Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – October 4, 2021

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, Street Commissioner Al Kocmich, City Attorney Kent Lehr, Ilene Muller, Johnny Swatek, Julie Tolsma, and Brad Voigt.

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

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

The following claims were presented for payment:

SD One Call (811) – message fees - $ 19.04

AFLAC – supplemental insurance - $ 172.38

Ambill – ambulance billing - $ 140.00

Avon Lumber – supplies - $ 55.81

Bender’s Sewer & Drain – cleanout sewer - $ 1,180.00

BH Sheriff’s Office – process service - $ 60.00

Boundtree Medical – ambulance supplies - $ 46.79

BY Water – bulk water - $ 5,959.40

C & B Operations – tractor parts - $ 69.00

Cahoy Service – repairs - $ 20.00

Farmers Coop – fuel - $ 540.29

Goldenwest – internet - $ 64.72

HPSD – health insurance - $ 4,424.06

IRS – payroll taxes - $ 1,810.35

Missy Myers – reimbursement – $ 1,007.26

Myers Sanitation – garbage collection - $ 3,946.00

Northwestern Energy – electricity - $ 1,578.44

Pechous Publications – publications/ads - $ 186.81

Petty Cash – reimbursement - $ 50.00

Ron’s Market – miscellaneous - $ 46.09

SD Dept. of Health – water testing - $ 15.00

SDRS – retirement - $ 983.72

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

Uline – supplies - $ 93.16

Unemployment – taxes - $ 23.24

Verizon – cell/business phones - $ 443.49

Yankton Daily Press – advertisement - $ 421.00

Payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 915.00

Payroll for the Finance Office – $ 2,446.88

Payroll for the Police – $ 1,168.33

Payroll for the Library – $ 990.90

Payroll for the Public Works – $ 5,218.59

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

The following receipts were presented:

Ambulance $ 3,064.68

CDBG grant 103,829.68

Dog Tags 90.00

Garbage Collection 3,909.53

Garbage Tax 254.24

Goldenwest 133.37

Interest 143.72

Late Fees 281.40

Mobile Homes 228.51

Motor Vehicle Licenses 790.09

Penalties and Interest 10.47

Pool Concessions 21.00

Property Tax (Current) 3,280.47

Sewer 3,663.96

Sewer Surcharge 688.50

Special Assessments 281.74

State Sales Tax 2,677.75

Water 17,467.97

Water deposit 338.83

Water Surcharge 825.51

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

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt said that everyone is happy that the Main Street Project is mostly completed.

Alderman Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Petrik had nothing to report.

Alderman Tjeerdsma had nothing to report.

**Public Time** –

Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering was here to discuss Pay Application 4, the Substantial Completion agreement, and an upcoming change order. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Dodge for the mayor to sign the Pay Application 3 and the Substantial Completion agreement forms. Motion carried.

Julie Tolsma and Johnny Swatek were here to represent all Main Street businesses that had Auch Plumbing do their plumbing. Several questions were raised and the council agreed that the city should look into this matter.

Finance Officer Simmons brought up her conversation with Sharon Wiebenga from the USPS. She would like 2 handrails in front of the post office. Tyler Sassaman has been asked to give quotes for building the rails required in front of the clinic and those in front of the post office.

Ilene Muller brought up the fact that resolutions were in with ordinances on the website and that it was confusing. She was told that, although, the resolution and the ordinance had the same number, the subject matter that each pertained to was different.

An unsigned citizen complaint was read. It was complaining about a house in town that uses the flag in what that citizen considers an obscene manner. Kent explained that they, the people who put up the sign, have the right to put it up even though it offends others.

**Old Business** -

There was no old business.

**New Business -**

FO Simmons presented the legal plats for the division of the properties currently co-owned by the school and the city.

The first reading of Ordinance 347 was made. The council had made motions to approve this ordinance. When Kent Lehr, the city attorney, arrived, he passed out some handouts to show that the ordinance was unnecessary due to the fact that the mayor already had these powers according to state statutes. He also warned of the danger of having an ordinance like this, there are certain duties of a police person that the mayor does not want to do like direct traffic, etc.

The first reading of Ordinance 348 was made. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

The decision was made to advertise the reclaimed concrete that we took off Main Street. The council will open bids in December.

The decision was made to put the awning back up in front of the city building. The council also decided that it should be a metal one. Tyler Sassaman is also giving bids for that.

The council then asked the public to leave so they could go into Executive Session.

The next meeting is Monday, November 1st at 7:00 PM.

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

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer