

**September 19, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting**

**MINOT CITY COUNCIL – SCHEDULED MEETING – September 19, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Evans, Jantzer (via Teams), Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle

Members Absent:

None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross presiding along with members of the Y's Men Club, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Ross did the Y's Men's PBR Proclamation and the Diaper Needs Awareness Proclamation.

**SISTER CITY CONTRACT**

Alderman Olson moved the City Council approve the Sister City Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Motion seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Harold Stewart, City Manager, submitted a report to the council. He also mentioned that he is currently attending the ICMA conference and later this week will be attending the Task Force 21 Symposium in Washington, DC.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PRELIMINARY PLAT OF THE LENOX PARK 3RD ADDITION - APPROVED**

The City Council held a public hearing on an application from Chad Atterton representing Jeremy Evans, owner for a preliminary plat that includes vacation of right-of-way (alley). The plat will amend the boundaries of two lots to incorporate the vacated right-of-way into two new lots to be known as Lenox Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. The legal description for the properties is Lot 1, Lenox Park Addition and the West ½ of Lots 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111, Elbow Park Manor Plus Adjacent Alley to the City of Minot, North Dakota.

Alderman Pitner moved to close the hearing and approve the major subdivision preliminary plat for the Lenox Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition in alignment with the Planning Commission recommendation.

Motion seconded by Alderman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**PUBLIC HEARING: MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT AND REZONING, 4TH AVENUE ADDITION - APPROVED**

The City Council held a public hearing requested by Harold Stewart on behalf of the City of Minot, owner for a preliminary plat and zoning map amendment to several properties to acknowledge the realignment of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW to accommodate the flood control wall and other flood control-related infrastructure along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. Properties addressed at 100, 106, and 110 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW will be consolidated into two lots, where one lot is proposed to be zoned "RM" Medium Residential District and the other is proposed to be zoned "P" Public District. The "RM" Medium Residential District property will encompass the property where the Home Sweet Home dwelling presently resides. All other property a part of this proposal is to be zoned "P" Public District for the purpose of flood control or, where no flood control infrastructure resides, as open space. Some properties abut right-of-way where there no longer exist streets due to the construction of flood control infrastructure. The respective rights-of-way are proposed to be vacated via this proposed plat. The preliminary plat is to be named 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Addition, being a Replat of Watnas Addition and Robo Addition, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 155 North, Range 83 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian and a Portion of Ramstad's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition; a portion of Subdivision of Outlot 6 River Park Addition, a portion of River Park Addition, a portion of Forsberg's Re-Arrangement of East One Half of Block 3 of River Park Addition, a Portion of Lakeview Subdivision of Blocks 23 And 25, Lakeview Addition, and a portion of Robb's Addition, located in the

Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 155, North Range 83 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; Oakland Park Addition, Outlots Sec 24 155 83 Outlot 13, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 155 North, Range 83 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

Alderman Pitner moved to close the hearing and approve the following in alignment with the Planning Commission recommendation:

1. A Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat for the 4th Avenue Addition as provided in Attachment 'A'.
2. An ordinance on first reading for a zoning map amendment from numerous zoning districts to "P" Public District and "RM" Medium Density Residential District.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**PUBLIC HEARING: MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT AND REZONING, RIVER BOTTOM ADDITION – APPROVED**

The City Council held a public hearing requested by Justin Thurn representing Keller Paving and Landscaping Inc., D & DK Properties LLP, and Orlan and Mary Rovig, owners for a preliminary plat and zoning map amendment. The preliminary plat to be known as River Bottom Addition will consolidate multiple lots into three. The existing zoning of "AG" Agricultural District, "M1" Light Industrial District, and "M2" Heavy Industrial District will be modified as follows: Lot 1 – "M1" Light Industrial District, Lot 2 – "M2" Heavy Industrial District, and Lot 3 – "AG" Agricultural District. The legal description for the properties is a portion of Outlot 34, all of the Outlots 4, 11, 12, Lot A of Outlot 12, 36 and 37 of Section 29, Township 155N, Range 82W, Ward County, North Dakota.

The properties are addressed as 1820, 1826, 1900 Hwy 2 Bypass E and include additional unaddressed properties. The properties are located between Hwy 2 Bypass E and 27<sup>th</sup> St. SE, northeast of the tracks, and southwest of the Souris River.

