Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – January 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00. The roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Petrik, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Dodge, Alderman Petrik, Alderman Tjeerdsma and Finance Officer Simmons. Also present were Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering, Joel Johnston, Ilene Muller, Street Commissioner Joe Paulsen, and Matt Tjeerdsma.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:00 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve the minutes of last month’s meetings. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

AFLAC – supplemental insurance - $ 172.38

Appeara – library mats - $ 142.11

BEAM – dental insurance - $ 270.70

Bender’s – sewer - $ 700.00

Randy Berndt – Council - $ 156.99

Best Propane – fuel – 367.50

Bound Tree Medical – ambulance supplies - $ 315.74

Brosz Engineering – engineering fees - $ 8,060.00

BY Water – bulk water - $ 4,610.90

Dennis Cihak – shop - $ 56.63

Clearfield Welding – hand rails - $ 1,055.00

DANR – annual fees - $ 550.00

District III – administrative fee - $ 7,000.00

Dennis Dodge – Council - $ 156.99

DSG – water meters - $ 2,200.00

Goldenwest – internet - $ 70.90

HPSD – health insurance - $ 2,460.60

ICC – annual membership - $ 145.00

Innovative Office – supplies - $ 104.93

IRS – payroll taxes - $ 2,294.90

Kaiser Heating, Inc – move marquis - $ 399.38

Kent Lehr – legal fees - $ 638.33

Library – quarterly allotment - $ 587.52

Twila Lukkes – Librarian - $ 885.12

Myers Sanitation – garbage collection - $ 3,946.00

NAPA – parts - $ 117.65

Northwestern Energy – electricity - $ 1,722.45

One Office Solution – supplies - $ 35.65

Joe Paulsen – Street Commissioner - $ 2,516.96

Pechous Publications – publications/ads - $ 353.66

Matt Petrik – Council - $ 156.99

Mike Petrik – Mayor - $ 295.52

Public Lab – water sample - $ 15.00

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

Ron’s Market – miscellaneous - $ 262.30

SDRS – retirement - $ 841.52

SD Rural Water – annual dues - $ 420.00

SDWWA – annual membership - $ 10.00

Twyla Simmons – Finance Officer - $ 2,662.40

Kevin Tjeerdsma – Council - $ 156.99

Tyndall Ace – supplies - $ 16.97

USPS – postage - $ 174.00

Verizon – cell/business phones - $ 388.06

Wallace Voigt – shop - $ 54.07

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented:

Ambulance $ 3,131.28

Bank Interest 350.85

Garbage Collection 4,700.63

Garbage Tax 307.55

Late Fees 847.11

Mobile Home Tax 729.59

Motor Vehicle Licenses 747.42

Penalties and Interest on Property Tax 2000.87

Property Tax (Current) 28,410.44

Property Tax (Prior) 6,629.62

RD loan 43,944.76

Sewer 4,070.25

Sewer Surcharge 851.50

Special Assessments 1,001.96

State Sales Tax 19,321.75

Water 11,137.50

Water deposit 100.00

Water Surcharge 896.64

Motion to approve by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik. Motion carried.

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt had nothing to report.

Alderman Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Petrik had nothing to report.

Alderman Tjeerdsma asked about the progress on Arnold Sattler’s house. The mayor said that he did not know.

The mayor told the council that he thinks the dump should be burned before the spring.

**Public Time** –

Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering gave amended contracts from Brosz to FO Simmons and discussed some future grants that will be available to the city.

Joel Johnston, the Code Enforcer, discussed what he has done in the past, the progress of some of his inspections, when the future inspections will be, and gave some other updates on his inspections. He and Matt discussed the vehicle situations in town. Ilene asked him why he only picked certain people to find fault with and let others go. He replied that he had been told who he could go after.

Ilene Muller asked about when the new police officer would be hired. The mayor replied that he had been hired but it would be a while before he would start.

**Old Business** -

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business -**

Jimmy Schuurmans had an NSF check for his water bill. He brought the money in for the check but will not pay the returned check fees. Alderman Petrik stated that he had talked to him and Jimmy had told him that he had opened a new account and that the check had been overlooked. The council dismissed the charges.

District III sent us an agreement for their services for 2022. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to let the mayor sign. Motion carried.

The council told the FO to begin advertising for a shop assistant. They must have their CDL before they begin.

Joe brought up the subject of dredging the sewer ponds. The council told him to look into the cost.

**Executive Session –**

The council went into session at 8:54 PM and came out at 10:00 PM.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt to pay Brosz $ 20,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to stay with the Code Enforcer. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, February 7th at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer