

Official Minutes For  
Avon, South Dakota – October 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 Petrik, Alderperson Berndt, Alderperson Dodge, Alderperson Jonkers, and Finance Officer Simmons. Also were present Slater Brodeen, Dean DeJong, Al Kocmich, Twila Lukkes, Bridget Muller, and Clint Powell.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:04 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve the agenda with the presented additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: A-1 Gas and Go – fuel - \$ 95.89, Aflac – employee supplemental insurance – \$ 749.19, Ambill Associates – ambulance billing - \$ 315.00, American Legion – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.91, Avon Ambulance – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.88, Avon Development Corporation – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.91, Avon Fire Department – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.91, Avon Museum – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.91, Avon Lions Club – Sattler Fund distribution - \$ 925.91, Avon Lumber – miscellaneous - \$ 188.39, Avon Public Library – Sattler Fund distribution and monthly allotment - \$ 1,121.75, Bon Homme Family Practice Clinic – immunization - \$ 177.30, Brosz Engineering – engineering design services - \$ 4,512.50, BY Water – bulk water - \$ 5,150.30, Cahoy's Service – repairs - \$ 52.90, City of Avon – alley and employee water - \$ 2,308.11, Farmer's Coop – miscellaneous - \$ 1,538.23, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - \$ 361.34, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - \$ 4,050.98, IRS – payroll taxes - \$ 3,852.86, Johnny Swatek Fine Arts – signs - \$ 387.00, Jurrens Electronics – camera for the dump - \$ 189.90, Laken Design – business cards for AI - \$ 45.00, Luke Backhoe and Trenching – Second Street - \$ 255.00, Madisyn Cameron – reimbursement - \$ 32.50, Myers' Sanitation - garbage pickup - \$ 3,946.80, Nick's Lawn Care – mowing - \$ 135.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – \$ 2,419.54, Schultz Redi Mix – gravel - \$ 1,310.55, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - \$ 252.70, SD Public Health Lab – water testing fees - \$ 15.00, SD Rural Water Systems – Conference Registration for AI - \$ 225.00, SD Retirement System – retirement - \$ 1,784.42, Swier Law Firm – Legal Fees - \$ 80.00, Tyndall Ace Hardware – miscellaneous - \$ 60.50, Uline – FO supplies - \$ 388.04, Unemployment Division – unemployment tax - \$ 89.15, Verizon – cell phones - \$ 255.93, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - \$ 340.00, payroll for the Finance Office – \$ 2,872.12, payroll for the Police – \$ 3,729.48, payroll for the Library – \$ 916.87, payroll for the Public Works – \$ 7,097.25, payroll for the dump - \$ 227.50, and payroll for summer help - \$ 700.00. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – \$ 11,387.72, Sewer receipts – \$ 4,906.94, Garbage receipts – \$ 4,529.76, Garbage Tax fees - \$ 314.90, Late Fees - \$ 280.04, Ambulance - \$ 5,914.38, Water Deposit - \$ 400.00, Dog Tags - \$ 20.00, Building Permits - \$ 10.00, Pool Concessions - \$ 10.00, Sattler Funds - \$ 6,481.34, Curb And Gutter - \$ 16,270.13, Goldenwest - \$ 782.15, Bank Interest - \$ 1,622.67, State Sales Tax - \$ 13,782.07, State Sales Tax (second penny) - \$ 13,782.07, Current Year Property Taxes – \$ 1,405.69, Prior Years Property Tax - \$ 419.57, Penalties And Interest - \$ 30.81, and Motor Vehicle Licenses – \$ 203.97. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Alderperson Berndt reported that the Library Board's next meeting is on October 20th.

Alderperson Dodge asked about the dump. The mayor explained that he was there on a Saturday morning and he went through the trash that someone had left there a little more. He found their name and address. He called them and had them come down. They explained that they had

paid for someone to take their garbage to Marty and, because the people who were transporting the garbage lost some to the wind, those people decided to dump it at this dump instead. They apologized and cleaned up all the garbage. The mayor told Chief DeJong to give them a warning so that there is a paper trail in case this happens again.

