

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The City of Park River held their regular meeting of the Park River City Council on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Stenvold called the meeting to order with the following present: Praska, Knutson, Lundquist, Anderson, Public Works Director Dennis Larson, Business Manager Tom Larson, and Deputy Auditor Ann Berg. Councilman Blake by phone. Councilman Byron at 7:40 pm.

Praska moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 Regular Council meeting as presented. Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND:**

27206	BC/BS of ND	1,667.00
07	Access Printing Solutions	461.15
08	Advanced Engineering	700.00
09	Banyon Data Systems	276.42
27210	Berg, Ann	71.76
11	Dale's Small Engine Repair	425.00
12	True North Equip.	309.89
13	Jim's Super Valu	18.51
14	Mun Govt Academy	95.00
15	Northdale Oil, Inc	1,264.59
16	North Star Coop	2,000.42
17	Polar Comm.	546.17
18	PR Comm Club	58.50
19	PR Implement LLC	699.92
27220	PR Vet Clinic	90.00
21	Quill Corp	201.47
22	Radisson-Bismarck	69.30
23	Glenn Rost	250.00
24	Sanitation Prod	178.05
25	Wayne's Variety	11.88
26	WC Auditor	9,206.19
27	WC Hwy Dept	700.00
28	WC Press	290.66
29	Xerox Corp	60.00
27230	MDU	169.83
31	NDPERS	142.78
32	Discovery Benefits	111.76
33	NDPERS	134.37
34	NDPERS	893.85
35	PR Airport Auth	1,491.12
36	PR Park District	3,976.364
37	PR Public Library	1,491.12
38	Special Funds	16,547.1

39	St Imprv Dist	536.12
A.W.	Municipal Utilities	6,096.59
A.W.	Municipal Utilities	4,977.34
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 4-15-12 MU		1,006.46
1415	Sheldon Ellefson	206.78
1416	Shelley MacDonald	84.78
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 4-30-12GF		53.92
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 4-30-12 MU		891.58

**MUNICIPAL UTILITIES:**

31014	BC/BS of ND	3,895.20
15	Roger A. Johnson	211.50
16	AmeriPride Linen	118.15
17	Banyon Data Sys	493.58
18	City of Fargo	28.00
19	Consolidated Waste, LTD	15,814.00
31020	Discovery Benefits	27.50
21	Ethanol Products	1,229.21
22	Graymont Western Canada	5,165.57
23	Hawkins, Inc	1,483.74
24	Jim's Super Valu	80.69
25	Lagoon Maintenance	1,721.14
26	Light & Water Dept	3,797.97
27	Lon's Hdwr	6.38
28	MMUA	1,398.50
29	Municipal Utilities	100.00
31030	ND One Call Inc	6.25
31	Nodak Electric Coop	4,359.55
32	Northdale Oil	303.86
33	Northwester Power Equip	1,750.00
34	North Star Coop	481.47
35	Polar Communications	146.30
36	PR Implement	64.21
37	Pristine Water Sol	1,306.80
38	Quill Corp	210.92
39	T&R Service	150.00
31040	T&R Elec Sup	3,912.00
41	Vessco Inc	645.72
42	Water Bd Fd 05	4,830.00
43	Water Rev Bd Fd Phase II	3,450.00
44	Water Sur Charge	5,000.00
45	Water System Repair & Replacement	1,500.00
46	Ye Olde Medicine Center	13.84
47	NDPERS	527.34
48	Verizon Wireless	47.49
49	Discovery Benefits	412.74
31050	General Fund	4,977.37
51	NDPERS	535.75
52	NDPERS	17.29
53	NDPERS	2,806.02

54	Postmaster	290.84
6377	Void Lost Check	-\$47.63
6480	Re-issued Check	\$47.63
6481-89	Salaries 4-15-12	11,375.94
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED)	4-15-12	3,035.62
6490-98	Salaries 4-30-12	11,338.23
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED)	4-30-12	3,136.28
A.W.	ACH Charge	11.35
A.W.	NMPA	128,486.36