Alderman Pitner moved to close the hearing and approve the following in alignment with the Planning Commission's Recommendation:

1. A Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat for the River Bottom Addition as provided in Attachment 'A'.
2. An ordinance on first reading for a zoning map amendment from "M1" Light Industrial District, "M2" Heavy Industrial District, and "AG" Agricultural District to "M1" Light Industrial District, "M2" Heavy Industrial District, and "AG" Agricultural District in a different configuration.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Alderman Pitner moved the City Council approve consent items 6.1, 6.2 (#2) – 6.5, 6.7-6.13.

6.1 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - Approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.

6.2 ORDINANCES – Approval of the following ordinances considered for second reading:

2. Ordinance No 5772 – Fire Station #3 Bay Lighting Upgrade

6.3 ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS - Approval of the following administrative approvals:

1. Power of 1 to conduct a raffle on December 31, 2022 at Marco's Pizza (1250 4th Ave NW).
2. 705 MUNS Rising Five to conduct raffles on October 5, 2022 and November 18, 2022 at Panera Bread (1807 22nd Ave SW).
3. Dakota College of Bottineau Student Nurse Association to conduct a calendar raffle in December 2022 at Dakota College of Bottineau – Minot Trinity (307 5th Ave SE).
4. Mouse River Players to conduct raffles on 9/25/22, 11/27/22, 2/5/23, 3/26/23, 5/21/23 at Mouse River Players (115 1st St SE).
5. BMWED Lodge 1326 to conduct a raffle on December 10, 2022 at The Spot (6 2nd Ave NE).
6. Independence Inc. to conduct a raffle on September 27, 2022 at The Clarion (2200 Burdick Expwy E).
7. Northern Infidels Motorcycle Club to conduct a raffle on September 17, 2022 at the Northern Infidels Motorcycle Club (305 4th Ave NW).
8. Hometown Hero Outdoors to conduct a raffle on November 30, 2022 at Broadway Liquors(1030 N Broadway).

9. Minot State Athletics to conduct a raffle on 9/3/22, 9/17/22, 10/1/22, 10/15/22, and 11/5/22 at Herb Parker Stadium (500 University Ave W).
10. Minotauros Booster Club to conduct raffles at all home games for the 2022-2023 season at the MAYSA Arena (2501 Burdick Expwy W).
11. Special Event Permit for Duckpond Ventures LLC dba Dad's/Saul's (23 Main St S #B).

6.4 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS- Confirm the following appointments:

1. Todd Harris to replace Steve Bigelow on the Magic Fund Screening Committee with a term to expire June 2025.
2. Todd Telin to replace Jarid Lundeen on the Magic Fund Screening Committee with a term to expire July 2025.

6.5 GAMING SITE AUTHORIZATION - PRAIRIE GRIT ADAPTIVE SPORTS - Approve the gaming site authorization for Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports to hold a raffle on October 29, 2022 at the Sleep Inn and Suites (2400 10th St SW).

6.7 WATER CONSULTING SERVICES (PROJECT NUMBER 4421.1) - Select Houston Engineering to perform all general engineering and consultant services for water related infrastructure projects on an as needed basis for a three- year term; and authorize the Mayor to sign the master services agreement with Houston Engineering.

6.8 WELL F ELECTRICAL WORK (PROJECT NUMBER 4681) - Award the bid for Well F electrical work in the Sundre Wellfield to Burlington Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$159,625.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City.

6.9 P# 3529.07 MREFPP PHASE RC-1 – MOUSE RIVER PARK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - Approve plans and specifications and recommend approval to the SRJB for bidding of the Mouse River Park Bridge, Phase RC-1 of the MREFPP; and approve the resolution in regards to bonding and reimbursement for the MREFPPP – RC-1 project 3529.07.

6.10 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO BUSINESS INCENTIVE AGREEMENT - Approve the Amendment to the Business Incentive Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and the necessary documents to sell the property to LPND1.