Aldersperson Jonkers inquired about the mailboxes on Second Street. After some discussion, the council told Al to put them where the Post Office requires them. She also mentioned some plants along Second and Ash Streets that need their roots covered up by some dirt. Al said that he would take care of it.

Aldersperson/Mayor Petrik reported that the alley behind the building is done, looks very good, and is a lot smoother. He brought up the road by the baseball fields. It needs 20 semi loads of gravel. Motion by Aldersperson Jonkers and seconded by Aldersperson Dodge to approve the purchase of the gravel. Motion carried.

Bridget Muller discussed the all school reunion that is taking place in Avon next year. She said that she is looking into various funding options. The mayor told her to give him a dollar figure and he will see that she gets some funding. She also asked about whether or not the camping pads at the park will be done by then and he told her that we are waiting on Rollie Luke to have some free time and then we will proceed with this plan.

Lori Cihak was not able to attend the meeting but she had talked to the mayor about what she wanted to discuss. Howard Elliott is stockpiling again. The mayor and the council told the FO to write a letter to Howard stating that he has two weeks to clean his property up or legal action will be taken.

Ray Ridgway was not able to attend the meeting but he had talked to the mayor about what he wanted to discuss. He would like the signs advertising the churches in Avon to be updated. He would need to contact the Chamber of Commerce or the Pastoral Association.

Clint Powell, an engineer from Brosz Engineering, gave the mayor and the council some alternative plans in case the financing for the rest of the Main Street Project was delayed and the bidding process was delayed. After hearing the options, they told him to just stay with the schedule as is for now. Al told him that Tyndall was delighted with the chip sealing project that his firm had supervised this summer. Al, the mayor, and the council would like to see the whole town, if not at least half of it, done next year.

The second and final reading of Ordinance #335 which states the new bar hours was made. Motion by Aldersperson Berndt and seconded by Aldersperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance #340 containing the 2020 budget was read for the first time. Motion by Aldersperson Jonkers and seconded by Aldersperson Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

The drainage grate by the home of Mary Chrans was discussed. She wanted to make sure that this winter she would not get mud in her basement. Al said that she would not.

Ordinance #338 containing the procurement processes which the city follows was read for the first time. Motion by Aldersperson Berndt and seconded by Aldersperson Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance #336 containing the credit/debit card procedure for the city employees was read for the first time. Motion by Aldersperson Jonkers and seconded by Aldersperson Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance #339 containing the internal controls for the city of Avon was read for the first time. Motion by Aldersperson Jonkers and seconded by Aldersperson Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

Ordinance #337 containing the regulations for the Avon City Dump was read for the first time. Motion by Aldersperson Dodge and seconded by Aldersperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried.

The mayor began a discussion about Al's tools in the shop. He went to plug in one of the battery chargers and it caught on fire. The question under discussion is whether you buy batteries and battery chargers for old tools or whether you buy new tools. Motion by Aldersperson Berndt and seconded by Aldersperson Dodge to purchase new DeWalt tools. Motion carried.

Johnny Swatek has finished the signs for both the pool and the baseball field. They will be put up in spring.

The FO brought an email from the South Dakota Municipal League up on council votes.

The mayor and the council decided that another game camera out at the dump was sufficient. The house that was originally built for the dump will now be placed at the ballfield next to the batting cage so that extra equipment can be stored there. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

The mayor announced that the public part of the meeting was over. Everyone left. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to go into Executive Session at 9:00 PM. Motion carried. The Executive Session ended at 9:33 PM. Motion that the Executive Session was officially over was made by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 3% pay increase beginning in January by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Berndt. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Mike Petrik  
Mayor

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Twyla Simmons  
City Finance Officer

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