



West Fargo City Commission Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023
Commission Chambers 5:00 PM

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners Bernie Dardis, Brad Olson, Roben Anderson and Mandy George. Commissioner Mark Simmons was absent.

The Public Comment portion of the meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. Two West Fargo residents came forward to speak during this time. Following the Public Comment portion, the meeting was called for a recess until 5:30 p.m., when the regular portion of the meeting was to be called to order.

The meeting was called back to order at 5:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded to approve the order of the agenda as distributed. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Commissioner George moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the building permits as distributed. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner George seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Bills
- b. Airport Authority Board Member - Ivy West
- c. Games of Chance for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Games to be conducted: Bingo, Raffle, Raffle Board and Calendar Raffle at 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo, ND
- d. Games of Chance for Brothers Keeps MC Centralia. Games to be conducted: Raffle on August 5, 2023 at Three Lyons Pub at 675 13th Ave E, West Fargo, ND
- e. Games of Chance for IPOP (Interested Parents of Packatanas). Games to be conducted: Calendar Raffle every day during November 1 - 30, 2023 at 1814 Princeton Lane, West Fargo, ND
- f. Games of Chance for FM Crusaders Motorcycle Club, Games to be conducted: Raffle on March 17, 2024 at Veteran's Arena at 1201 7th Ave E, West Fargo, ND

Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Aaron Nelson, Planning Director appeared before the Commission requesting approval of A23-21 North Pond at The Preserve 15th Addition, a Conditional Use Permit for a Modified Sign Development Plan. Following discussion, Commissioner George moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded to table the item, A23-21 North Pond at The Preserve 15th Addition, a Conditional Use Permit for a Modified Sign Development Plan to the following Commission meeting. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Melanie Schacher, a resident of West Fargo, appeared before the Commission regarding 2023 fireworks. Denis Otterness, Police Chief and Dan Fuller, Fire Chief appeared before the Commission to give a report of the complaints regarding the fireworks. No action was taken.



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Heide Delorme, Finance Director appeared before the Commission for approval of an addition to the Finance Department Staff - Payroll Specialist. Following discussion, Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the addition to the Finance Department Staff - Payroll Specialist. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Sarah Wear, Assistant City Attorney appeared before the Commission to request approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 1233 - Legislative Updates. Following discussion Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 1233 - Legislative Updates. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Bernie Dardis, Commission President brought forth the changes to the public comment portion and meeting times. Following discussion, Commissioner George moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to adjust the public comment portion and meeting times. The regular meetings will go back to starting at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the motion was declared carried.

Bernie Dardis, Commission President gave an update on Cargill, the City has now been paid in full from the billing errors.

Bernie Dardis, Commission President called Denis Otterness, Police Chief forward to give an update on the West Fargo Police Department staff regarding the event that had occurred the prior week.

Regarding the Administrator's Report, Dustin Scott, Assistant City Administrator appeared before the Commission to give City staffing updates. Mr. Scott also gave a brief update on the Preliminary Budget schedule and updates going forward.

Regarding correspondence, there was one piece passed out to each of the Commissioners.

Regarding non-agenda, Bernie Dardis, Commission President brought for the happenings with Finance HR and payroll. No action was taken.

Commissioner George moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners George, Anderson, Olson, Simmons, and Dardis voted aye. No Commissioners present voted nay, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Bernie Dardis, Commission President

A black ink signature of Dustin J. Scott, written in a cursive style.

Dustin J. Scott, Assistant City Administrator