

WYNDMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wyndmere City Council held their regular meeting at City Hall on February 6, 2023.

Members present: Mayor Brandt, Councilmen – Phalen, Anderson, Kuchera, Hetland;
Superintendent – Utke; Auditor – Anderson by phone; City Engineer – Grant Kuper

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Phalen to approve, second by Kuchera. MC

Approval of Bills – Motion by Phalen to approve, second by Anderson. MC

Auditor Report – Overdue water bills (letters will be sent to residents 3 months past due, the next month the water will be shut off) and financials discussed.

Superintendent Report – Added bugs to the sanitary system, shut water off at 819 Birch Ave at owners request for the winter, shoveled by fire hydrants, pushed back intersections, installed mirror and marker on new plow truck wing, sanded around town, read meters, unplugged sanitary lift station, clean shops, pickup, oil changes, will get info on upcoming lead/copper pipe service line training, no bids on the old plow truck.

Old Business – Abatement is due February 7. Hetland will contact Todd Johnson on the next steps. The property purchased on 4th Street had a Final Title Opinion reviewed by our City Attorney and was found to be unmarketable due to the fact that it went back to the county. We can obtain a Quit Claim Deed from the record title owner, wait until the 20 year period has expired in 2032, or do a quiet title action. Motion by Hetland to obtain a Quit Claim Deed, seconded by Kuchera – Hetland amended the motion to obtain a Quit Claim Deed, if not obtained then do a quiet title action, seconded by Kuchera. MC

New Business – Received an open records request from Vogel Law Firm on special assessments pertaining to Dakota Plains. A Childcare Committee has been formed and meetings will be held on Wednesdays at City Hall. Schmit Acres (new land development by Gilead) was discussed. Bolten & Menk has platted this and will put together figures to continue on the next phase for the March meeting. City would like to form a housing authority. City will start on the ordinance with specific detail for the properties and get abstracts.

Other Business – Engineer Report – Motion by Hetland to approve Change Order #5 for the project, seconded by Anderson. MC Engineer will get the application for lead service line inventory assistance completed. Kuchera discussed WDCDC purchased lots and putting housing on them. Parcel owner had question on how the specials were assessed.

Motion by Kuchera to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, second by Anderson. MC

Next Meeting - March 6, 2023