

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – December 3, 2001

The regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Frey, Finance Officer Berndt, and Alderman: Tjeerdsma, Tolsma, Kuhlman, Cameron and Mensch. Also present Orval Elliott.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:04.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to approve the agenda with the addition of the subject of “streets”. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2001 meeting. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Jack Brodeen arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The following claims were presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

A-1 Gas	\$ 215.06
Avon Clarion—Publication	\$ 150.84
Blue Cross of SD—health insurance	\$ 1,393.30
Cahoy’s Gas and Service	\$ 31.15
Coast to Coast—misc. supplies	\$ 106.44
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 1,055.96
D & L Oil	\$ 532.14
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 133.17
Myers Dray—garbage collection	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec	\$ 1,144.31
Jurren’s Repair – repairs	\$ 441.16
Office Plus – supplies	\$ 48.39
Schultz Building Center- snow removal	\$ 750.00
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 513.58
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 120.00
Deb Thompson – CDL Reimbursement	\$ 103.20
Wal-Mart-supplies	\$ 39.69
Salaries—office	\$ 680.64
Salaries—police	\$ 2,033.73
Salaries—library	\$ 543.01
Salaries—streets/sanitation	\$ 1,451.23

WATER AND SEWER FUND

B-Y Water—water	\$ 2,762.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 59.88
Pier and Pier Insurance	\$ 155.00
Revenue & Reserve-transfer	\$ 374.17

Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$	24.00
Elliott Plumbing – old bill	\$	1,139.33

AMBULANCE FUND:

Jurren’s Repair – repairs	\$	23.45
Office Plus – supplies	\$	5.18
D & L Oil	\$	52.06
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$	68.24
Verizon Wireless	\$	22.12
Ambulance Crew	\$	240.00

Berndt informed the Council that, as directed last month, she made the regular payment of \$4,080.00 plus an additional payment of \$16,161.52 on the principle on the GMAC loan.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Cameron to accept the foregoing claims. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Police Chief Luke arrived at 7:20 p.m.

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR November 2001

City of Avon—water	\$	5,340.02
City of Avon –late fee	\$	252.58
City of Avon—sewer	\$	2,144.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$	3,000.00
City of Avon—tax	\$	120.42
Revenue & Reserve—transfer	\$	374.17
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1stPenny	\$	4,159.55
2nd Penny	\$	3,471.96
Martin’s Bar – Liquor License	\$	1,000.00
Corner Bar – Liquor License	\$	1,000.00
State Radio Grant	\$	1,651.50
Ambulance – State of S.D.	\$	225.96
Harrington	\$	120.00
Metcalf	\$	233.50
Jim Hento’s – Dance Permit	\$	8.00
Unified Judicial – Fines	\$	50.70
Bon Homme County Treasurer – general	\$	39,353.93
Penalties	\$	120.53
Motor Vehicle	\$	125.99

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to accept the foregoing receipts. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Police Chief Luke gave the police report. Chief Luke asked the council if they would object to changing the year for dog tags to May 1 thru April 30. This would allow the City to sell them in conjunction with the Vet Clinic. City employees could also go door to door and sell the tags to all dog owners. Tolsma made the motion to run the tag year from May-April seconded by Tjeerdsma. All voted "aye". Motion carried. Luke left at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Comments: Mrs. Faye Muller asked Mayor Frey for a street sign for Evergreen Street. Berndt will check with Kocmich and get a street sign ordered.

Street employees were discussed it was decided that Allen Kocmich will now be returning full time, Debbie Thompson will return to 25-30 hours per week, and Lloyd Hieb will be used only in emergencies or as needed for the winter (snow removal).

The Council would like to thank both Llyod and Debbie for doing a fine job of filling in during Allen Kocmich's absence, and are pleased that Allen has returned to work.

The issue of employee insurance was revisited as decided in July; with the present situations of the two employees covered no change will take place at this time.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Mensch to appoint Vern Tolsma as new Vice-president of the council. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Cameron to set a Special Meeting for 7:00 p.m. December 19, 2001. The purpose of the meeting will be to canvass ballots of the Special Election on the Initiative Petition, the election results, and, continue discussion on a pay loader as well as streets. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Mensch and seconded by Tolsma to allow Corner Bar and Martin's Bar to remain open an additional hour, till 1:00 a.m., on December 31, 2001. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to prescribe the manner of which a special Council meeting can be called. The mayor or two councilmen may call a special meeting. Then, they call the finance officer who is responsible for posting the notice 24 hours prior to the meeting and contacting members of city government about the meeting. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Kuhlman brought up Elm Street. He felt the Council should be using this time to finalize a plan and make the needed arrangements to complete the work on the street. The council members again went over the flow of the run off water. Mayor Frey informed the council that they had a plan presented to them back in September and they would not take the necessary action to move forward. Now there are some new property owners, the Council will have to work out some type of arrangements for water drainage. Property owners will need to be contacted.

Mayor Frey left at 8:30 p.m., President Kuhlman took over the meeting.

More discussion was held on both Elm Street and Pine Street drainage.

Motion by Cameron and seconded by Tolsma to approve the ballot for the Special Election as prepared by the City Attorney. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Cameron left at 8:45 p.m.

Allen Kocmich arrived at 8:45 p.m. they asked him several questions regarding the streets and drainage project. He was also informed of the changes in work hours for the street department employees.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.



James Frey - Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Berndt

City Finance Officer

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