City of Berthold Council Proceedings Pending Minutes August 2nd, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Ibach @ 7:30 p.m. Present were council members Cindy DeBilt, Travis Sorenson, Troy Enga and Alechia Neubauer, Clerk of Court / Auditor: Christian Vorgitch and Chief of Police Al Schmidt.

July minutes are reviewed by City Council.

Motion to approve July Minutes as amended by Troy, 2nd by Travis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Utilities are discussed by Christian. W/S/G payments are average for the month.

The North Dakota Supreme Court sent a letter to Berthold Municipal Court with 4 complaints from 2 previous Judges. One of the complaints was directed towards the previous Judge, who also filed a complaint. The City of Berthold has taken actions to amend these complaints although some of the complaints were unfounded. The City of Berthold has responded to the North Dakota Supreme Court before the September 17th, 2021 deadline.

No Planning and Zoning to discuss at this time.

Jail fines are up at this time for the City but we are also seeing an increase in fine payment. The City of Berthold will continue to monitor this scenario.

Ward County Sheriff Department has revoked every Special Deputy badge for the cities in Ward County to include Berthold Police Department. Berthold Police Department will no longer take calls outside of its 1.5-mile jurisdiction because of liability reasons. Discussion will continue to see if this can be amended.

Main Lift station alarm has been installed at this time. The City is still waiting on the next installation.

An employee's insurance is discussed because Medicare is a possible option at this time for them.

Iseman Homes has requested the City to mow their lot for payment. Their request is denied at this time.

The City has hired two individuals to write Grants for the City of Berthold. They have requested information to assist in their Grant writing.

Motion to pay Sheila, a Grant Writer, for her work on a City Grant by Alechia, 2nd by Cindy. All in favor. Motion carried.

BEDC will be attempting to purchase a lot to add housing to the City of Berthold.

Motion to approve Liquor License for Backdraft by Alechia, 2nd by Travis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amy discusses the City bills.

Motion to approve the City General Fund Budget to 60 mil by Travis, 2nd by Cindy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the City bills by Troy, 2nd by Travis. All in favor. Motion carried.