

CITY OF NORWAY

February 8, 2021

A regular scheduled meeting of the Norway City Council was held February 8, 2021. To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Norway City Council was available electronically for public participation by calling the Free Conference Call number provided in instructions on the posted agendas.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Volz at 6:00 PM. Roll Call – Present: Jay Hahn, Darrell Schulte, Loras Schulte. Present electronically: None. Absent: Curtis Mell.

Motion L. Schulte seconded by D. Schulte to accept agenda, minutes and bills presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

Norway Beautification Committee member Gary Boddicker was present to discuss ideas concerning the possible purchase of an electronic sign for the city. The current sign is used for announcements and upcoming events but has a short shelf life left due to wear from the elements. NBC would like to look at a cost share with the city for replacement. Options will be explored for cost and types of signs. NBC would feel comfortable with donating an initial \$4000 and possible consideration of dedicating a portion of their LOST funds yearly up to half the cost of the electronic sign.

Nuisance properties were once again up for discussion. An infraction has been issued to 408 E Railroad for nuisance vehicles. Motion L. Schulte seconded by D. Schulte to authorize the attorney to send an initial letter to 409 Park Dr and 115 E Railroad St property owners for repeated nuisance violations. If the owner does not follow the stipulations of the abatement process attorney is further authorized to continue onto the Municipal Infraction process. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion L. Schulte seconded by Frese to set a date of February 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM for the Budget Max Levy Public Hearing. Motion carried, 4-0. A budget workshop will be held prior to the public hearing. Discussion was also held on levy amounts and other budget items.

Discussion was held on the placement needs for a pad for a propane tank at the fire station for a fixed generator.

Teresa Finley was present to discuss the consequences from the vandalism actions. Finley also asked the city to remove snow from her property interfering with her retaining wall stating that it was put in by the city and they were responsible for maintaining the wall. There was no written agreement presented and it was agreed that it would be investigated with the possibility of removing some of the snow from the street side. The minutes will also be investigated to see if any information can be gathered from that time.

Mayor reported that improvement to the property at 105 E Washington St. has begun. The funds that had been held according to state law at the Bickel St apartments have now been released back to the original property owner via cashiers check. Several vehicles at properties that have not been moved from the street since the first snow will be sent letters property owner with a time limit to be moved before the vehicle will be towed. Fire Department members had expressed a need to have the doors of the fire station raised to house new trucks in the future, mayor is working to obtain bids. He will also ask the fire department to work on clearing around any fire hydrants that have not already been opened after the snow.

Clerk reported that there are several FEMA projects. Within the contracted project FEMA was questioning the removal of stumps by grinding because there was no exposed rootball. It was agreed that the city would remove the invoice for \$3500 for the grinding and continue with the bulk of the project moving forward.

The ordinance concerning the parking of trailers will be looked at next meeting to remove any allowance of street parking for any type of trailer, recreational or work related.

Motion L. Schulte seconded by D. Schulte to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion carried, 4-0.

Bruce Volz, Mayor

Attest: Wendy Erger, City Clerk