

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The City of Park River held their regular meeting of the Park River City Council on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Stenvold called the meeting to order with the following present: Knutson, Lundquist, Anderson, City Attorney Steve Currie, Public Works Director Dennis Larson, Business Manager Tom Larson, and Deputy Auditor Ann Berg. Absent; Lorton, Blake, Byron. Guests; Laurie Larson, Wendy Berntson, Daryl Larson, Joel Hylden, Melissa Irvine, Damon Johnson, Cheri Lothspeich, and Tom Orstad.

Lundquist moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 Regular Council meeting as presented. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

27344	BC/BS of ND	1,581.00
45	Team Lab Chemical	1,677.64
46	Butler Machinery Co	2,257.21
47	Farmers Union Serv Assoc	282.00
48	Hall Currie Lawyers LTD	84.00
49	Heartland Gas Co	29.38
27350	Jim's Super Valu	6.55
51	Leon's Bldg Ctr	81.96
52	Lon's Hdwr	47.85
53	Tami Lund	900.00
54	Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc	3,495.00
55	Municipal Gov Academy	15.00
56	Newman Signs	233.26
57	Northdale Oil, Inc	866.31
58	North Star Coop	2,133.42
59	ODB Company	500.58
27360	Polar Comm.	648.78
61	PR Airport Auth	21.42
62	PR Community Club	211.50
63	PR Implement	161.94
64	PR Park District	19.13
65	PR Public Library	27.91
66	PR Vet. Clinic	360.00
67	Rainbow Auto Body	464.30
68	Glenn Rost	250.00
69	SanGrait's Auto Serv.	65.00
27370	Sobolik Construction	11,115.00
71	Special Funds	44.04
72	St. Improvement Dist. #7	1,935.41
73	True North Equipment	7,541.08
74	WC Auditor	10,743.34

75	WC Hwy Dept.	14,376.65
76	WC Press	386.02
77	Ye Olde Medicine Ctr	5.94
78	MDU	83.14
79	NDPERS	104.19
27380	Discovery Benefits	119.22
81	NDPERS	132.41
82	NDPERS	909.06
A.W.	Municipal Utilities	5,736.96
1440	Jordan Eidenschink	503.45
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-15-12		139.09
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-15-12 MU		986.09
1441	Galen Bosh OT	31.58
1442	Stefan Linstad OT	38.72
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-15-12 OT		9.93
1443	Sheldon Ellefson	213.46
1444	Shelley MacDonald	89.42
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-31-12GF		56.13
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-31-12 MU		928.05

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES:

31209	BC/BS of ND	4,003.20
31210	Roger A Johnson	217.15
11	ADAPCO, Inc	133.52
12	Advanced Engineering	11,356.00
13	AmeriPride Linen	249.30
14	Bank of ND	43,612.50
15	Bank of ND	31,800.00
16	Bank of ND	31,525.00
17	Border St Elec	41,934.81
18	Cardmember Services	60.00
19	City of Fargo	28.00
31220	Consolidated Waste, LTD	16,265.60
21	Discovery Benefits	27.50
22	Ethanol Products	4,324.51
23	Hawkins, Inc	1,490.96
24	Jim's Super Valu	17.53
25	KBM, Inc.	1,500.11
26	KXPO	36.00
27	Lagoon Maintenance	1,955.14
28	Light & Water Dept	2,507.41
29	Lindell's Mowing	490.00
31230	Lon's Hdwr	25.95
31	Michael Kilmer Const	4,915.00
32	Municipal Utilities	937.91
33	ND One Call Inc.	66.25
34	Nodak Electric Coop	6,624.79
35	North Plains Utility Contractors	4,748.00
36	Northdale Oil	210.24
37	North Star Coop	387.82

38	PDQ Sanitary Serv.	1,103.00
39	Bonnie Pederson	12.09
31240	Polar Communications	145.35
41	PR Implement	24.08
42	Pristine Water Solutions	2,613.60
43	Beth Smith	6.56
44	Gary or Della Stensland	100.00
45	Thatcher Co of Montana	7,906.80
46	Verizon Wireless	47.27
47	Water Bd Fd 05	4,830.00
48	Water Rev Bd Fd Phase II	3,450.00
49	Water Sur Charge	5,000.00
31250	Water System Repair & Replacement	1,500.00
51	Bonnie Pederson	40.00
52	NDPERS	565.93
53-61	Voids	0.00
62	Discovery Benefits	405.28
63	Discovery Benefits, Inc	27.50
64	General Fund	5,736.96
65	NDPERS	537.71
66	NDPERS	17.29
67	NDPERS	2,767.24
68	Postmaster	284.96
6563-72	Salaries 8-15-12	11,357.36
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-15-12		3,038.98
6573	Galen Bosh OT	31.58
6574	Wade Kalgard OT	19.72
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-15-12 OT		18.66
6575-83	Salaries 8-31-12	11,375.94
EFTPS (WH, SS, MED) 8-31-12		3,114.00
A.W.	ACH Charge	11.45
A.W.	NMPA	125,212.36

