

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The City of Park River held their regular meeting of the Park River City Council on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Stenvold called the meeting to order with the following present: Praska, Knutson, Lundquist, Byron, Anderson, Public Works Director Dennis Larson, Business Manager Tom Larson, and Deputy Auditor Ann Berg. Absent: Councilman Blake.

Knutson moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Council meeting as presented. Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Praska moved to approve the following bills for payment. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

27177	BC/BS of ND	1,638.84
78	Dale's Small Engine Repair	230.00
79	Discovery Benefits	123.49
27180	Jim's Super Valu	2.99
81	Kringstad Ironworks	774.10
82	Leon's Building Center	309.26
83	Lon's Hdwr	33.52
84	Municipal Utilities	13,131.89
85	Mun Govt Academy	255.00
86	Northdale Oil, Inc	1,631.19
87	North Star Coop	7,263.19
88	Office of St Auditor	165.00
89	Polar Comm.	537.95
27190	PR Airport Auth	3,405.60
91	PR Comm Club	30.00
92	PR Implement LLC	98.01
93	PR Park District	3,379.43
94	PR Public Library	3,975.07
95	Glenn Rost	250.00
96	Special Funds	7,591.24
97	St Imprv Dist	8,806.16
98	WC Auditor	9,548.79
99	WC Hwy Dept	800.00
27200	WC Press	317.70
01	MDU	334.21
02	NDPERS	149.67
03	NDPERS	991.39
04	Discovery Benefits	140.74
05	NDPERS	142.40
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 3-15-12 MU		1,004.32
1410	Galen Bosh OT	42.12
1411	Wade Kalgard OT	69.25
1412	Stefan Linstad OT	25.65

EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 3-15-12 GF OT	30.77
1413 Sheldon Ellefson	508.33
1414 Shelley MacDonald	67.83
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 3-30-12GF	119.03
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 3-30-12 MU	1,060.22

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES:

30961 BC/BS of ND	3,923.36
62 General Fund	6,096.59
63 Roger A. Johnson	211.50
64 AmeriPride Linen	118.15
65 Best Western	84.09
66 Border States Elec	443.59
67 Cardmember Services	304.15
68 Consolidated Waste, LTD	15,778.50
69 Discovery Benefits	401.01
30970 Discovery Benefits	27.50
71 Ethanol Products	632.63
72 Fargo Water Equip	323.28
73 Ferguson Waterworks	124.07
74 Gloria Grinde	15.00
75 Hawkins, Inc	1,271.28
76 Jim's Super Valu	11.93
77 Chad Kalgard	12.80
78 Wade Kalgard	88.53
79 KBM, Inc	2,236.30
30980 Lagoon Maintenance	1,632.98
81 Light & Water Dept	4,063.06
82 Stefan Linstad	129.83
83 Lon's Hdwr	18.22
84 Minnkota Power Coop	187.00
85 Municipal Utilities	384.15
86 ND One Call Inc	1.30
87 ND Sewage Pump & Lift	641.00
88 Nodak Electric Coop	4,857.54
89 Northdale Oil	465.68
30990 Northern Plbg Sup	17.71
91 Northwester Power Equip	1,908.06
92 North Star Coop	880.62
93 Polar Communications	149.35
94 Radisson Hotel Bismarck	138.60
95 Jaclyn Reinarz	3.05
96 T&R Service	2,545.00
97 T&R Elec Sup	1,738.00
98 Verizon Wireless	47.31
99 Vessco Inc	119.04
31000 Water Bd Fd 05	4,830.00
01 Water Rev Bd Fd Phase II	3,450.00
02 Water Sur Charge	5,000.00
03 Water System Repair & Replacement	1,500.00

04	Wayne's Variety	23.64
05	WC Press	101.70
06	Ye Olde Medicine Center	45.41
07	NDPERS	520.45
08	General Fund	7,076.20
09	NDPERS	17.29
31010	NDPERS	2,714.25
11	Postmaster	291.40
12	Discovery Benefits	383.76
13	NDPERS	527.72
6462-70	Salaries 3-15-12	11,375.94
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED)	3-15-12	3,037.76
6471-79	Salaries 3-30-12	11,375.94
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED)	3-30-12	2,981.86
A.W.	ACH Charge	11.35
A.W.	NMPA	142,648.65

SPECIAL FUNDS:

3264	PR Implement	209.51
3265	City of Grafton	12,500.00
3266	05 Sales Tax Rev Bd Fd	7,487.42

Anderson moved to accept the Sales Tax Committee's recommendation to approve the Industrial Park property tax payment of \$1,627.44 from the Sales Tax Economic Development Fund. Lundquist seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Knutson moved to accept the Sales Tax Committee's recommendation to approve the fourteenth payment of the Marvin Windows & Doors agreement in the amount of \$12,500 from the Sales Tax Economic Development Fund. Thirty-four people from Park River and twenty-one from the surrounding Zip Codes included in the agreement work at Marvin's. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Park River Development Corp was approached by members of the ice arena committee with a request for assistance to conduct a feasibility study for constructing a new ice arena/multi-purpose building. The committee requested \$3,750.00 toward the study. The request was forwarded to the Park River Sales Tax Committee who also approved the request. Knutson moved to accept the Sales Tax Committee's recommendation to provide \$3,750.00 from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to assist with the feasibility study. Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Sales Tax Committee would like the Council to consider removing the local sales tax cap on sales and purchases. The cap is currently set at \$25.00 of tax per transaction. Very few sales exceed this amount of tax and it is just cause for confusion. Knutson moved to approve the first reading to repeal Section 5 of Ordinance 21 removing the \$25.00 local sales tax cap on sales and purchases. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stenvold informed the Council that it was reported to members of the Sales Tax Committee that the Park Board is considering closing the big swimming pool this summer. There is a leak in a pipe causing the big pool to lose an average of one foot of water per day. They will hold public meetings to discuss available options before making a decision.

The Council discussed plat names for the annexed addition of land on the east side of the BNSF railroad right of way in the E1/2, Section 33-157-55. Lundquist moved to name the addition Walsh Grain Addition. Praska seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Information was presented to the Council about a proposed housing development to be located north of North Star Coop. A request for proposal was distributed by the Park River Development Corp. for planning and surveying services for the development. The Development Corp would like to get the lots available as soon as possible.

The Council was briefed on the Joint Water Advisory Board meeting held on February 24, 2012 between the City of Park River, Walsh Rural Water District (WRWD) and the City of Minto. The meeting was held to review water treatment plant operations from the previous year and address the proposed budget shortfall for 2012. The Advisory Board approved a \$0.10 per 1,000 gallon increase in the wholesale water charge bringing the charge to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons. The Advisory Board also approved the purchase of dehumidifiers for the treatment plant to address excessive sweating of the walls and floors, especially in the summer time.

The Council discussed the status of the old elementary school. There have been concerns expressed by local residents that persons have been entering the building, climbing the fire escapes, and playing games on one of the levels. The Council is concerned that the vacant building is creating a public safety hazard that should be addressed by the owner/owners. The Council directed T. Larson and City Attorney Currie to draft a letter to be sent to the owners advising them to properly secure the building.

D Larson requested the Council's permission to seek bids for the purchase of a new pickup for the Municipal Utilities Department. The last pickup was purchased in February 2007.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Dan Stenvold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Larson, City Auditor