

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR
AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – JANUARY 6, 2003

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Bechtold, and Alderman: Tjeerdsma, Tolsma, Kuhlman, Mensch, Cameron, Reister and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present was Roger Frey.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bechtold at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma approve the agenda with the addition of open surplus property bids and drainage project. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to approve the minutes of the December 2 and 18, 2002 meeting. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Jack Brodeen arrived a 7:08 p.m.

The following claims were presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

A1 Gas & Go—gasohol	\$ 66.70
Avon Clarion—publication	\$ 272.31
Cahoy’s —tire repair	\$ 12.00
Cellular one police phone	\$ 29.12
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 1,348.60
Community Bank –Safety Deposit Box Rent	\$ 12.00
Cover to Cover—library books	\$ 76.50
D & L Oil - diesel, heating fuel	\$ 612.10
District II – Dues	\$ 550.00
Farm Plan – parts	\$ 15.66
Farmers Coop – Misc.	\$ 8.50
Ferrellgas – legion Tank	\$ 249.11
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 155.44
Jensen Steel – metal	\$ 112.50
L & L Equipment – Payloader	\$ 55,000.00
Myers Dray—garbage collection - dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec.	\$ 1,072.17
Payer Hardware – UPS shipping	\$ 12.11
Pier Insurance -	\$ 28.00
Ron’s Market – paper supplies	\$ 25.53
Schultz Building Center—supplies	\$ 577.18
SDML Dues-City, Code, Finance, Police, Street,	\$ 666.86
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 709.42
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 117.40
Truck Tailor – pump	\$ 105.00
True Value – supplies	\$ 161.48
Wal-Mart – paper	\$ 11.23
Unemployment Ins – 4 th quarter	\$ 4.14
Wheelco – flags	\$ 16.14
Wellmark – insurance	\$ 676.68
Salaries—office	\$ 925.40
Salaries—police	\$ 2,644.95
Salaries—library	\$ 581.80
TOTAL	\$ 69,666.73

WATER AND SEWER FUND

B-Y Water—water	\$ 3,013.26
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APH Wholesale – water meters	\$	463.26
D & L Oil – fuel for shop	\$	446.80
Blue Cross-health insurance	\$	270.68
Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$	12.00
Dept. of Revenue - water fees	\$	550.00
Dept. of Revenue – certificate renewal	\$	18.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$	54.08
Revenue & Reserve-transfer	\$	374.17
SD Retirement—retirement	\$	332.20
Salaries— water and sewer	\$	2,218.38
TOTAL	\$	<u>7,753.44</u>

AMBULANCE FUND:

A-1 – gas	\$	8.80
A-Ox Welding –oxygen	\$	52.39
Verizon Wireless—telephone	\$	22.21
D & L Oil – Diesel	\$	73.65
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$	72.31
TOTAL	\$	<u>229.36</u>

Motion by Tjeerdsma seconded by Reister to pay the foregoing claims. All voted “aye”.

Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER 2002

City of Avon—water	\$	4,572.36
City of Avon –late fee	\$	379.08
City of Avon—sewer	\$	2,080.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$	2,935.00
City of Avon—tax	\$	117.51
Revenue & Reserve—transfer	\$	374.17
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 st Penny	\$	4,791.07
2 nd Penny	\$	4,103.00
Martins Bar- License Renewal	\$	1,000.00
Ambulance – Medicare	\$	790.22
Medicaid	\$	39.40
Lewis – Supplement	\$	39.40
Kocmich – Supplement	\$	64.58
Spitzer – Supplement	\$	6.50
Baptist Church –Equipment Rental	\$	60.00
Williams Septic	\$	100.00
Interest – General	\$	542.61
Water	\$	542.59
Ambulance	\$	542.59
Interest Rev. and Res.	\$	48.03
Carol Berndt – Retirement	\$	57.00
Deb Thompson – Retirement	\$	35.00
Bon Homme County Treasurer - general	\$	10,854.80
Mobile home	\$	98.53
Penalties	\$	39.08
Motor Vehicle	\$	<u>254.27</u>

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tjeerdsma accept the foregoing receipts. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to finance the payloader with the Community Bank of Avon, for 36 months, with a monthly payment of \$1,655.14. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Reister introduced the following Resolution:

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Avon has determined to purchase to purchase the Hyundai 740TM \$55,000.00 and finance the purchase with the Community Bank of Avon, South Dakota, and we do so authorize Russell Bechtold as Mayor to sign the Promissory Note of indebtedness to the Bank, for the City of Avon."

Motion to adopt said resolution is seconded by Alderman Cameron. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to approve the addition of the \$1,655.14 payment to the general fund claims for the month. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to declare The Avon Clarion, a newspaper published and printed in Avon, SD, to be the official newspaper for the coming year. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Kuhlman to declare the Community Bank of Avon, SD the official depository for the coming year. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Mensch to declare Thomas Alberts the City Attorney for the coming year. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Bob Macy arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to set the Annual Election for April 8th 2003. Polls to be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm central daylight savings time: Polling Place: Avon Community Fire Hall. Election Officials Myra Klock, Reta Ridgway, and Shirley Yonkers. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Matt Kerr District III and Jerry Yule arrived at 7:28 p.m.

The Pool Fund Raising was discussed the amount shown on the Clarion thermometer includes the monies promised from the state grant, city monies, bank match and the Chamber money. Actual money in the account as of Dec. 31, 2002 was \$23,955.96. Upcoming events were discussed and dates were given.

