

CITY OF NORWAY
September 23rd, 2024

Regular meeting of the Norway City Council was called to order by Mayor Loras Schulte at 5:30 PM. Roll Call – Present: Robby Miller, Christopher Van Horn, Michael Schulte, Darrell Schulte, & Shawn Rudie. Absent: None.

Motion C. Van Horn to accept agenda, claims, minutes & treasurer's report presented. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion R. Miller to approve and accept Ion Environmental Solution's proposal to serve as Norway's water/wastewater operators for \$3,260.00 per month. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Scott Bahmann was present. The council discussed concerns of drivers speeding through Norway and failing to stop at stop signs. The council requested that the officers on duty sit visibly on Railroad St and try to be in town during higher volumes of traffic. Sheriff Bahmann stated that he would share this information with the rest of the department so that all officers are aware of the issues.

Tiffiani Azelton was present to inquire about utilizing the city park and pavilion for hosting a farmer's market event next year. The council requested further information and invited Tiffiani to attend the next council meeting on October 14th.

A building permit application for 310 W. Railroad St for a concrete pad was discussed. Motion D. Schulte to table this matter until the next meeting. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion C. Van Horn to table approval of resolution 24-11 – adopting the return-to-work policy until the next meeting. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion R. Miller to table discussion on the public works open position until the next meeting. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0.

A sewer and water proforma were completed by Speer Financial who serve as Norway's municipal advisor. Due to having an agreement with the State Revolving Fund regarding the sewer revenue loan, the city is required to complete an updated proforma every 5 years with a municipal advisor and keep sewer rates in an amount that not only covers operating and maintenance expenses but also debt service and the required 10% coverage factor. The city is also required to work with a municipal advisor for high expense projects, such as the water pressure booster system. The city will continue to work with the municipal advisor.

Alley maintenance was again discussed. Following advice from legal counsel, the city council will need to decide on alley maintenance and the associated ordinances within Norway.

Motion S. Rudie to approve putting in piping in the ditch for the property located at 306 E Washington St at the property owner's expense and to plant grass seed in the ditch for the property located at 301 E Washington St. in the Spring of 2025. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member Robby Miller requested that quarterly inspections of all city owned facilities be completed by the council to check cleanliness, functionality, maintenance needs etc.

The work to install an emergency power generator at the Norway Fire Station is underway. The work to expand the Fire Station to the South has also begun.

Motion S. Rudie to adjourn at 7:26pm. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried 5-0.

Loras Schulte, Mayor

Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk

Claims 9/10-9/23

IPERS-\$1,465.60, U.S. Treasury-Fed Tax Pmnt-\$1,779.76, US Cellular-Devices-\$73.47, Alliant-Electric-\$5,159.26, Baker & Taylor-Lib. Books-\$7.97, Ben Tarvin-Hotel Reimb.-\$277.76, BC Auditor-3rd Qrtr Law Enforcement-\$4,225.00, Card Services-ADT-PW Suppl.-\$279.72, Christopher Van Horn-Reimb. keys made-\$38.42, Ion-Testing-\$420.00, Johnson Co. Refuse-Garb Tags-\$285.00, KS State Bank-Financing Contract-Water Meters-\$16,226.13, Rabe Hardware-CH Stool Repair-\$118.99, Todd Damon-Op. Services-\$200.00, Wellmark-Dental-\$306.51, Loras Schulte-Website Maint.-\$100.00, Susan Hahn-Lib. Suppl. Reimb.-\$95.85. Total-\$31,059.44.