

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 26, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of City Commissioners held a web hosted meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Commissioners Shane Hamre, Robyn Hach, Jacob Volk, and President Richard Johnson. Commissioner Dale Robbins was absent.

President Johnson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a mask mandate, award proposals, and add language to permits.

The City Commission reviewed mask mandates from Fargo, West Fargo, Valley City and Minot. Discussion was held on the mandates having no penalties, definition of a face covering, on people and businesses needing to take responsibility and on how the mandate would be enforced. Consensus of the community meeting held on Friday was that the City needed to take a proactive approach in order to avoid shutdowns. Dr. Stephanie Foughty and Dr. David Burt presented information from the medical side on why a mask mandate is needed to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve a mask mandate modeled after the City of Minot's mask mandate effective Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call, all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk reviewed the recommendation from the committee for the loader.

Commissioner Volk moved to award the 4 wheel drive articulated loader to RDO Equipment of Grand Forks, ND for a lease of a John Deere 644 L in the amount of \$234,412.85 and to keep the old loader as recommended by the equipment proposal review group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Volk reviewed the recommendation from the committee for the motor grader.

Commissioner Volk moved to award the motor grader to RDO Equipment of Grand Forks, ND for a lease of a John Deere 772GP motor grader with snow wing, front snow plow and snow gate in the amount of \$312,944.80 and to accept the trade in amount for the existing motor grader as recommended by the equipment proposal review group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre, and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Auditor stated the special event permit that was tabled from the October 19, 2020 meeting has been withdrawn since the event has been postponed.

The City Attorney has added language limiting liability to the city to the special event permits.

Commissioner Volk moved to add the following language to the special event permits: The Applicant releases and defends the City from any claim that may occur from the special event, including claims resulting from the failure of the event to comply with guidelines provided by federal and state health agencies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT