

## North River City Council Meeting

February 13, 2024

- Call to Order at 7:04pm.
- Roll Call included Mayor Troy Durham, Kris Ehlert, Evan Blotsky. and Carla St. Germain. Jeremy Jewison joined after the meeting minutes were approved. Waste Management Representative Richard Mower and Casey Eggermont were also in attendance.
- Approve Minutes from January 2024
  - Motion to approve the minutes by Ehlert with the addition that St. Germain joined at the end of the meeting, seconded by Blotsky. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.
- Approve Auditor's Report from January 2024
  - Motion by Blotsky to approve January 2024 Auditor's Report, seconded by St. Germain. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.
- New Business
  - None.
- Old Business
  - Waste Management Contract
    - Richard Mower attended the meeting to answer questions from the Council. St. Germain clarified that garbage is priced at \$28.08/month, and Mower confirmed. Further rates listed are \$18.72 per additional garbage tote, and \$11.55 per month for once-per-month recycling. Jewison asked about the 5% minimum increase, or consumer price index if that becomes higher. Jewison asked if that could be decreased, and Mower relayed it can be. Mower discussed the \$5.00 fuel charge and length of the contract. Ehlert asked about a city cleanup week for North River. Mower relayed the cost would include hauling plus load weight. Ehlert asked about yard waste. Mower relayed it would be charged similar to dumpsters (hauling plus load weight). Ehlert asked what happens if someone moves and the new resident does not want to recycle. Mower relayed Eggermont would simply report to Waste Management that the number of residents recycling would decrease moving forward.
    - Ehlert motioned to have the contract updated for an April 1<sup>st</sup> date implementation, seconded by Blotsky. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.
    - Eggermont to complete survey of residents prior to next meeting to ensure April 1<sup>st</sup> implementation.
    - Ehlert ensured the city is not tied to any certain month for a clean up week.
  - Website Options.
    - Eggermont provided two website options with pricing. Motion to create a basic website at \$10.99/month from GoDaddy.com by Blotsky, seconded by St. Germain. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.
  - Bell Bank Loan
    - Eggermont provided details on the street loan with Bell Bank. Motion to table the topic to the March 12, 2024 meeting by Ehlert, seconded by Blotsky. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

- Other Business
  - Street Light Discussion:
    - Durham relayed there are lines broken under the ground on the burnt-out street lights. Cass County Electric will fix when the ground thaws.
  - Meeting Questions:
    - Ehlert asked if Eggermont could put the auditor's fees on each auditors report moving forward. Eggermont stopped putting it on the report since meetings have been virtual for several months and two signatures other than her own are required per previous council motion to approve. Eggermont relayed she would place the auditor's fees on each report moving forward.
    - Ehlert also asked if the North River files are being backed up on a separate flash drive. Durham and Eggermont relayed that the files are backed up routinely.
- Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn by St. Germain, seconded by Ehlert. Meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm.
- Next meeting will be held March 12, 2024