

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – December 2, 2002

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, Aldermen Tjeerdsma, Kuhlman, Tolsma, Cameron, Reister, Mensch and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present were Roger Frey and Orval Elliott.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bechtold at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to approve the agenda. All voted "aye".
Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Reister to approve the minutes of the November 4th and November 11th meetings. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold opened the floor to the public. No concerns were brought to the Council at this time.

Mayor Bechtold informed the Council he had spoken to both Chief Luke and Commissioner Kocmich, neither would be able to attend. It was determined that unless the Council had concerns or they had needed business they need not attend. They could submit a written report tot the mayor or the Finance Officer.

Finance Officer Berndt handed out a financial sheet regarding the pool donations. She reported that chances are being sold on a raffle, and they are still working on getting the needed number of responses for the income survey. There was some discussion on the bills that are arising from the cost of mailing the surveys and the newspaper ads, Berndt will keep an accurate total of the expenses, and if they reach a large amount then the Council may need to pay for them out of the Pool Account.

The following claims were presented for approval:
DECEMBER CLAIMS (For Month Ending November 30, 2002)

GENERAL

A-1 Gas	.....	\$ 37.00
Avon Clarion – publishing	.....	\$ 387.84
APH Wholesale -	.....	14.27
Avon Postmaster stamps	.....	\$ 111.00
Blue Cross – insurance	.....	\$ 947.36
Ferrellgas – Legion Tank	.....	\$ 291.64
Cahoy's Gas & Service - supplies	.....	\$ 57.60
Cellular one - monthly bill	.....	\$ 24.55
Coast to Coast – supplies	.....	\$ 188.94
Community Bank - ss & wh	.....	\$ 1,431.48
Commercial Asphalt	.....	\$ 318.56
D & L Oil - diesel and fuel oil	.....	\$ 693.80
Farmers Coop - salt	.....	\$ 58.80
Golden West	.....	\$ 158.76
Myers Dray - collections and dumpster	.....	\$ 2,771.00

NWPS - Monthly Bill	.....	\$ 990.98
Don Mudder – gas/meals in Pierre	.....	\$ 21.29
Jurren's Repair - parts	.....	\$ 27.74
Jurren's Electronics – misc. equipment	.....	\$ 42.95
SD Dept. of Revenue - sales tax	.....	\$ 117.48
SD Retirement - contribution	.....	\$ 899.28
Scheetz Implement - Mower	.....	\$ 5,000.00
Wages- Office	.....	\$ 803.58
Police	.....	\$ 2,234.28
Streets	.....	\$ 2,023.82
Library	.....	\$ 465.44
Dump	.....	\$ 18.47
TOTAL		<u>\$ 20,137.91</u>

WATER/SEWER

BY Water	.....	\$ 2,846.43
Barco – metal detector	.....	\$ 690.26
Golden West	.....	\$ 53.63
Luke Backhoe – Find shut off on Elm	.....	\$ 35.00
Revenue And Reserve Transfer	.....	\$ 374.17
SD Dept of Health – testing	.....	\$ 12.00
TOTAL		<u>\$ 4,011.49</u>

AMBULANCE

Crew	.....	\$ 175.00
D & L Oil – diesel	.....	\$ 15.80
Golden West	.....	\$ 72.31
Jurren's Repair	.....	\$ 174.00
Verizon Wireless	.....	\$ 22.22
TOTAL		<u>\$ 459.33</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 27,627.80

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Cameron to pay the foregoing claims. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER 2002

City of Avon—water	\$ 5,592.25
City of Avon—late fees	\$ 318.25
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 2,136.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 2,937.00
City of Avon—tax	\$ 117.66
Revenue & Reserve—transfer	\$ 374.17
Dog Tags	\$ 15.00
Corner Bar –Renewal fee	\$ 1,000.00
Ambulance – Otto Wormsbecher	\$ 145.50
John Kocmich – Medicare/Supplement	\$ 585.32
Ted Koehn - Supplement	\$ 26.39
Joe Krcil - Supplement	\$ 67.48
Lewis – Medicare	\$ 157.60
Carol Berndt – Retirement	\$ 57.00

Water bills were once again discussed; there are several issues that are still creating problems. One is that when a person doesn't pay each month they then lump all the gallons together and pay for one total, then the city needs to go back and collect for the minimum for each of the three accounts, water/sewer/garbage. This process can sometimes be a complicated and often time consuming. Most of the larger bills are making every attempt to stay current and pay off the past due, which is what the Council was trying to accomplish. Most of the current problems are people who simply don't pay on time or let the bill ride for several months, then paying only one month instead of for several months fees.

The Council invites and welcomes those individuals to approach the city and they will gladly make arrangements so accounts can be paid ahead. You can pay the minimum or an estimated bill, and then you can choose to pay for the year/half/quarter. Then at the end of the year when the city reads meters we can figure a credit or debit on your account.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to declared the following items surplus:

- 18 8 ft. Florescent lights
- 2 1400-24 grader tires 30%
- 2 1000-20 truck tires 50%
- 1 17-525 payloader tire 50%
- 1 Oven hood
- 1 1969 Payloader
- 2 225-60R 16" tires 20%
- 2 P225-70A 15" 25%
- 1 25'-75' Building located on Main Street A/C included
Lot Milwaukee 1st, Lot 12, block 5
- 1 Monitor
- 1 Keyboard/Mouse
- 4 BB guns

All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold appointed Bob Reister, Kevin Tjeerdsma, and Orval Elliott as the committee to appraise the items. The process was done and the Surplus bid will appear in the paper the next two weeks as required by law. The bids will be opened at the January meeting.

Mayor Bechtold ask for the approval of the appointment of Carol Eggers to the Library Board. She will fill the remainder of Joan Hento's term. Motion by Reister and seconded by Cameron to approve the appointment. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reister left at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Kuhlman seconded by Cameron to go into executive session.

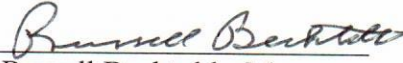
Frey and Elliott left at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Cameron to come out of executive session.

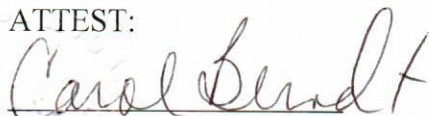
Motion by Cameron and seconded by Kuhlman to award the following pay raises. The wage increases will be as follows Roland Luke will go from \$10.75 to \$11.18, Allen Kocmich will go from \$10.25 to \$10.66, Don Mudder will go from \$9.50 to \$9.88, JoEllen Wormsbecker will go from \$7.00 to \$7.28 and 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. No change in the number of hours employees are allowed to work. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Cameron and seconded by Tolsma to go forward and pay the South Dakota Retirement into the State for the time that JoEllen Wormsbecker work 21 hours a week. Berndt will contact the state and make sure of the process and then the city will pay the balance and the employee will repay the city her 5%. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Having no other business, a motion was made by Mensch seconded by Cameron to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)