

## WYNDMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wyndmere City Council held their regular meeting at City Hall on May 1, 2023.

Members present: Councilmen – Phalen, Anderson, Kuchera; Absent – Mayor Brandt and Hetland; Superintendent – Utke; Auditor – Anderson; City Engineer – Kuper arrived at 7:27 PM. Community Members: Brian Baldwin, Chris Hegseth, Ed Anderson left at 7:06 PM, Kara Melsow, Danica Sinner

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM.

**Approval of Minutes** (April 3) – Motion by Anderson to approve second by Kuchera. MC  
**and Equalization Meeting** (April 3)–Motion by Kuchera to approve, second by Anderson. MC  
**Approval of Bills** – Motion by Kuchera to approve, second by Anderson. MC

**Auditor Report** – Overdue water bills and financials were discussed. Letters will be sent to residents on the overdue water list. A copy of the 2024 budget was handed out for review for the next meeting. Motion by Kuchera to have Seamless Pro supply & install new gutters on City Hall to alleviate water coming in on the north side of the building. Jim Riffel requested that he be reimbursed or the city order him a new mailbox. After consideration and discussion, it was decided that the mailbox will not be replaced. Phone call from our City Attorney – received a phone call from Vincent Dulance’s attorney inquiring if the City would be interested in buying the property at 346 3rd street. After discussion, the Council was not interested in buying the parcel. The Department of Environmental Quality recognized the City for safe drinking water with a certificate of achievement. Received the audit for 2021 back from the State Auditor approved.

**Superintendent Report** – Cleaning our storm drains, moving/plowing snow, checking the manhole on Schultz property and looks good, dumping bugs around the city and lagoons, Christmas lights taken down, had a lead/copper zoom meeting, called DOT to remove the snow pack in the ditch by north highway 18 and by Dollar General, Quality Pump changed out the pump safe relay and added a ground wire at the retention pond lift station, Jason from ND Rural Water is the new employee and stopped by, started all gas engines on pumps and both generators, inspected mosquito sprayer and did PM on it, PM on JD 950 mower, removed plow off of International truck, fixed fence at landfill, bought a 30 gallon tank for the Ranger to spray. Mark Siemieniewski inquired about renting the hay in Schmit Acres.

**Old Business** – City Attorney is working on the Title of Opinion for Schmit Acres. Motion by Kuchera to hire Tyler Brandt for summer help, second by Anderson. MC

**New Business** – Brian Baldwin and the council discussed the BND Buydown for the new business and is tabled until the next meeting as there was not a quorum to vote. The JPA is purchasing the Methodist Church. They are taking the church down and will be putting in apartments on those lots. Cleanup dates for the City are Friday, May 12 from 5 to 7 PM and Saturday, May 13 from 8 to 11 AM. Motion by Kuchera to approve the gaming site authorization from the American Legion Bullis Post #84 for the Black Pelican, second by

Anderson. MC Motion by Kuchera to approve the building permits for Kelly Meslow and Connie Duncan, second the Anderson. MC

**Other Business** – Engineer report – the final pay request for the project has been submitted to the state and received. The City was reimbursed for the payment made to KPH and a retain age fee has been withheld to get the items done that need addressing on the streets. The infrastructure on the new development will cost about \$1,000,000. Different scenarios were discussed on how to pay this. Ed Anderson inquired about putting up an automatic car wash and chain link fence and possibly a storage unit. Will check with Southeast Rural Water. Will decide next meeting if more funds will be put towards the payments on our project. The Fall Festival committee will be contacted to see if they have found another area.

Motion by Kuchera to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, second by Anderson. MC

**Next Meeting - June 5, 2023 at 7 PM**