6.11 US 2, 14TH AVE, 42ND ST SE CHIP SEAL PE AGREEMENT (4724) - Approve the agreement with the NDDOT; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

6.12 US 83 BYPASS CHIP SEAL PE AGREEMENT (4725) - Approve the agreement with the NDDOT; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

6.13 2022 STREET SEAL - FINAL PAYMENT (4624) - Approve the final payment of \$334,940.10 to be paid to Asphalt Preservation Company Inc.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Olson and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**ORDINANCES – ORDINANCE REGULATION OF PIT BULL DOGS REPEALED – APPROVED**

Alderwoman Evans moved the City Council approve Ordinance No. 5771 – Ordinance Regulation of Pit Bull dogs Repeal on second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderwoman Olson wanted to open it up for the constituents that would like to speak. Kim Albert of Minot, ND discussed some statistics from 2020 and 2021 of dog attacks and how many of those attacks were Pit Bulls. She also mentioned the statistics on how the owner, a family member, or close friend were victims of those attacks. She urged council to reconsider their decision.

Betty Clementich of Minot, ND mentioned how a family dog was attacked by a Pit Bull. She discussed some attacks that had occurred in Fargo and Bismarck. She believes that Pit Bulls should not be in city limits. Her neighbor owns a Pit Bull service dog and she discussed how the dog follows her along the fence line.

Camien Eisenzimmer of Minot, ND supports the repeal of the ordinance. She currently uses a service dog but has been told to search for a bully breed for her next service dog due to their ability/strength to pull a wheelchair. Due to the current restrictions of the breed and service dog requirements, she would not be able to have a bully breed be a service dog because the dog would not be able to complete the tasks she will some day require. She stated how even with her current service dog she is not comfortable taking the dog out in public due to the dog's resemblance to a bully breed.

Another citizen of Minot spoke about how she was attacked by a pit pull at the age of 19 and had reconstructive surgery. She has a family member that currently owns 4 pit bulls. She stated we need to put a limit on what to ban out of fear.

Alderman Olson mentioned that she has had more comments related to the repeal of the ordinance than she has on the budget. She does not feel safe having Pit Bulls in our community and she wanted the public to have one more opportunity to speak on the subject. Alderman Jantzer also mentioned he remains unconvinced that the data presented leads to the conclusion that allowing pit bulls into the community is a good decision.

Alderman Podrygula supports the data that other dogs might bite more but the breed being considered has a ferocious bite. Alderman Evans believes the dangerous animal law is more effective than the breed ban. Alderman Pitner does not make this decision lightly, these dogs are fine until they are not but they are already in our community and it might not be the breed as much as it is the owner.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion by Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Pitner, Ross, Streyle; nays: Jantzer, Olson, Podrygula.

#### **CITY OF MINOT FLEET MAINTENANCE PLAN – APPROVED**

Alderman Podrygula moved the City Council approve the City of Minot Fleet Maintenance Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign it. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pitner.

Alderman Podrygula mentioned this plan is a positive move forward but he questioned why public safety vehicles were not mentioned. Jason Sorenson, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that public safety vehicles are like the passenger vehicles and the Fire Department has their own mechanic who does the service for their vehicles.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion by Alderman Podrygula, seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: 2023 PRELIMINARY ANNUAL BUDGET - APPROVED**

Mayor Tom Ross opened the public hearing for comments on the 2023 preliminary annual budget.

Larry Bellew of Minot, ND presented his preliminary taxes and stated that he will have a property tax increase of \$875 per year. He feels this is an unacceptable increase and that areas of the budget can be reduced such as the Assistant City Manager and Community Outreach Specialist position. Larry stated that there is an unnecessary increase in positions and was unhappy with the President's letter having reductions but leaving the money in the budget. Larry also stated that fixed income residents are already having difficulties already with inflation.

Scott Samuelson of Minot, ND has owned his current home since 1993 and his home has increased \$27,000 in its assessment this year. He discussed MAGIC Fund investments and the population increase. He stated in the last 20 years his property tax has increased 347%. He discussed the investment in downtown and the Wayfinding Signage Program. He felt that his cell phone can do the same thing as the Wayfinding Signage Program but is costing the citizens over \$1 million. He feels we need to make Minot the best it can be with the current citizens. That can be done with low taxes and great quality of life.

Jeff of Minot, ND discussed his assessment on his home has went up 26.62%. He felt it is ludicrous how the amount of taxes has increased. He wants the council to get the budget under control and provide the services that are needed.