**SPECIAL FUNDS:**

3267	Void	0.00
3268	Municipal Utilities	3,575.00
3269	05 Sales Tax Rev Bd Fd	6,607.46

**HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND:**

1041	US Bank	69,100.00
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Stacy Staven and Mike Syrup appeared before the Council to inquire what steps they would need to follow to be in compliance with the City of Park River in regards to setting up a motocross track. They are looking for 10 to 15 acres in or just outside City limits. The track would hold up to three events per year. The course will be used for motorcycles and possibly 4-wheelers. The track would be open to members only for practice and organized events. The fees collected at an event would be donated to organizations in the host city. DMC is looking for an area that does not have an established track. Syrup mentioned that many riders come from Canada to participate in the events. The events would bring many people into the community to participate/watch the events. S. Currie asked if agreements from other cities would be available for review. Syrup will provide information for review.

D Stenvold opened two bids received for the demolition of substandard buildings located at 227 Wadge Ave N. The first bid was from Don Greicar Excavating in the amount of \$3,900. The second bid came from Mike Kilmer Construction Inc. in the amount of \$7,200. Byron moved to accept the low bid of \$3,900.00 from Don Greicar Excavating. Work is to be completed by May 31, 2012. Blake seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Fran Simmons submitted a request for tax abatement on behalf of her deceased husband Larry Simmons estate on the property located at 112 Park Ave S. for the years 2010 and 2011. ND Century Code 57-02-08.20.B states that any permanently and totally disabled person is entitled to this exemption. The exemption applies to the improvements on the property, not the land. Simmons qualifies for a 100% exemption for 2010 and 2011. Knutson moved to approve the tax abatement request from Simmons. Lundquist seconded the motion, upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Larry Iverson/Curt Jaeger submitted a request for tax abatement on their property located at 811 Railroad Ave E and are asking that the true and full value be reduced from \$30,000 to \$12,500 for the 2011 tax year. They submitted a certified bill of sale showing they paid less for the building than its current assessment. Larson agreed with lowering the true and full value to \$2,500 on the building and leaving the land valued at \$10,000. Byron moved to approve the tax abatement request from Iverson/Jaeger. Anderson seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

T. Larson explained the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) reserve contract. The contract will reserve Park River's existing Contract Rate of Delivery (CROD), until the parties enter into a new long-term firm electric service contract for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2050. Knutson moved to approve Reserve Contract No. 12-UGPR-732 between the Western Area Power Administration and the City of Park River, North Dakota. Byron seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Lundquist seconded by Anderson, the following Resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved that pursuant to NDCC 40-58 the area behind the North Star Coop complex on Highway 17 east in the City of Park River, currently zoned for commercial use, is a "Blighted Area" and is appropriate for development as a new residential housing project and is suitable for tax increment financing that will facilitate a project that will create economic growth and development in the City of Park River. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Business Manager T. Larson reported that the City's BCBS health insurance policy will increase .04% this year meaning a family policy will increase \$4.60/month, single plus dependant \$3.00/month, and a single \$1.60/month. Knutson moved to raise the cap on the City's contribution toward the health insurance premium from \$705.00 to \$709.60 per month. Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Several concerns have been expressed regarding open burning within the city limits. Open burning is banned within the city limits by ordinance. The city has guardedly allowed the use of recreational burn pits; however, they should be a commercially available type that has a screen and cover to extinguish the flame. They should be used for recreational purposes only, not as a means to dispose of wood or any other trash. Dry hardwood is the only item that should be burned and care should be taken as to wind direction and velocity so as not to endanger the safety or property of others or the peaceful enjoyment of their property. Fires shall not be left unattended and must be fully extinguished at a reasonable hour. The Walsh County Sheriff's Dept. will be asked to monitor the use of "burn pits" and cite any violations.

The Council discussed what type of vehicle is considered to be a street legal motorized vehicle and felt the current ordinance was sufficient.

Public Works Director Dennis Larson informed the Council that spring cleanup will be held the week of May 1.

T Larson and Currie updated the Council on the planning and zoning progress. The current zoning structure has residential, commercial, and industrial zoned areas. The proposed zoning structure will further sub-divide the residential areas into R1, R2, & R3 with different building types and requirements for each area. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 pm to introduce the purposed Planning and Zoning Ordinance for the City of Park River.

Plans for the July 4, 2012 Celebration are in progress.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

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Dan Stenvold, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tom Larson, City Auditor