

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2024

Minutes of the special meeting held on May 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. Present were Council Members Kenny Liebel, Bethny Devlin, Matt Beard, Steve Sanford, Lance Renville, and Chelsea Bulzomi. Absent was Mayor Riely. Also present was City Administrator Curt Moen, City Auditor Peni Peterson, and City Attorney Wyatt Voll. President Liebel called the meeting to order.

Jake Walters presented a proposed Pathway to Purchase Housing Program that would be a partnered project between McKenzie County JDA and Watford City Housing Authority. The project would entail home builders constructing nine single-family homes on nine lots in the Hunter's Run Subdivision that are owned by the city. The homes would be offered through an installment purchase program developed and administered by the Watford City Housing Authority. A full presentation will be given to the Watford City Housing Authority at a special meeting later in the day to review the project and get their approval that they will administer the project. Jake is requesting approval for the city to transfer the nine city owned lots to the Watford City Housing Authority should they agree to administer the project.

It was the consensus of the City Council to transfer nine lots to the Watford City Housing Authority should they agree to administer the Pathway to Purchase Housing Program.

Council Member Devlin left the meeting at 9:25 am.

Justin Smith presented information on a restroom/shelter project at the golf course. There are three individuals that have offered to build two restrooms/shelters on the course and perform the necessary in-kind work to build the structures. The three sponsors would receive advertising rights on the structures along with additional groups who have donated towards the project. There is consideration to build two more structures and Justin will present to the Ways, Means, Finance Committee once costs are figured.

Council Member Beard moved to approve the Sponsorship Agreements and Contractor Agreements with Nick M B Enterprises, LLC, Titanium Plumbing, LLC, and BEK Consulting, LLC. Motion seconded by Bulzomi and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Bulzomi, Sanford, Beard, Renville, and Liebel; nays: none.

Vawnta Best provided information on additional Tax Incentive Programs that are available and gave a recommendation from an ad hoc committee that was put together to review the programs. Resolutions will be presented at the next Ways, Means, Finance Committee for further review.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. Pursuant to NDCC 40-01-09.1, these minutes are published subject to the City Council's Review and Revision.

Peni Peterson, City Auditor

Philip K Riely, Mayor