Alderman Pitner moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Alderman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

#### **2023 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE – APPROVED**

Alderman Pitner moved the City Council approve the recommended budget and include the President's Letter recommendations as followed removal of the Drug Task Force position, as well as two vacant Police Officer positions, removal of Building and Grounds position, removal of two Electrical Inspector position, additional \$500,000 be moved to road maintenance and remaining cost savings be set aside for future Police Department needs. Also, direct staff to bring budget amendments to the City Council for Wayfinding Signage and Façade Improvement Program. Motion seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderman Pitner understands the frustration of the tax payers. The school bond is a good thing. Assessments are based off sales comparisons in the neighborhood. The city has to try new things to invest in the future and in Minot.

Alderman Evans asked if Alderman Pitner would be amendable to cutting the Assistant City Manager position and Alderman Pitner thought that should be done in a separate motion.

Alderman Evans motioned to amend the President's motion to remove the Assistant City Manager position. Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner.

Alderman Evans believes the position is not necessary for 2023 but it can come back in 2024. Alderman Roscoe believes that 23 positions are too much. 10 of the positions are a must for 2023 but not all 23 positions. Alderman Olson does not want to micro-manage. The City Manager is responsible to manage the budget. The council should look at a dollar amount or mill change and let the City Manager and staff work within those numbers. Alderman Podrygula discussed his proposed taxes also and discussed his dilemma with removing this position. He believes we should trust Harold but will support due to how this position has not been worked through enough as a whole council.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: Jantzer, Olson.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to remove one Light Equipment Operator and one Heavy Equipment Operator. The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderman Roscoe understand the needs for flood control maintenance and supports adding one of each to the 2023 budget. Alderman Evans clarified there were 4 positions and this would be removing 2. Alderman Olson asked Alderman Streyle what the total dollar amount is for all his changes to the budget. Alderman Streyle responded with a decrease of \$1.2 million on the general fund and in mills it would be a 4.1 mill decrease not an increase.

Alderman Olson reiterated that she does not believe it is the council's responsibility to pick and choose the positions but they could set a dollar amount.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: Olson.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to remove the Civil Engineering position for the Engineering Department budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Evans.

Alderman Streyle felt it made more long-term sense to contract with the private sector to help with the projects for 2023. Alderman Evans asked that is this set in stone or would Alderman Streyle be open to a change if Lance could find a person that would fit this position. It could be done with a budget amendment. Alderman Streyle stated he would support a budget amendment and the city would know more in the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. of 2023.

Alderman Olson stated that she is not opposed to cut but does not like the process. Alderman Podrygula agrees to speak dollar amounts not mills and appreciated the flexibility.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: Olson.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to increase the MACEDC to the requested amount of \$533,770. The motion was seconded by Alderman Evans.

Alderman Streyle stated economic development is important and we have an opportunity to accelerate what we do in the economic development section. Workforce development is a big issue MACEDC is working on. Childcare is an issue that effects the workforce.

Alderman Evans spoke about what a Workforce Development position could do especially with affordable childcare options. Alderman Pitner asked for clarification on if this was for a Workforce Development position within MACEDC. Alderman Streyle stated MACEDC was looking for a staff member for the position and this would be additional support not fully funding the position.

Alderman Pitner would like to see MACEDC present the position to the council and see this as a budget amendment process. Alderman Streyle is fine with that if the amendment process is needed. David Lakefield stated that the funding included for MACEDC can be changed in this process or later changed with a budget amendment. Sales tax percentages are part of the ordinances and that is a different process to change. He stated they can be reallocated as long as it meets the general economic development of the ordinance.

Alderman Podrygula stated that economic development is important to the community and the need for good quality childcare is a big factor. He was concerned with sacrificing social service needs for economic development.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: None.

Alderwoman Evans motioned to amend the President's motion to remove \$469,775 from the general fund for the community grants and make ARPA funds contribute \$512,500 to community grants which restores the original requested amounts to Minot Area Council of the Arts, Minot Commission on Aging, and First District Health.

Alderwoman Evans stated they are looking to get the general fund down for the taxpayers so ARPA funds are going to the Puppy Dog Coulee project but she would like to see some funding from ARPA go to these organizations. ARPA funds can go to organizations that were impacted by COVID.

Alderman Jantzer mentioned he was not present at the meeting where the cuts were made to the community contributions. First District Health Unit was previously granted based but now they are fee based. The reduction of services to the city has not been worked out in the agreements yet. Alderman Jantzer wanted David Lakefield to clarify if these ARPA Funds can be used and are they available.

