

Official Minutes For
Avon, South Dakota – December 7, 2020

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, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Dodge, Alderman Petrik, Alderman Tjeerdsma and Finance Officer Simmons. Also present were Al Kocmich and Dennis Powers.

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

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: A-1 – miscellaneous - \$ 13.22, AFLAC – insurance - \$ 272.61, Ambill – ambulance billing - \$ 245.00, Astech – chip sealing - \$ 120,304.28, Avon Clarion – ads/publications - \$ 260.99, Avon Lumber – supplies - \$ 140.44, Beam Dental – insurance - \$ 471.22, Brosz Engineering – engineering services - \$ 3,525.69, BY Water – bulk water - \$ 5,962.50, Clearfield Welding – snow plow - \$ 250.00, DSG – pipes and fittings - \$ 438.00, Farmers Coop – miscellaneous - \$ 1,746.70, Goldenwest – telephone/internet - \$ 297.89, Health Pool – insurance - \$ 4,991.56, International Code Council – membership dues – 145.00, Innovative Office Supplies – checks/utility cards - \$ 481.74, Myers' Sanitation - garbage pickup - \$ 3,946.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – \$ 1,431.48, Ramkota Hotel – police conference - \$ 167.52, Ron's Market – miscellaneous - \$ 163.57, Schultz Redi Mix – sand - \$ 225.56, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - \$ 520.54, SD Public Health Lab – water testing fees - \$ 12.00, SDRS – retirement - \$ 1,918.20, Velda Voigt – water deposit refund - \$ 25.00, Verizon – cell phones - \$ 246.57, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - \$ 1,000.00, payroll for the Finance Office – \$ 2,570.16, payroll for the Police – \$ 3,029.23, payroll for the Library – \$ 947.70, and payroll for the Public Works – \$ 5,006.10. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – \$ 9,187.81, Sewer receipts – \$ 3,379.86, Garbage receipts – \$ 3,211.43, Ambulance - \$ 2,411.18, Liquor License - \$ 1,000.00, State Sales Tax - \$ 13,537.74, Current Year Property Taxes – \$ 86,795.46, Penalties and Interest - \$ 23.54, Motor Vehicle Licenses – \$ 593.23, Mobile Homes - \$ 1,081.67, and State Aid In Lieu Of Taxes - \$ 643.07. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

Committee reports –

Alderman Berndt stated that the street project seems to be going well. He also brought up an issue presented to him by Mark Tolsma. Mark wanted to know if he should take the blocks out that are in/on his sidewalk. Al told him no, that they should be left until spring when the actual construction begins.

Alderman Dodge said that he found some trash bags in the compost pile again. He brought up the subject of welcome packs for new people/families in Avon. This could be a combined effort between the city, the chamber, and the pastoral association.

Alderman Petrik had nothing to report.

Alderman Tjeerdsma reported that the Library Board had their last meeting of the 2020 year.

Al wants to use the old snow plow to mount on the front of the front-end loader.

Public Time –

Dennis Powers was here to discuss the situation in the alleys. He reported that he had broken a mirror on his truck because of low hanging branches on the trees. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to have the city trim the branches in the alleys. Motion carried.

Old Business -

The 2021 Budget was voted on for the final time. Motion to approve by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Dodge. Roll call vote – Alderman Berndt – Yes, Alderman Petrik – Yes, Alderman Tjeerdsma – Yes, Alderman Dodge – Yes. Motion carried.

New Business -

Bids for the Main Street Project will be opened at the February meeting.

Employees can no longer have their water bill taken out of their paycheck; they must pay the bill each month like everyone else.

FO Simmons asked the council's permission to have the carpets cleaned before the January 4th reopening of the Library and the FO office. Motion by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

As a result of a water leak, Matthew Counts has a \$ 700.00+ water bill. He wanted FO Simmons to bring up in front of the council that he would like to pay \$ 80.00 a month. After some discussion, Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma for him to pay his current monthly water bill plus \$ 100.00. Motion Carried.

Executive Session –

The council went in to session at 7:55 PM and came out at 8:44 PM. Motion by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Petrik to give the employees a 3% raise and a \$ 100.00 Christmas bonus in Chamber Bucks. Motion carried.

2021 Salaries:

Dean DeJong	\$ 18.85
Al Kocmich	19.51
Twila Lukkes	11.01
Joe Paulsen	15.76
Twyla Simmons	13.47

The next meeting is Monday, January 4th at 7:00 pm.

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

Mike Petrik
Mayor

Twyla Simmons
City Finance Officer

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