

City of Souris

March 3, 2025

1. Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Present: Mayor Willy Murch, Aldermen Jennifer Fontaine, Anthony Lindquist, Nikki Fowler, Nikole Soli, Auditor Kim Bernstein(via Teams), Public Works James Condit

February 10, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent

Financials: All accounts were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent

Additions to Agenda: Aldermen Soli, to add item: e. Exposure

Proposed Ordinances: None at this time

Public Comments: None at this time

Communication from the Mayor:

Approval of Bills: Police Contract, We did send a check for the two years, 2024 needed to be paid.

The check has been returned and voided. Approved Aldermen Fontaine, Second Aldermen Lindquist

Reports:

Park, Campground, Cemetery and Railroad Property – There is someone interested in mowing the cemetery. Council would like to receive a quote for mowing for the summer from Brent Bacon.

Public Works – James – Water Residential/Bulk

1. Hawkins bill will be bigger, a pump went out.

2. Culvert conversation

Sewer – Good

Unfinished Business:

a. **Letter re: Dogs** – The letter will now be sent to Dakota Brungard.

b. **Grant Programs** – *Motion for Strengthen ND to assist COS with grant proposals.* – Aldermen Fowler and Aldermen Soli. *Motion for Megan Langley of Strengthen ND to help and submit the AARP Grant proposal.* – Aldermen Fowler and Aldermen Fontaine

c. **Ordinance Book** – This is a work in progress. We will send out 2 or 3 each month to review, they will be sent via email to give council enough time to review.

a. **2nd Reading Ordinance 1.0603** – Discussion was held and several questions were asked for clarification. Number 3 of the ordinance states: “Only to standard water”. The original Motion was voted down – Aldermen Soli and Aldermen Fowler

b. **Motion Amended to read** – “*Only to standard water, sewer and garbage. Does not include additional penalties, services or fees.*” – Motion approved Aldermen Fowler and Aldermen Lindquist.

c. **Council and Mayor Compensation** – Discussion was held. *Motion: To increase Council salary to \$350 per year.* Aldermen Fowler and Aldermen Soli – Motion passed. *Motion: To increase Mayor annual salary to \$400.* Aldermen Fowler and Aldermen Fontaine – Motion passed

d. **Water bill late notice letter** – Letters were sent, both responded, and payments made. NCEC will receive their bills quarterly.

e. **2025 Spring Workshop/Elected Official Training** – Mayor Murch, Aldermen Soli and Fowler would like to attend. Kim will sign everyone up when she returns and book rooms at the Bismarck Hotel.

New Business:

- a. **Spring Dumpster/Letter** – Dumpster to come in May, Letter will be sent in April
- b. **Party in the Park** – Is scheduled for June 29th, 2025. The City pays for the meat for this event. Discussion was held on many different ideas, Council is asked to be thinking about different things we could do.
- c. **Social Media** – Cautious going forward
- d. **Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan** – The City has received a couple emails on this topic from Kristy Titus. There needs to be more information before the City signs off. Kim reached out to former Mayor Patterson in regard to the list of items on the list to be taken care of. These items must have been submitted by the previous Mayor. Kim will gather more information before the next meeting.
- e. **Exposure** – Discussion was held

Next meeting: April 15th, 2025, immediately following the Tax Meeting

Meeting adjourned

Approved: _____ Date: _____