Motion by Kuhlman seconded by Reister to have Mayor Bechtold go ahead and add the lawn mower and tractor to the insurance policy. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold opened up the Public Hearing as advertised in the paper:

CDBG HEARING MINUTES

LOCATION: Avon City Office DATE: January 6, 2003 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Bechtold opened the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public hearing. The City of Avon is proposing to submit a CDBG application for improvements at the swimming pool.

It was explained that the State of South Dakota has administered the federally funded Community Development Block Grant Small Cities program since 1982. Only cities and counties with populations of less than 50,000 can participate in the Small Cities Program.

Funds are distributed from three separate programs that address three distinct areas of need:

1. Imminent Threat Program
2. Special Projects

3. Community Projects

Funding requirements and the competitive nature of the programs were then discussed. It was emphasized that only those projects demonstrating the most serious need will be funded.

The proposed project was then explained and discussed with those in attendance. The proposed project involves removal and replacement of the concrete deck, and installation of equipment that will help the pool operate more efficiently. The City of Avon intends to request \$93,000 from the CDBG program for construction and grant administration. One resident did not speak against the project, but questioned the council as to future costs associated with the pool. Specific points of concern included: operation and maintenance costs, liability issues, and the burden on local taxpayers. The mayor and council appropriately addressed the residents concerns.

A sign-up sheet of the hearing participants is attached.

There being no further comments, Mayor Bechtold declared this portion of the hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Carol Berndt
Finance Officer

Motion by Mensch and seconded by Reister to allow Mayor Bechtold to sign all paper associated with the grant application. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Kuhlman to appoint Mayor Bechtold as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the city. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Mayor then opened the Community Development and Housing Needs Hearing:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

Mayor Bechtold called for comments, noting that the purpose of this section of the hearing is to identify community development and housing needs for Avon and identify activities that could be undertaken to meet these needs. The City Council will then prioritize those needs that have been identified.

Various suggestions were made to/by the Council. Attached is a prioritized listing of the identified needs and potential activities proposed to address these needs. Discussion also centered on what financing is available to undertake some of the proposed projects. It was pointed out that the City could not immediately meet many of the needs because the ability to pay for these projects is not within the City's capacity.

A sign-up sheet of the hearing participants is attached.

There being no further comments, Mayor Bechtold declared this portion of the hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Carol Berndt
Finance Officer

The City of Avon held the required Community Development and Housing Needs Public Hearing on January 6, 2003. Hearing participants were asked to identify the major community development and housing needs of the City and discuss activities that could be undertaken to meet these needs. Following is a prioritized listing of the needs identified.

Provide a primary means of recreation for the youth in the City of Avon and the surrounding community. The swimming pool is an essential asset that provides an alternative to crime,

vandalism, drugs, and alcohol which are activities that children may get involved in if there were no other means of entertainment.

Capitalize on development opportunities on Main Street and Highway 50.

Continue support of economic development. Finance activities of local development corporation to enable businesses utilize grants (CDBG) and loans (REDI).

Housing for low and moderate-income persons/families, the elderly and an assisted living facility. Sources of financing may include Rural Development and South Dakota Housing HOME funding. Other innovative programs such as the Governor's House should be encouraged for low-income families.

Continue water and waste water development activities. When appropriate, the City will apply for loans and grants along with additional user fees.

Actively pursue funding assistance for larger road and ancillary infrastructure repairs and modifications.

Bob Macy, Jack Brodeen and Matt Kerr left at 8:25 p.m.

The discussion of the drainage project was then held sheets showing the size of pipe and the length of each needed was then given to each Councilman. It was decided to bid the project as phases. With the city buying the supplies needed for the project and asking for bids on the digging part of the project only. Jerry Yule gave the council some suggestions that he would use on the project.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to have the bid prepared and published to be opened at the February Council meeting on the 3rd. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

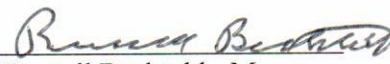
Jerry Yule left at 8:55 p.m.

At this time sealed bids were opened. Motion by Reister and seconded by Mensch to accept the bid of \$1,025.00 for the payloader from Bob Ridgway. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

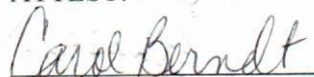
Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to reject the \$100.00 bid received on the Library Building. No other action taken at this time. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Other items sold were Computer Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse \$20.00 Don Mudder, Payloader tire \$15.00 Bob Ridgway, BB guns \$5.00 each Allen Kocmich and Debbie Thompson, 2 truck tires \$85.00 Bob Ridgway, 2-225-70R 15" tires \$5.00 Kenny Hauck.

Motion by Cameron seconded by Tjeerdsma to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Raises were addressed in December but State Law requires salaries of City Official and employees must appear in the paper in January.

Mayor \$1,200.00
Alderman \$600.00

Roland Luke will go from \$10.75 to \$11.18
Allen Kocmich will go from \$10.25 to \$10.66
Don Mudder will go from \$9.50 to \$9.88
JoEllen Wormsbecker will go from \$7.00 to \$7.28 and receive 24 hours of personal time
Carol Berndt will go from \$8.40 to \$8.74 and receive 40 hours of personal time
Debbie Thompson will go from \$8.00 to \$8.32 and receive 40 hours of personal time