Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – JANUARY 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00 PM. The roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Gill, Alderperson Berndt, Alderperson Dodge, Alderperson Jonkers, Alderperson Petrik, and Finance Officer Simmons. Also, present were Eric Ambrosan, Jack Brodeen, Twila Lukkes, and Clint Powell.

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

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Eric Ambrosan and Clint Powell made presentations regarding the big Main Street project of 2020. They talked about the loans for the water and sewer portions of the street project. We have applied to DENR (SD Department of Environmental and Natural Resources) for a water loan of $ 174,000.00 and for a sewer loan of $ 134,000.00. Eric stated that we are well above the minimum amount that DENR wants applicants to charge for 5,000 gallons of water but we are a good bit below the minimum for sewer, so there might be a surcharge that we will be expected to charge our customers. Other funding sources were mentioned. Clint presented the engineering agreement to be signed in order for the project to “officially” begin. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to go ahead. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: A1 – fuel - $ 428.66, Aflac – employee supplemental insurance – $ 751.79, Ambill – ambulance billing - $ 175.00, Auch Plumbing – jet sewer - $ 432.00, Avera Occupational Medicine – CDL testing - $ 65.00, Avon Chamber of Commerce – membership - $ 100.00, Avon Clarion – ads - $ 615.83, Avon Lumber – miscellaneous - $ 797.89, Avon Public Library – books and supplies - $ 195.84, Best Propane – shop fuel - $ 661.05, BH County Peace Officers Association – membership - $ 50.00, BY Water – bulk water - $ 5,528.50, DSG – supplies - $ 150.00, DENR – certifications and membership - $ 568.00, Election Source – supplies - $ 238.09, Farmer’s Coop – fuel - $ 69.00, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - $ 363.59, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - $ 2,698.91, Hydro Klean – jetting and video of sewer - $ 8,892.78, IRS – payroll tax - $ 2,691.70, Kampstrup – water meter software updates - $ 962.21, Laken Design – website - $ 1,250.00, Luke Backhoe – trenching - $ 780.30, Myers Sanitation - garbage pickup - $ 3,937.00, Napa – parts - $ 121.38, Northwestern Energy – utilities – $ 1,527.34, Planning and Development District III – membership - $ 950.00, Ron’s Market – supplies - $ 59.45, ROCS – donation - $ 2,500.00, SD Dept of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.07, SD Public Health Lab – sewer testing - $ 143.00, SD Rural Water Systems – membership - $ 405.00, SDWWA – membership - $ 10.00, SD One Call – 811 - $ 18.24, SD Retirement System – retirement - $ 1,483.14, Stryker – supplies - $ 481.77, Titan Machinery – supplies - $ 45.27, Tyndall Ace Hardware – supplies - $ 382.08, Unemployment Division – unemployment - $ 27.30, USTI – supplies - $ 145.00, Verizon – utilities - $ 710.63, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 500.00, payroll for the Finance Office – $ 2,301.95, payroll for the Police – $ 3,749.56, payroll for the Library – $ 767.19, and payroll for the Public Works – $ 5,888.85. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – $ 6,380.16, Sewer receipts – $ 3,415.06, Garbage receipts – $ 4,030.16, Garbage Tax fees - $ 280.17, Late Fees - $ 365.00, Ambulance - $ 1,432.27, IRS Refund - $ 2,811.94, SDML Refund - $ 75.00, Building Permit - $ 10.00, Bank Interest - $ 580.68, State Sales Tax (first penny) - $ 7,854.86, State Sales Tax (second penny) - $ 7,854.87, Current Year Property Taxes – $ 25,469.46, Prior Years - $ 566.93, Penalties and Interest - $ 227.72, Mobile Home Tax - $ 371.93, and MV License Taxes – $ 760.00. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Alderperson Berndt reported that the library has about $ 7,500.00 in the bank and they are in the process of getting requested books ordered.

Alderperson Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderperson Jonkers reported that Harve’s does have the bats that the boy’s BB teams are using this year. She added that the Lions are purchasing them.

Alderperson Petrik had nothing to report.

During public time, Jack wanted to know how much the total for the Main Street project was projected to be. Mayor Gill told him about $ 1,200,000.00 for asphalt and about $ 1,425,426.00 for concrete. He asked about the Cline camper and the mayor told him that it was being handled. He asked about putting his Christmas trees in the dump and the mayor told him that it was locked now and that he would have to call Al for the key. He asked if we had lost the city worker and the mayor answered that we do not know yet.

They mayor commented on Northwestern putting up new poles this spring/summer. They want to lease the land at the substation so that they can put their poles there. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to approve. Motion carried. He also presented Al’s estimate for the asphalt, gravel, and curb and gutter price which came in at $ 319,800.00. He said this was a strong bid and we should end up under instead of over.

Alderperson Dodge inquired about more cameras in town because of the reindeer incident. He also added that he would love to get a keloland cam here if we could.

The council voted to give the new laptop bought for the shop to the ambulance because Al was not using it. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried. Al wants an IPod instead. The council voted to table this. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Motion carried.

Ambulance volunteers are covered under the city’s workmen’s comp. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Berndt. Motion carried.

In the past, the water deposit used to begin service was the same amount as the water deposit used to turn it back on when shut off due to nonpayment. Now that the water deposit has gone up to $ 100.00, the deposit used to turn it back on after a non-payment disconnect is also $ 100.00. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers. Motion carried.

The buildings on the Eckert property and the Mialawi property were officially deemed as nuisance buildings that must be torn down. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Berndt. Finance Officer Simmons will begin the paperwork.

The mayor and the council went into executive session at 8:13 PM and came out at 8:16 PM.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 4th.

Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Petrik. Motion carried.

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Keith Gill

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer

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