

City of Medora  
Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 5, 2021  
(Subject to Council review and approval)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Todd Corneil. Present were Council members Gary Edland, Doug Ellison, Tracy Sexton, and Derwin Zuroff. Sandy Kuntz also attended. Mike Njos was not present.

Minutes from the December 1 Council Meeting and the December 30 Special Meeting were reviewed. Zuroff moved to approve the minutes from the December 1 Council Meeting and December 30 Special Meeting, Edland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Department Reports**

City Engineer Mike Njos – no report.

City Attorney Report – Kuntz stated she is working on the Point to Point Park Plat issues and will communicate shortly. Clarence Sitter asked if Kuntz is waiting for more information and what the timeline for communication might be. Kuntz said the goal is to have the comments out tomorrow.

Ambulance Report – written November, December and Year End reports were reviewed.

Police Department - a written report was reviewed.

Public Works report – a written report was reviewed.

MCC report – a written report was reviewed.

City Auditor report – 2020 and 2021 budget information was reviewed. Another payment from the CARES Act COVID Relief Fund was received in December so the 2020 total funds set aside were \$163,242.84.

**Old Business**

TR Presidential Library update – Ellison introduced Ken Vein and Amy McCann from the TRPL. Vein stated they appreciate Doug Ellison's work with them. They are moving forward with Design and Construction work and they expect design to take 2 years and construction 2 years with opening July 2025. Land acquisition is moving forward with support from the US Congress and they are waiting for the appraisal to be completed.

Deer population problem – Mayor Corneil reported that he had a good discussion with Game and Fish, and the community must now consider how to proceed on deer population reduction. Corneil suggested they would likely try to haze deer away from town to see if problems can be reduced, and request that residents not feed the deer. Ellison asked if there would be a noise impact on residents, Corneil said they will look at options to reduce resident impacts. Amy McCann asked if it had been decided how to communicate with and engage residents, Corneil said that Game and Fish can probably help with this. McCann volunteered to help as needed. Clarence Sitter thanked Corneil for pursuing the issue and stated that TRMF and its employees will help also. Mary Griffin said that hazing has had some impact on her deer population. Corneil said that he would work with Game and Fish on recommendations for various forms of hazing, etc. and report back. He thanked the volunteers for their support.

**New Business**

City Parks and Trails – Wally Owen – Wally reviewed his request that was submitted in writing. He is looking for some authority to apply for grants, etc. to support the effort. Zuroff said the City doesn't have a park or trails. Owen said that work needs to be done on location of trees, benches, etc. that are on various right of ways, etc. Zuroff and Sexton both suggested that it would seem an effort like he is proposing would be best supported by the County. Kuntz said we would need an ordinance, job description, and defined duties before proceeding. Owen suggested someone needs to help develop a plan and coordinate action to get something done. Clarence Sitter said TRMF will work with Owen directly on activities. Amy McCann suggested we need a plan for replacing trees that are dying. Mary Griffin agreed a master plan for how to manage trees and leaves is needed. Kuntz suggested a committee be established to pull together the good ideas and decide how to pursue them. Corneil suggested the issue should be considered and a committee established. It was agreed the issue should be tabled for now.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Financial Statements**

Financials – Sexton moved to accept the financials and claims as presented, Ellison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

18118	AFLAC	165.24
18119	DENTAL INSURANC AMERITAS	576.40
18120	VISION INSURANC FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	66.15
18122	815 BOSS OFFICE PRODUCTS	83.93
18123	135 FARMERS UNION	1365.00
18124	141 FLECKS FURNITURE & APPLIANCE	441.40
18125	444 HIGHLANDS ENGINEERING & SURVEYING	2210.00
18126	229 MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY	853.21
18127	352 SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY	51.89
18128	222 MEDORA AREA CVB	95100.89
	NDPERS DEFERRED COMP DEP	410.00
	RENT CITY OF MEDORA	225.00
	FIT EFTPS	3171.31
	GROUP TERM LIFE NDPERS HEALTH	7586.89

**Deadline for Zoning Applications is Friday, January 8@ 12:00pm with the Zoning Meeting being Tuesday, January 19 @ 6:00pm. The Deadline for Council Agenda Items is Friday, January 29 @ 12:00pm. The next regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 2 @ 6:00pm.**

Zuroff moved the meeting be adjourned, Sexton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Corneil, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Gary Ridenhower, City Auditor