

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – FEBRUARY 2, 2004

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, and Aldermen: Tjeerdsma, Tolsma, Kuhlman, Cameron, Reister and Finance Officer Berndt. Absent was Alderman Mensch. Also present were Allen Kocmich, Ryan Rucktaeschel and Roger Frey.

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

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

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2004 meeting with the following corrections in receipts the Motor Vehicle tax should have been 253.34 changing the total receipts to \$42,432.35, the Ordinance # should have read 283, and Jo Wormsbecher wage should have read \$7.28 to \$7.57. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold opened the floor to the public. At this time Ryan Rucktaeschel thanked the Council and Mayor for the opportunity to work for the city, he will resign effective February 6, 2004 to take a position at the prison in Springfield. He expressed that he would be willing to help out if he was available. The council accepted his resignation with regret and wished him luck.

Ryan left and Orval Elliott arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The following claims were presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

A1 Gas & Go—gasohol	\$ 65.82
B & L Communication – radio	\$ 1,883.50
Baldwin/EMS – Pump for pool	\$ 1,754.36
Bob's Saw Sharpening	\$ 6.00
Cellular one police phone	\$ 23.31
Russ Bechtold – mileage	\$ 21.12
Carol Berndt – mileage, and Mac fee	\$ 101.05
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 1,070.76
Community Bank – payment	\$ 1,655.14
Dave's Safety – fill extinguishers	\$ 10.75
Elliott's – furnace shop	\$ 125.12
Farmers Coop Fuel Service – fuel	\$ 96.20
Ferrellgas – legion tank	\$ 330.11
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 210.23
Hewlett Packard- computers	\$ 4,185.00
Jurrens Electronics – TV, camcorder	\$ 538.80
Myers Dray—garbage collection – dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec.	\$ 1,194.78
One Call Systems – quarterly billing	\$ 16.63
Readers Den – books	\$ 237.85
Schultz Building Center—supplies	\$ 225.00
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 583.12
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 129.12
True Value – supplies	\$ 285.42
Wal-Mart – books	\$ 27.46
Wellmark – insurance	\$ 760.21
Salaries—office	\$ 899.06
Salaries—police	\$ 2,078.87
Salaries—library	\$ 503.34
TOTAL	\$ 21,789.13

WATER AND SEWER FUND

B-Y Water—water	\$ 2,901.17
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 633.82
Farmers Coop Fuel Service - fuel for shop	\$ 487.80
Blue Cross-health insurance	\$ 304.09
Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$ 12.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 52.33
Storm Drain Acct. – Jan Feb payment	\$ 2,280.00
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 325.74
Salaries— water and sewer	\$ 2,226.02
TOTAL	\$ 9,222.97

Water Deposit Return – Dave Roth \$ 25.00

AMBULANCE FUND:

Farmers Coop Fuel Service - fuel	\$ 11.40
A-1 – fuel	\$ 20.00
Pier Insurance	\$ 2,408.75
Verizon Wireless—telephone	\$ 21.92
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 72.65
TOTAL	\$ 2,534.72

Pool Claim – SBC \$ 33,011.00

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

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 2004

City of Avon—water	\$ 4,840.01
City of Avon –late fee	\$ 153.14
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 2,361.00
City of Avon – sewer \$3.00 charge	\$ 879.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 3,228.00
City of Avon—tax	\$ 130.12
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 st Penny	\$ 3,114.66
2 nd Penny	\$ 2,412.33
BH County – Ambulance Donation	\$ 2,000.00
Pool Donation – Sattler	\$ 500.00
NWPS – refund	\$ 8.00
State of SD – Beverage Tax	\$ 908.75
State of SD – Highway Bridge Tax	\$ 1,753.92
Ambulance – Medicare	\$ 414.21
Water Deposits-Candy Cota	\$ 50.00
Bon Homme County Treasurer - general	\$ 655.07
Current Yr	\$ 349.55
Mobile Home	\$ 14.72
Penalties	\$ 182.81
Motor Vehicle	\$ 244.86
	\$ 24,200.15

Motion by Cameron and seconded by Reister accept the foregoing receipts. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Finance Officer Berndt presented Ordinance #283 the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance to spend the money needed for the pool project. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote was taken. All voted "aye". Mensch absent. Motion carried. Ordinance #283 appeared in its entirety in February 4, 2004 paper.

At this time the Council reviewed the bid notice for the city pasture. After some discussion motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to let bid of pasture for one (1) year and then to let the pasture sit idle in 2005. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold an annual election for the election of certain municipal officers, it is therefore

RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS, pursuant to the law of the State of South Dakota, an annual election for the election of Municipal Officers is required to be held on the second Tuesday of April each year, the City Finance Officer be, and she is hereby authorized and directed and is required to give notice of such election by publication being not less than ten days prior to such election, and the officers to be voted for thereat.

That the polling place for all Wards shall be at the Avon Fire Hall of Avon, South Dakota in accordance with Ordinance of Record, and the polls at such election shall be open continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. of said day, that the City Finance Officer be authorized and directed to prepare office ballots for said election.

The following persons by and they are hereby appointed Municipal Election Clerks: Myra Klock, Reta Ridgway, and Shirley Yonkers.

Seconded by Reister to accept the above printed resolution as read. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The council reviewed the notice for gravel and radius. Motion by Reister and seconded by Tjeerdsma to advertise for gravel and radius work to open bids at the March 1, 2004 meeting. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Mayor shared information with the council regarding the petition to place the repeal of sales tax on food on the November ballot. The Municipal League is asking that city leaders do their part to educate people on what would be lost if this measure was passed by the voters.

At this time the Tjeerdsma moved that the City Council adopt the following Resolution Opposing The Repeal of Sales Tax on Food

WHEREAS, The City of Avon annually receives an estimated \$15,603.96 in revenue for the sales on food; and

WHEREAS, there is no revenue source being proposed to replace the lost revenue if the sales tax on food is repealed; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the sales tax on food could mean significant cuts in service provided by the City, and


WHEREAS, cities are extremely limited in their ability to increase any alternative tax to replace lost revenue, and


WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative will provide a tax break for all, without considering whether or not such a tax break is needed;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the City of Avon opposes the Repeal of sales tax of food;

AND IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Avon urges the circulators of the petition to withdraw their drive to place the repeal of the sales tax on food on the ballot.

Adopted February 2, 2004


Mayor – Russ Bechtold


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to set the Annual Board of Equalization meeting for March 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The Asphalt Bid was discussed it is planned to do the 2 blocks of Pine street from the Lutheran Church to the Highway and then from Pine to Maple along 3rd Ave. The cost estimate is roughly what it cost last year. The residents along the streets might want to think about installing curb and gutter. Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to advertise for bids and open the bids at 7:30 p.m. on the 16th of March 2004.

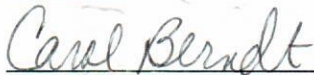
The possible purchase of a pickup from Government Surplus was discussed it was decided to hold off at this time.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Reister to advertise for the Street Labor Position. Applications will be accepted through March 1st with a tentative start date of April 1st. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Cameron seconded by Tjeerdsma to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)