chk# 028793	SCOTTS HARDWARE	\$268.49
Chk# 028794	THOMAS, ADAM	\$60.23
Chk# 028795	WAGON WHEEL LUMBER WASHBURN AIRPORT AUTHORITY	\$12.57
Chk# 028796		\$4,520.00
Chk# 028797	WASHBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$5,650.00
Chk# 028798	WASHBURN PARK BOARD	\$3,612.50
Chk# 028799	US POSTAL OFFICE	\$169.83
Chk# 028800	Fuchs, Nancy L	\$155.14
Chk# 028801	Germundson, Julie L	\$497.82
Chk# 028802	Hansen, Koby	\$876.34
Chk# 028803	Hendrikson, Sharon	\$1,062.11
Chk# 028804	Hillerud, Nancy J	\$232.73
Chk# 028805	Patterson, Elizabeth A	\$218.17
Chk# 028806	Rothmann, Bryan L	\$1,842.53
Chk# 028807	Schell, Zachary D	\$873.30
Chk# 028808	Thomas, Adam L	\$1,655.75
Chk# 028809	Zimmerman, Joan R	\$1,154.58
Chk# 028810	Zimmerman, Kim G	\$1,340.39

Motion to approve bills, Kroll and seconded by Jacobson. Discussion: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Joan Zimmerman, Auditor
City of Washburn

Larry Thomas, President
City of Washburn