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Wilson, Jody Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Pretzer made a motion to approve the October minutes, Travis Teske second, roll call vote, MC.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Brian Weber made a motion to approve the agenda for November, Travis Teske second, roll call vote, MC.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Brian Weber made a motion to approve the financial reports for November 12th, 2024 for the city of \$1,379,317.02 and the Parkboard \$10,146.05, John Pretzer second, roll call vote, MC.

BILLS PRESENTED: Travis Teske made a motion to pay all bills presented for October, Brian Weber second, roll call vote, MC.

AUDITOR/PARKBOARD REPORT: Past due water accounts were discussed. Late customers will be contacted. Christmas in Murray Park is scheduled for December 1st. A meeting has been held and a plan is in place for the event.

PWS REPORT: The water tower has been painted and the council is happy with the outcome.

Tony is ready for snow removal. The mixer for the water tower still needs to be installed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bo Wilson attended the meeting in regards to the property at 307 Main Street. He would like to purchase the property. John Pretzer made the following motion for the Purchase Agreement:

This agreement is between The City of Scranton and Bo Wilson, Scranton, North Dakota. The City of Scranton agrees to sell the property at 307 Main Street, Scranton, North Dakota, to Bo Wilson for \$2,000 with the following conditions:

1. Bo Wilson will prepare the lot for a home at his expense and liability.
2. Bo Wilson will prepare a building plan and present it to the Scranton City Council.
3. Bo Wilson will have a residence on the lot within 18 months of the date below.

If any portion of this agreement is not met, the lot will revert back to The City of Scranton, Brian Weber second, roll call vote: Weber yes, Pretzer yes, Teske yes, Schumacher yes, MC.

NEW BUSINESS: Travis Teske made a motion to trade our existing tool cat

for a new tool cat at Bobcat in Mandan, Brian Weber second, roll call vote: Weber yes, Pretzer yes, Schumacher yes, Teske yes, MC. Lucas Doerr attended the meeting with proposals for extending our existing walking path to connect the North Addition to the north end of Main Street. It was the decision of the council to table the project but surveying will be done.

ADJOURN: Travis Teske made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Brian Weber second, roll call vote, MC. The next city council meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Ruggles, City Auditor

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER 2024

EFT	IRS	\$1,555.70
EFT	Southwest Water	\$3,143.97
EFT	Office of State Tax Commissioner	\$168.00
9001	Consolidated Telcom	\$159.38
18503	Thrivent Financial	\$265.00
18504	City of Bowman	\$4,404.00
18505	Visa	\$524.29
18506	Flower Nook	\$50.00
18507	ABM	\$88.93
18508	Southwestern Dist Health Unit	\$25.00
18509	Black Mountain Software	\$2,952.20
18510	Super Valu	\$51.85
18511	Consolidated Telcom	\$135.00
18512	Scranton Equity	\$611.82
18513	MDU	\$1,720.77
18514	Michael Todd	\$1,067.84

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER: The Scranton City Council met at city hall on Monday, October 14th, 2024. Mayor Jason Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen: John Pretzer, Travis Teske, Ryan Schumacher, Brian Weber; Auditor: Kari Ruggles; PWS: Tony Dillon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was said.

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AUDITOR/PARKBOARD REPORT: Past due water accounts were discussed. Late customers have been contacted. Christmas in Murray Park is scheduled for December 1st. Planning for the event will begin very soon. Brian Weber reported that they would like to start Flag Football for grades 3 through 6. This will be a co-op with Hettinger and will be for boys and girls. This will be through the Parkboard and costs will be minimal. Brian would also like to add a second baseball field to our Scranton complex. He is compiling information regarding what is needed, costs & possible grants. New uniforms will be needed for the Parkboard Baseball Program for 2025.

PWS REPORT: The water tower painting is supposed to begin this week. The park has been winterized and the water has been shut off at the School Rec Complex and the Golf Course. Three gate valves have froze up and are being repaired by JK Excavation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The asbestos has been removed from the Reimer house and the Kirchheck house. This is the first step in getting these houses demolished.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Weber made a motion to approve an Off Premise Liquor Application from Next Door Pizza for the Firemens Chili Feed at the Community Center on November 9th, 2024, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote: Weber yes, Schumacher yes, Teske yes, Pretzer yes, MC.

ADJOURN: John Pretzer made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Brian Weber second, roll call vote, MC. The next city council meeting is scheduled for November 11th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Ruggles, City Auditor

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

EFT	IRS	\$1,555.70
EFT	Southwest Water	\$5,707.41
8980	Tony Dillon	\$4,338.55
8982	Parkboard	\$117.83
8983	Parkboard	\$4,085.40
8984	Kari Ruggles	\$1,477.60
8985	Consolidated Telcom	\$159.63
8986	Flower Nook	\$50.00
8987	Thrivent Financial	\$265.00

8988	NDDEQ	\$183.52
8989	Visa	\$187.76
8990	Badlands Patriot	\$215.88
8991	ABM	\$83.91
8992	Team Lab	\$2,085.00
8993	JK Excavation	\$2,500.00
8994	Southwest Dist. Health Unit	\$25.00
8995	City of Bowman	\$4,495.00
8996	One Call	\$20.00
8997	Scranton Equity	\$297.29
8998	MDU	\$1,695.88

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NOTICE BOWMAN COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING TO MEET

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN:
That there will be a meeting of the Bowman County Planning And Zon-

ing Board January 9th, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner's Room at the Bowman County Courthouse.

A Re-Zoning application from Tracy Schumacher and Marla Meggers will be heard.

The applicant is asking for a change in the zoning classification, from Agricultural to Residential.

Location Section 6 Township 131N Range 101W, Lot 4 in the Stiller Subdivision containing 2 Acres, Talbot Township in Bowman County.

Following the decision by the Planning and Zoning Board, the application will be forwarded to the Bowman County Commission meeting, scheduled for January 21, 2025, 10:00 AM for consideration for final approval.

Dated this 19th day of December 2024.
Jodi Freier
Bowman County Planning and Zoning Administrator

From the Featherduster

By Paula Richter

An interesting article popped up in the Tri-State Livestock News. Apparently, all businesses, no matter what size, are to report to the U.S. Department of Treasury. It is called US Beneficial Ownership Information Registry. When I called Dusty Johnson's office, they had never heard of this but the girl quickly got information and set my mind to rest that this did NOT come from Congress, this is an initiative. Lindsay Humphrey (who writes for the Tri-State) supplied most of the details, but I could not figure out if ranchers have to do this report or not. Apparently I am a little late to the party because this has to be submitted by January 1st!

The question in my mind is how did this initiative get enacted?

According to Lindsay, The

BIPARTISAN congress enacted the Corporate Transparency Act in an effort to keep track of legitimate and nefarious businesses. Does this sound to you like a good way to keep track of that?

It is like whipping the horse you can catch because of the one you can't.

Do not take my word for gospel here, because I do not have enough information. I am just trying to be the canary in the coal mine. (Hopefully without the dire consequences.)

But, you know as well as I do that any time we have to make a report, down the road it is going to lead to another tax.

I am beginning to feel the pain of Mary and Joseph headed to Bethlehem to report for a census so that they could be taxed. UGH.

By the way, Merry Christmas! Most of that story was very beneficial to us.

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