SPECIAL FUNDS:

3292	PR School District	5,000.00
3293	Lon's Hdwr	99.98
3294	Houston Engineering Inc	647.50
3295	North Star Coop	141.58
3296	PR School District	4,000.00
3297	'05 Sales Tax Rev Bd Fd	24,609.34

Laurie Larson appeared before the Council and questioned the legal placement of Blanchard Street which effects the placement of her proposed construction of a duplex. She presented pictures and an informational packet to the Council showing the measurements taken by herself and her husband Richard Larson. The zoning ordinance requires the setback to be 25 feet. The proposed placement would place a portion of the building within the setback zone. Larson questioned the Council about moving the street. City Attorney S. Currie said moving the street is not a solution as it would cause the change of all legal descriptions on all properties in Blocks 7, 8 and 9 in Birders Addition. The City of Park River has not issued a building permit to Larson for the duplex. Larson was under the impression that a building permit was not required. Currie stated that if the property owner does not

agree on property line placement provided by the City, it is the property owners' responsibility to have their property surveyed. After discussion, Knutson moved to have Blanchard Street surveyed from Hobbs Street to Jacobs Street and have Larson pay for half of the cost of the survey and the City of Park River pay the remaining half. Lundquist seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Lundquist moved to grant the transfer of the American Legion's Liquor License to the Coliseum for the Miller/Swartz wedding on September 1, 2012. Knutson seconded and upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Dennis Larson informed the Council that the electric line to the Walsh Grain Terminal is being installed. Business Manager T. Larson informed the Council that the City is still waiting on word from the Economic Development Administration on possible assistance with the road project.

The North Star development is progressing. There will be twenty-two lots of various sizes available for development. Infrastructure estimates are higher than expected; as a result, a combination of tax increment financing and special assessments will have to be used. Several people have expressed interest in purchasing a lot. The Park River Development Corp has been meeting weekly to keep the project on track.

Joel Hylden, Melissa Irvine, Damon Johnson, and Cheri Lothspeich appeared before the Council to request five or six additional water hydrants be provided for irrigation along the east bike path. D. Larson informed the group that the cost per water hydrant is approximately \$4,000. The Council suggested contacting someone experienced with sprinkler systems and find out costs associated with equipment and installation. Johnson commented that there are many garden clubs that tour around the state and hopefully in the near future Park River will become a garden destination. Each year the flower beds and trees receive many compliments from visitors. S. Currie recommended they apply for grants from the Park River and ND Community Foundation.

The Council designated October 9, 2012 as Fall Clean-up Day. D. Larson requested residential utility customers wishing to be placed on the pick-up schedule call the water plant no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, October 8, 2012.

Mayor Stenvold would like the City to continue to sponsor the "Biggest Pumpkin" contest at the WC Fair. Lundquist moved that the Municipal Utilities Dept. sponsor the contest and award the following prizes in Park River Bucks; 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$75.00 and 3rd place \$50.00. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

T. Larson requested that the Council redirect the 2012 Walsh County Half Mill Self Help funding of \$500 from the original request for Christmas decorations and use it for the replacement American flags that were purchased this past summer. Knutson moved same; Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried. Anderson moved to apply for the 2013 Self Help funds and put toward Christmas decorations. Lundquist seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Knutson moved to approve a request for Park River Municipal Utilities to sponsor a \$25 plaque for the Walsh County Fair. Anderson seconded, and upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Lundquist reported to the Council that several residents in his ward have contacted him with concerns about open burning within the city limits. In one occurrence the WC Sheriff's Dept. had a minor resident extinguish a fire, after the deputy left more wood was added and the fire was re-lighted. The Council addressed open burning during the April 9, 2012 City Council meeting and the Council decided the following: "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 felt a meeting of the Police Committee should take place to address the issue further.

Tom Orstad appeared before the Council to express his concerns regarding the ordinance on unlicensed vehicles in city limits. Orstad was given a warning by the WC Sheriff's department to remove an unlicensed vehicle from his property. Orstad felt his property was being targeted unfairly and had spoken with S. Currie and expressed his displeasure about the matter. Orstad informed the Council that he noticed other unlicensed vehicles in town and called the WC Sheriff's office to register complaints against the property owners. Orstad felt that the laws should apply to everyone. Mayor Stenvold stated he understood Orstad's concern and informed him that he is not being singled out. Stenvold went on to say most residents in the City take pride in keeping their property clean and uncluttered, but agreed there are other properties in town in need of scrutiny. This will be added to Police Committee meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Dan Stenvold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Larson, City Auditor