

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 2025,
7:00 P.M.

City of Nerstrand
221 Main Street
Nerstrand, MN

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Todd Evavold, Council Members Karla Ingersoll, Betty Voge, Pam Caron

ABSENT: John Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk LeAnna Anderson-Speiker, Deputy Clerk Jeanette Baalson, Public Works Steve McDowell, and Staff member Jacob Payne

GUESTS: City residents

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council member Betty Voge made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Council member Pam Caron. All approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Payment of Claims dated May 13th, 2025.
- B. Minutes from April 8th, 2025

MOTION:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Council Member Karla Ingersoll and second by council Member Pam Caron All approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- A. Clerks would like to change the Website. I have received a couple quotes from vendors who assist small town governments with their online presence. Our current website is not user friendly and very difficult to change. Desperately needs modernization.
- B. 60 day notice was sent to 7 residents. 4 paid and 1 made payment and 3 have not heard from. Sending 90 day notices after this billing cycle. 2 of the severely delinquent accounts: 1 made a payment plan and the other one made a considerable dent in the debt.
- C. We are requesting that council provide a short little blurb for the website. When they were elected, if it is your first term or your if you have served before, and what is the best contact information for you.
- D. Our bank rec was not correct for March. Frances is having to resolve the issue. We can not complete April until the numbers for March are settled.

A motion was made to approve Municipal Impact as the new website provider. It was initiated by Karla Ingersoll and seconded by Betty Voge. All Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resignation of Donald Quistorff.**- Clerks will draft a posting for the position to be shared.

A motion to approve his resignation was first by Pam Caron and seconded by Karla Ingersoll. All Approved.

Old Business

- A. **Discuss City Attorney-** Discussed both options and the fees associated. And decided to move forward with GDO Law.

A motion was made by Karla Ingersoll and seconded by Pam Caron for the acceptance of GDO as the new City Attorney. All Approved.

- B. **Update regarding cannabis ordinance** – The ordinance committee is awaiting requesting information from Kenyon in regards to cannabis. They will review and provided an update next month. Tabled until next month.

- C. **Update regarding liquor ordinance and permitting.** –Karla is seeking clarification and “Display and Consumption” by the State of Minnesota. GDO Law provided some valuable information that we hope to make our own. The ordinance committee would like to review and customize Also, we are going to request that the Fire Dept fill out the Application for a Liquor License provided by GDO Law for their Fireman’s Dance. Tabled to resume discussion as ordinance develops.

- D. **Street Paving-** Steve was able obtain quotes for paving Farm Street \$41,800. Oak Street \$28,200 and around the Fire Dept for a total of \$17,900. Council has asked Steve to set a priority list for the street maintenance other PW projects that have to deal with Water\Sewer. The hopes is to become more proactive rather than re-active to projects in the future.

- E. **Mulch-** New Mulch for the park playground area. Also, discussed was the adding a fence around the Pickleball court.

Motion to approve the quote for mulch and the fencing around the pickle ball court was first by Karla Ingersoll and seconded by Betty Voge. All Approved.

- F. **Food Trucks-** We had four applications for Food Trucks. Completed and reviewed by the Clerks. Submitting for Approval.

Betty Voge firsted the motion and seconded by Pam Caron

Reports of Officers

A. Public Works Director –

- a. Provided information on Manganese in our water.
- b. Was asked by the Mayor to submit document to council on Future projects.
- c. Discussed Garden Tilling

B. Mayor –

- a. Requested Steve replace Meters that are not running.
- b. Snow Fence around the pickle ball court

C. Fire Department – Did not attend.

D. Council Members -

E. Zoning Committee- Requesting to have space on the Agenda. They would also, like to have all BLDG Permits sent to the Zoning Committee for review.

Residents Items of Attention:

- a. A Dip Sign to warn residents to be placed on Cherry Street.
- b. Hydrant painting- Hydrant's are needing a painting

MOTION ADJOURN:

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Pam Caron second by Karla Ingersoll to adjourn.
All Approved.

Todd Evavold, Mayor

LeAnna Anderson-Speiker, City Clerk

Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2025, at Nerstrand City Hall