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City approves sales tax grant to HEART for Meals on Wheels volunteers

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The Enderlin city council met for its' monthly meeting on February 3rd, 2025, at 7 PM. In attendance were Mayor Deon Maasjo, Business Manager Cyndee Chesley, Council members Tim Michaelson, Shelly Hanson, Terri Egan, Roger Maras, Kevin Bunn, City Attorney Fallon Kelly, City Advocate Tracey Ekeren, City Engineer Tracy Eslinger from Moore Engineering, the only guest was Frank Egan from the Enderlin Independent. Not present at this meeting were council member Kayl Hamre and Street Superintendent Rick Gillund.

The meeting was called to order. Minutes, bills, and payroll were approved.

Mr. Eslinger from Moore Engineering presented his report. In reference to the pilot project, the city was waiting for NDSU for results on the gypsum test. Mr. Eslinger anticipated that report to be completed and results returned by May. There was discussion about the quote for the planned access door to the plant. The current quote was \$45,000. A decision was tabled on proceeding with the quote until Mr. Gillund could be present to get his input. In reference to the plan to widen the intersection by Highway 46 and the firehall, the plan received comments from North Dakota DOT. The city will be meeting with them on February 13th to discuss the project. Mr. Eslinger submitted three bills from Moore Engineering for payment. \$3236 for work completed on the reverse osmosis project at the water plant, \$1813 for work completed on the intersection widening project, \$634 to Enterprise Electric for removal of electrical systems used in the testing phase for the reverse osmosis project at the plant. These bills were approved for payment by the council. Mr. Eslinger left the meeting after completing this business.

City advocate Tracey Ekeren presented her report. The CDC had met and requested a \$10400 grant using sales tax revenue to the HEART program & Senior Center. These funds would be used as an incentive for volunteers involved with the Meals on Wheels program. A person delivering meals would receive \$20 in Enderlin bucks. They could use the Enderlin

Bucks themselves or pass them on as they see fit. The grant would go to purchase the Enderlin Bucks over the course of the year. The council approved this allocation. Tracey spoke on behalf of the HEART program requesting gravel be laid down in the alley to help drain off water from the back of the ENCORE building. Mayor Maasjo recommended that Tracey speak with Mr. Gillund about help with that issue.

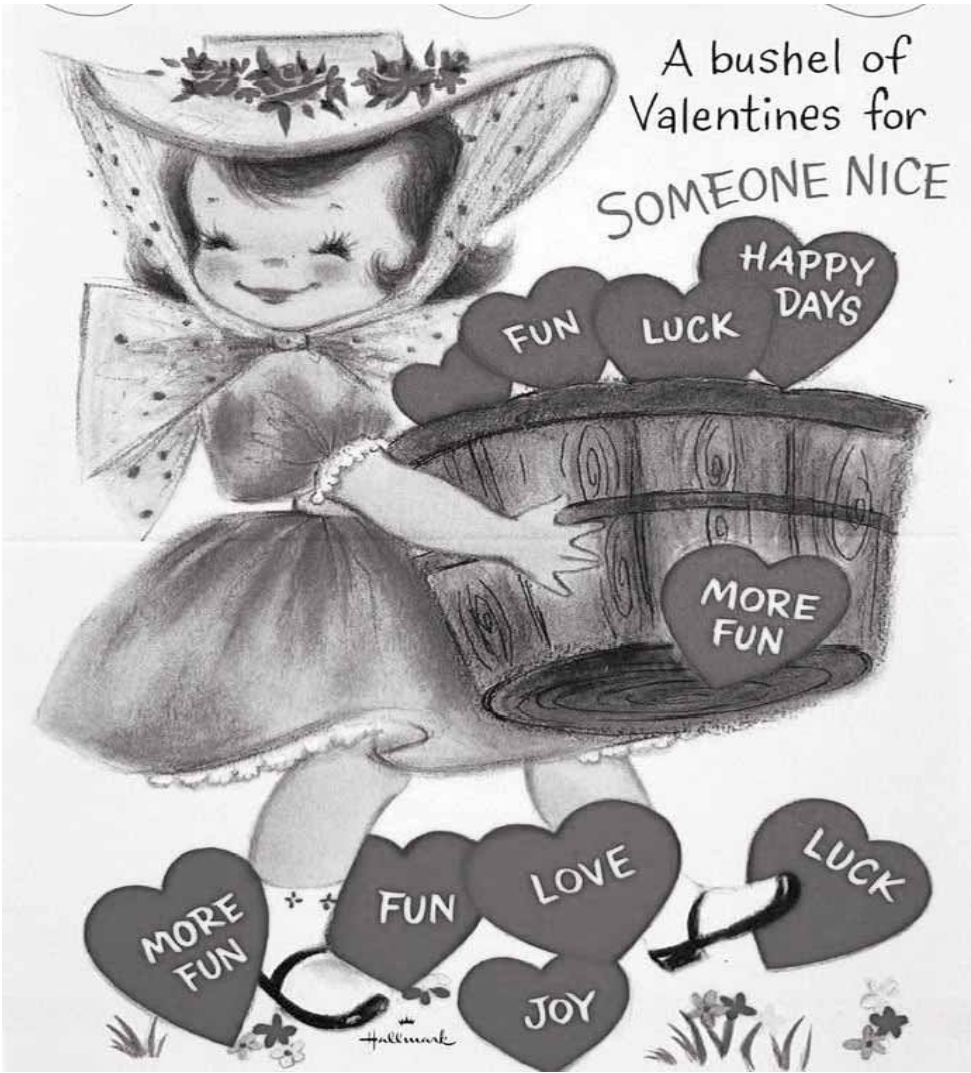
In further business, the council reviewed and approved the 2024 annual financial statement for the City. The bond that the city paid off early had a credit balance remaining on it of \$80,694. The council moved to transfer this amount to the general fund. By paying off early, this saved the city approximately \$9,000 in interest payments. The council approved Bank North for the pledge of securities to cover city deposits. In gaming and raffle permits, Enderlin Sheldon wildlife club for April 19th using gaming boards was approved. The city attorney recommended modification of the city's existing flood zone ordinance to bring it in compliance with federal guidelines. The council directed Mr. Kelly to begin work on the modified ordinance. The council approved audit firm of Rath and Mehrer to conduct the annual audit. Mayor Maasjo urged council members to reach out to the local legislators representing the district. There is pending legislation at the state level that would end home rule for cities, towns and counties. This would take away the ability to assess and assign revenues for property taxes from cities, counties, towns. There were two building permit applications. Laurie Barlow is remodeling in her house. Jacob Clauson remodeling in basement. There will be an elected officials conference in Bismarck in March. Terri, Cyndee and Emily will be attending. On March 8th at 9 AM, there will be a legislative forum at the city office. Citizens are urged to attend and share their issues with our state legislators. The mayor called the next meeting for March 3rd, 2025. The meeting was recessed at 7:47 PM.