David Lakefield was concerned due to the rules and how the community health rules are specific. Alderwoman Evans had the final ruling and she believed 75% of the ruling is in purview of First Health District. David Lakefield stated that there are other services identified in the contract with FDHU that fall out of the scope of community health. The city would have to ensure that the funding is used appropriately. He also mentioned that there is already a shortfall in the Puppy Dog Coulee project and using ARPA funds for this would require the city to find more funding.

Alderwoman Evans stated that the coulee project is roughly \$16 million and ARPA funds are only \$7.5 million. David Lakefield stated there are other funding sources to consider such as \$4 million in storm sewer development funds. Alderwoman Evans asked if MACA could show a decrease in revenue due to COVID and Justin Anderson agreed he could. She also asked Lisa Clute what portion of the \$318,000 is eligible for the ARPA public health funds. Lisa thought half would be eligible but the water and waste water testing would not be eligible. Lisa Clute took out the water testing funding and thought roughly \$247,000 would be covered under ARPA.

Alderman Pitner asked if the funding removed from the general fund would be removed from the budget to reduce the levy and Alderwoman Evans stated there might be some funding left in the general fund for FDHU for the portion of the agreement that would not qualify with ARPA funding. There would need to be \$71,000 in the general fund. Alderman Streyle thought the funding could be found in the budget from the removal of the public works positions.

Alderwoman Olson mentioned that ARPA will only cover 2023 so what will the council do in 2024. Harold Stewart stated this will be a one time relief and we will need to restore the levy portion in 2024. Alderman Streyle discussed how one thing has dramatically changed is the interest rates the city is getting on the money in the bank. The city is now generating interest income.

Alderman Pitner is concerned with moving the money from a reliable and consistent revenue source. Would rather use the ARPA funds to fund the shortfall of the 5% removed from the original asking amount. Alderwoman Evans is open to that option about leaving the \$469,775 in the general fund and taking the \$42,225 out of the ARPA funds to cover the 5% previously taken out of the budget.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Podrygula, Streyle; nays: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Ross. The motion failed.

Alderwoman Evans motioned to amend the President's motion to keep the community grant funding of \$469,775 in the general fund budget and restore Minot Area Council of the Arts, First District Health Unit, and Minot Commission on Aging to original application amount with ARPA funding. The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderman Pitner supports this by using the one time funding source to restore the funding to original amount.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Podrygula, Pitner, Ross; nays: Streyle.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to take the \$500,000 healthcare savings in reduction and take the \$500,000 for street improvements from sales tax infrastructure . The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderman Streyle would like to see the \$500,000 to come from a fund that is already out there and has money. There is roughly \$660,700 is healthcare savings but we have money in the bank already in sales tax infrastructure. David Lakefield wanted to remind the council the two electrical positions and the funds are still remaining in the budget. Sales tax infrastructure can be a funding source for this motion.

Alderwoman Evans asked where in the budget the \$500,000 would go and David Lakefield clarified it was the street improvements fund in the Engineering Department.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: none; nays: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle. The motion failed.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to use sales tax infrastructure fund and increase to the street improvement fund of \$500,000.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

Alderman Streyle motioned to amend the President's motion to remove the 10% increase on healthcare from the 2023 budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderwoman Evans wanted clarification on if this included the other 2% built into the healthcare costs in the budget. Alderman Streyle stated that this motion was only for the 10% that was an estimated increase in the budget this is not the full 12% that is budgeted in as of now.

Alderman Jantzer is in favor of this motion and returning the funding to the taxpayers because this was due to the amount being estimated no the actual cost.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Streyle, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Podrygula, Pitner, Ross, Streyle; nays: None.

Alderwoman Evans motioned to amend the President's motion to use the remaining 2% healthcare deduction fund increasing the city's contribution to the family and single plus dependent coverage. The City would contribute 82% for a family plan and 92% to a single plus dependent plan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula.

Alderman Streyle would like to see the benefits bid every year and focusing on finding the best health plan such as using a high deductible plan. Alderwoman Evans also mentioned that in the budget process Harold Stewart had mentioned looking into an option of a benefit a la carte menu to the employees.

Harold Stewart stated that yes it would be essentially a menu of benefits. He is unaware of other cities that do this so it would take some time and consulting to develop.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion to amend by Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman Podrygula and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Podrygula, Pitner, Ross, Streyle; nays: None.

