

January 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Westhope City Council was held at City Hall at 7:30 pm

Members present: Mayor Russell Ballantyne, Council persons—Ken Radtke, Jeff Cooper & Wayne Miller, Tim Lesmann,- Auditor LeeAnn Schell, others present Kelly Berentson, Ben Knight, Jeff McElwain.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell Ballantyne at 7:30 pm.

Aaron Unterseher joined at 7:35.

Having no changes or corrections to the minutes from December regular meeting, motion to approve was made by Tim and second by Wayne, all members in favor.

Following are the expenses provided for payment approval:

Warrant

LeeAnn Schell	\$1,371.40	12/1/2019 thru 12/15/2019
Kelly Berentson	\$1,884.49	12/1/2019 thru 12/15/2019
Ben Knight	\$1,558.16	12/1/2019 thru 12/15/2019
Ben Knight	\$1,558.18	12/16-2019 thru 12/31/2019
LeeAnn Schell	\$1,371.40	12/16-2019 thru 12/31/2019
Kelly Berentson	\$1,884.49	12/16-2019 thru 12/31/2019
IRS Payroll withholding	\$2,864.68	WH, SS, MED
Verizon	\$212.76	Phones
NDPERS	\$2,116.13	Retirement
Sales Tax	\$58.72	Gateway sales Tax
Hotel Staff	\$301.04	Portion of 30% Gross Sales/ Gateway
Waste Management	\$6,287.86	Garbage
Olson & Burns	\$100.00	Retainer
David Agnes	\$100.00	Judge
Standard	\$330.41	Minutes, Ad, Envelopes
Farmers Union Oil	\$483.36	Fuel, gas supplies

OTP	\$3,485.40	Electric
SRT	\$619.08	Phone service
BCBS	\$3,514.00	Insurance
First District Health	\$25.00	Water sample
Bottineau County Treasurer	\$1,667.54	Law Enforcement
Post Office	\$110.00	Stamps
Pyramid Health	\$2,893.18	1% of City Sales Tax
Intuit	\$8.56	Payroll charges
Menards	\$173.87	Gateway Supplies
One Call Concepts	\$1.20	Locates
ND Water User Assoc.	\$100.00	Membership
ND Rural Water Systems Assoc.	\$345.00	Dues, Scholarship Fund, Donation
Turtle Mountain Floral	\$300.00	Flowers
IRS	\$76.77	Cemetery Errors 2016
Wood Bros	\$3,078.39	Water Products
Hawkins Inc	\$496.89	Water Supplies
Bottineau County Treasurer	\$2,989.40	Taxes
Standard	\$449.91	Advertising
Ham's	\$251.64	Welding, Iron
RBAIA	\$20.00	Membership
R & D Electric	\$155.58	Labor, Water Tower Work
Total	\$43,244.49	

A motion made to approve expenses by Jeff, second by Ken. Expenses approved.

Jeff M. passed out surrounding area water rates. He also touched base on NAWS. He still believes it will be late fall or early spring before we see it in Westhope.

Water bills discussed.

Gateway discussed as Cathie would like to do some painting and extra things as this is the slow time. Jeff made a motion to let her work 30 hours per month for 3 months at the rate of \$15 per hour. Painting, caulking and other necessary thing will be done. Wayne second, motion passed.

The second reading of ordinances 12.0702 and 12.0707. Tim made the motion to approve ordinances, Wayne second, all in favor, motion approved.

Ken made a motion to purchase crack sealer for \$12,000.00 as the previous bid was not accepted, Tim second, motion passed. Jeff made a motion to use funds from our street CD, Ken second, motion passed.

Motion was made by Ken to designate Peoples State Bank as our depository bank, Wayne second motion approved. Ken made the motion to designate The Standard as our means of advertising, Tim second, motion passed.

Other things discussed :

March Madness, Fargo Expo for Kelly to attend, generator for lift station, signs, fireworks.

Meeting adjourned 8:08 pm

These minutes are unapproved and subject to change.

