

Dunn Center City Council Meeting Thursday February 13th, 2025. Mayor Larry Pavlenko called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The members present were Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, and Jeremiah Ewer. Also present were Chantel Morris, Greg Hals, Benda Synnes, James Jeske, Chris Jeske, Tracey Dolezal, Teresa Presser, Tom Benz, Cory Ravnaas, Leo Piatz, and Donna Cook.

Jeremiah Ewer motioned to approve the agenda. Daniel Binek 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Shasta Blackford motioned to approve January 2025 meeting minutes. Daniel Binek 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Shasta Blackford motioned to approve January 2025 financial reports. Daniel Binek 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Shasta Blackford motioned to approve January 2025 bills. Daniel Binek 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Old Business:

Dunn County Round Up made a follow-up presentation on their new Food Bank facility. Dunn County Round Up went to the county for a donation to their facility. They received \$2 million but are looking for \$3.6 million. They are asking the City of Dunn Center for \$500,000 in total between the years of 2025 and 2026. They are hoping for the City of Dunn Center to donate \$250,000 this fiscal year and \$250,000 for the next fiscal year. Larry Pavlenko asked if they had gone to the City of Halliday also. Their response was that it is their next city to talk with. Shasta Blackford said that due to the current projects and the fact that the City of Dunn Center has already went to Dunn County for a donation to our own cities projects and upgrades that it would be inappropriate and not ideal to help at this point in time. Dunn County Round Up understood the predicament and told council that they will return next year to represent the project.

New Business:

St Patrick's Day parade. Larry Pavlenko mentioned he doesn't know what DC Pub & Grub will be doing for St Patrick's Day. Larry Pavlenko wants council to decide if we are having a parade this year so the city can make sure that we contact the sheriffs dept and the fire dept for the participation. Greg Hals will contact Greg Armitage of DC Pub & Grub for his participation. The Council decided to hold the parade on the 15th of March at 3 PM.

Killdeer Saddle Club came to Larry Pavlenko about the donation for the 4th of July events this year. Saddle Club is asking \$20,000 donation. Informational only.

Dunn Center July 3rd celebration. Larry Pavlenko's recommendation for the July 3rd event will be as follows:

Jeremiah Ewer: food and beverages

Daniel Binek: bounce houses, kids games, etc.

Larry request that the bounce houses will need to stay longer because not everyone attends the rodeo and would like them to be there a little longer for those people.

Shasta Blackford: parade

Parade line-up will start at the firehall and then come up central, go down main and then come all the way to 2nd Ave NW.

Colton Medley: fireworks

Larry Pavlenko suggests that we might need to rent some tables and chairs for more seating. All details will be finalized in the April meeting.

Shasta Blackford moves to approve the KLJ contract for the 2025 planning services. Daniel Binek 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Base 1 101 going south. Craig Pelton contacted Larry Pavlenko and said that the county is going to put Base 1 on the 101 going south across the highway as far as they have money to serve it. What Base 101 means is that they take the gravel off, put the concrete mix in put water and pack it and it makes the road harder. Dunn Center is responsible from the highway to the bridge. Mayor Larry asked how much and was told he would be contacted about the matter. The County will start there and keep going until they run out of money, and they continue on till next year. No motion needed.

It was put in the budget last fall that the city gets a new zero-turn mower. Larry Pavlenko contacted the sales rep and was told that the city would get the same model mower but a year 2025 starting out at \$15,900 there is a \$1,000 discount as of now. There is one available in Dickinson and they will pay the city \$5,000 trade-in value for the one the city already has. The trade difference brings to \$9,900 and needs to be done by March 1st, 2025 to keep the discount. Daniel Binek asked year the current mower is, and Larry told him it is a 2019 with about 800 hours on it. Shasta Blackford motioned to approve the new zero-turn mower be purchased by March 1st, 2025. Jeremiah Ewer 2nd. Shasta Blackford, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Larry Pavlenko was contacted by Daryl Dukart on behalf of the Dinkins family. Daryl and Dinkins family is wondering why the cemetery sign has not been replaced over the last two

year. Larry Pavlenko told him he would be brought up at the council meeting. The Dinkins family went to the cemetery and would like to see the sign put up as soon as possible. Larry Pavlenko says that it needs to be done by spring. Larry Pavlenko also says there will be money donated from the Dinkins family to Rhubarb Park, the City of Dunn Center, and the Dunn Center Cemetery. The donations would be for memorials and the Dinkins would like to see the money donated to Rhubarb Park go to trees. Cory Ravnaas says that the money for the trail system over at Rhubarb Park would need to go directly to the city and then Cory would purchase the trees and bill to the city. All checks will be sent to the City of Dunn Center. The person donating the money will need to specify where they would like the money to go. Shasta Blackford had gotten a separate phone call asking if someone was to donate money through a credit card how would they go about that. Shasta Blackford suggests that we set up a PayPal account for such donations.

One of the city employees wants a face-to-face meeting with the council for an explanation about why he is having his sick/vacation accumulating hours reduced. Greg Hals asked what the reason for the deduction to begin with. Shasta Blackford explained that city employees are receiving hours that they are not supposed to be.

Engineer Report:

Cory Ravnaas gave a quick update on the plans exchanged since early November. There have been 17 people that have gotten the plans and there are 17 bidders. The only one that has contacted and spoke to Cory Ravnaas is BEK Consulting, LLC out of Dickinson, ND. The whole concern with BEK is if the city will be splitting up the project between different contractors. He responded with a no because it would make things too complicated for the project. There will be one addendum to go out before the bids are opened. Larry asked if the packets would say bidder on them so Chantel Morris knows what they will be for. Cory Ravnaas explains that there will not be any packets sent out and it will all be done electronically. Cory will thoroughly review the bids and come back with a recommendation for the city. Larry Pavlenko says that everything will go to the April meeting, that way the March meeting can be just for the bids.

Maintenance:

Greg Hals says that city maintenance is going to try and get a new broom for the tool cat. The current one is falling apart and not serving the purpose for what we need it. Maintenance will bring back a quote for the April meeting. City paid \$7,000 for current broom and expects the new one to be around the same price.

Next council meeting will be held on Thursday March 13th, 2025 at 6 PM.

These minutes may be published subject to the governing bodies reviews and revisions.

Auditor

Mayor

Chantel Morris

Larry Pavlenko

Bills: Salaries \$23,557.22; General: 2K Electric \$2,352.71; Advanced Business \$72.42; Amazon.com \$74.20; BCBS \$2,171.32; Benz Oil \$2,520.29; BM Web Design \$2,220.00; Bobcat of Dickinson \$4,940.70; Consolidated \$1,112.99; Collins Flags \$995.81; MDU \$2,530.36; Menards \$20.37; MGM \$2,920.51; NAPA \$161.66; Pens.com \$1,050.95; RJH & Associates \$1,300.00, Runnings \$158.28; SW District Health \$50.00; SW Water Authority \$2,732.50; Titan Attachments \$976.49; WalMart \$59.46; Western Choice \$10.68; Total: \$28,432.00