EFAA VALENTINE'S DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT!

Under the guidance of local dance instructor Elyse Trangsrud, the Enderlin Fine Arts Association is hosting a special evening of dance and desserts at the City Auditorium this Friday from 7:00-9:00 PM. There is no charge for the event, and desserts and mocktail beverages will be available for a free-will offering. Semi-formal dress is the suggested attire; however, the

dance is open to all. And if you're in town for the dance, don't forget to take advantage of the Traxside's special Valentine's Day dinner from 4:00-7:00 PM; the restaurant will offer their soup and salad bar along with a choice of Prime Rib, Jumbo Shrimp, Bacon-wrapped Tenderloin, Beer-Battered Walleye, or Garlic Herb Butterfry Shrimp. **Celebrate a fun evening in Enderlin!**

*Happy
Valentine's Day*



Enderlin Speech wins 2nd at Lisbon!

The Enderlin speech team competed at Lisbon on Saturday and placed second. Receiving recognition were: Seniors- Martin Bergstedt 1st Radio, 2nd Serious Prose; Danielle Goodman 3rd Drama, 3rd Poetry; Kaytlynn Miller 7th Poetry; Junior - Nevaeh Garces 1st Serious Prose, 8th EPR; Sophomores – Charles Dagman 3rd Impromptu; 6th Extemporaneous Speaking; Chloe Warg 3rd Inform, 4th Humorous Duo; Jackson Fraase 6th Serious Duo; Freshmen - Kaydence Gillund 7th Humorous, 2nd Persuade; Alexia Cook 7th Persuade; Eighth Graders – Julia Bergstedt 4th Storytelling; Levi Dagman 4th Inform, 6th Entertain; Seventh Graders - Dexter Warg 6th Radio, 4th Humorous Duo; Harrison Fraase 6th Serious Duo.

Brittney Clauson - Head Speech Coach

Enderlin VFW <i>Post 9050</i> Open Mon. - Sat. 2 p.m. Happy Hour 4-7 p.m. 701-437-3914  Off Sale Available	Tuesday BASKETS <i>Burgers & Chicken Strips</i> 5-8 PM Eat In/Carry Out	Wednesday Fresh Homemade Pizza or Wings 5-8 pm - Eat In - Carry Out Wildlife Meeting	THURSDAY BINGO 7 PM <i>Bring a family or friend we have a fun time!</i>	Friday Night Supper February 14th - Valentines Day Prime Rib - 8 oz. Sirloin - Shrimp Saturday - February 15th Enderlin/Sheldon Fire Dept. Meat Raffle 5-8pm - Order off Menu
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