

**CITY OF THOMPSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Thompson, and County of Grand Forks, ND was held March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hippen was absent. Council member Berthold chaired the meeting. Council member Sporbert was present. Council members Wilson and Parton were present via Skype. City Administrator, City Auditor, Chief of Police, Public Works and Plant Services Technician were all present. City engineers were also present.

The Council approved the regular council meeting minutes for February 2, 2015 with a correction to the minutes to read "Employee raises will be adjusted up to 5% for job performance and up to 2% for merit, for a possible 7% total increase. Motion made by Council member Parton to approve the minutes with the correction. Council member Sporbert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Council approved the financial reports with a motion from Council member Wilson and a second from Council member Sporbert. Motion passed.

The Council approved the payment of bills totaling \$41,213.17 with a motion by Council member Sporbert and a second from Council member Parton. Motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. starting with the Tax Equalization Meeting.

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City Engineer Jerry Pribula brought the sealed bids for the Paving Project 2015-1 to the council table and read each bid. He requested that he and the contractors go into a separate office to review the low bid to make sure it followed all specified specs.

Chairperson Berthold tabled the Strategic Plan until the next meeting, or until the Mayor can be present.

Chairperson Berthold tabled the possible Pacific Avenue paving discussion until further information regarding costs, and finance options can be researched.

City Administrator contacted administrators of the Crosswalk Grant. They are still in the selection process. The hope is to hear back prior to the next council meeting as to whether or not the city's project was selected.

The City staff was asked to edit the current Community Center Rental agreement. Specifically, regarding functions that benefited the community as a whole, and what the rental fee should be. A report is to be presented at the next council meeting for their review/approval.

As a continuation of the discussion regarding the employee review/wage process, Council member Sporbert stated the employee job descriptions were being reviewed by each employee, and will be updated as necessary.

Upon review of the employee vacation policy, it was determined that it was to be kept the same.

The City Engineer suggested the City Council award the Paving Project 2015-1 to the low bid, Knife River Materials. Council member Wilson made a motion to award the Paving Project 2015-1 to the contractor Knife River Materials for \$387,935.35. Council member Parton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Council member Sporbert made a motion to adjourn. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor - Barb Robinson

Mayor - Karyn Hippen