Alderwoman Evans motioned to amend the President's motion amend the 2023 budget in the following ways for the Library Budget: Salaries from \$838,024.00 to \$869,096.48, Extra Help Salaries from \$165,654.00 to \$125,029.00, Health Insurance from \$232,344.00 to \$233,849.00, Life Insurance from \$735.00 to \$833.00, Social Security from \$62,228.00 to \$65,365.00, and Medicare \$14,024.00 to \$14,199.00.

Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

The council then had to vote on the main motion with the amendments. The motion from Alderman Pitner with the amendments includes: approval of the 2023 proposed annual budget with the President's letter recommendations and amendments to remove the Assistant City Manager position, removal of a Heavy and Light Equipment Operator, removal of the Civil Engineer position, to increase MACEDC to its original request of \$533,770, restore the community facility funds of FDHU, MACA, and Minot Commission on aging to full amount supplementing with ARPA funds the 5% difference, use sales tax infrastructure funds to increase the street improvements fund by \$500,000, removed the 10% healthcare savings from the budget, use the remaining 2% of healthcare savings to increase the city contributions to 82% of a family plan and 92% of a single plus dependent plan, and correct the library budget Salaries from \$838,024.00 to \$869,096.48, Extra Help Salaries from \$165,654.00 to \$125,029.00, Health Insurance from \$232,344.00 to \$233,849.00, Life Insurance from \$735.00 to \$833.00, Social Security from \$62,228.00 to \$65,365.00, and Medicare \$14,024.00 to \$14,199.00.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Podrygula carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS - NDCC §57-02.2: PARK PLACE MINOT, LLC; 300 27TH AVE NW - APPROVED**

Alderwoman Olson moved to approve the exemption application based the applicant exceeding the minimum eligibility requirements.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**BEL AIR AND WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BUDGET AMENDMENT (4577) - APPROVED**

Alderwoman Evans moved the City Council pass the attached budget amendment on 1st reading.

Alderman Podrygula asked Lance Meyer if we need to take another look at the value of the Bel Air Safe Route to School. He also wanted to know where the city was at with the priority study. Lance stated that the city has 5 years of projects left before the original study to be complete. Some projects need to be evaluated prior to beginning them. He feels that at some point he will be coming back to council to do another study.

Alderman Podrygula asked for a timeline on a new study. Lance feels like it will be two years before he comes back to council for a new study. Alderman Podrygula asked if the old plan is worth sticking with. Lance Meyer believes it is a valid plan until all projects are completed.

Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MINOT VETERINARY CLINIC FOR ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT - APPROVED**

Alderwoman Olson moved the City Council approve the Services Agreement with Minot Veterinary Clinic for animal impoundment service for the City of Minot, Police Department; and authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to sign the Services Agreement.

Motion seconded by Alderman Jantzer and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross, Streyle; nays: none.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Alderwoman Evans stated that the budget has been a long process but she is proud of the governing body. She is happy everyone worked together to help the tax payers.

Alderman Podrygula stated that compromising has been done in an appropriate manner. The city is trying to provide services in a cost efficient manner.

Alderman Pitner would like to see the council involved with the new ideas and thoughts proposed for the 2024 budget.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Alderman Pitner and Alderman Jantzer had no meeting to report on. Alderman Jantzer did report that he has the Task force 21 11<sup>th</sup> Nuclear Triad Symposium on Friday. Alderman Streyle has an upcoming zoning meeting on Wednesday. Alderwoman Evans had the Ward County Planning meeting but was unable to attend the Library Board meeting.

Alderwoman Olson mentioned that there was a dental gift from Dakota College at Bottineau and she attended 2 CTE meetings where they discussed that August 2023 would be the opening for the CTE Dental Assistant Program. Liaison committee and Souris Basin Planning Committee have upcoming meetings.

Alderman Podrygula has an upcoming meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. He attended the Ward County Planning Commission, Minot Commission on Aging, Emergency Resource Council, and the Ward County 911 meetings.

Mayor Ross attended the Task Force 21 meeting, MACEDC Board meeting, and the MAGIC Fund Ad Hoc meeting. He also reminded everyone of the Special City Council Meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

ATTEST: Mikayla McWilliams  
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED: Thomas Ross  
Thomas Ross, Mayor