

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR
AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – FEBRUARY 3, 2003

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, Mensch, Cameron, Reister and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present were Roger Frey, Beth Dykstra, Leland and Kelly Tjeerdsma, Vicki Roth, Bob Macy, Jack Brodeen, Brenda Fennema, Dick Pier, and Allen Kocmich.

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

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

Motion by Reister and seconded by Kuhlman to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2003 meeting. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Carol Deurmier and Dave Brandt arrived at 7:20 p.m.

At this time the mayor opened the floor to public concerns. None were shared at this time.

Then prior to opening the pool comments we did review the facts, which the Council and committee had heard during the meeting on the 27th of January, regarding the pool company's feelings regarding a start date, and the update on the grant. At this time all the papers have been signed. Mayor Bechtold then opened the floor to comments.

There were questions regarding MCR involvement thus far. Bechtold explained that they are the only company in the area and we are in need of some type of expertise. Kuhlman shared that they also are one company, which the state will accept plans from much like an engineer's plans.

The other big question was in regard to a start date. There were two definite lines of thought. 1) Start now regardless of a loss of part or all of the season. Finance Officer Berndt commented that if the lifeguards could not be given some idea of how much time they could expect she doubted that she would have some of them return. 2) Hold off until August and then work till snow and begin in the Spring as soon as possible. While there is still a risk of losing part of a season, hoping that it would not be as much of a threat or as long of a time.

Tim Weidenbach arrived at 7:40 p.m.

At this time no decision was made.

Discussion ended at 7:50 p.m. the following individuals left Beth Dykstra, Leland and Kelly Tjeerdsma, Vicki Roth, Brenda Fennema, Dick Pier, Carol Duermier and Dave Brandt.

Mayor Bechtold presented the police report on behalf of Roland Luke. The department did receive funding on a 90/10 grant for a light bar and we will then be responsible to install the unit.

At this time Mayor Bechtold recognized Tim Weidenbach. We was the bidder on the old library building. It was explained that we set a value of 1,000.00 so at this time it is our understanding that we must receive a bid of 900.00. Tim at this time would not want to give that much considering the work he felt he would need to do. The Council asked Finance Officer Berndt to check on options they had and they would get back to him. Tim left at 8:05 p.m.

The following claims were presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

A1 Gas & Go—gasohol	\$ 40.02
Avon Clarion—publication	\$ 291.70
Bon Homme Peace Officers-range fees	\$ 78.00
Cahoy's —	\$ 207.30
Cellular one police phone	\$ 23.10
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 1,046.08
Community Bank – loan payment	\$ 1,655.14
Cover to Cover—library books	\$ 153.27

D & L Oil - diesel, heating fuel	\$ 243.63
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 225.64
One Call - quarterly	\$ 7.51
McLeods – police supplies	\$ 23.85
Myers Dray—garbage collection - dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec.	\$ 1,067.89
Selectro - welding	\$ 443.92
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 568.30
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 186.60
Tri-state Ins.- workman’s comp	\$ 1,350.00
True Value – supplies	\$ 104.53
Wal-Mart – office supplies books	\$ 80.49
Wellmark – insurance	\$ 676.68
Western Office – printer ribbons misc supplies	\$ 85.24
Salaries—office	\$ 758.55
Salaries—police	\$ 2,121.85
Salaries—library	\$ 484.06
TOTAL	<u>\$ 14,694.35</u>

WATER AND SEWER FUND

B-Y Water—water	\$ 3,335.87
Avon Postmaster – stamps	\$ 9.20
Community Bank - withholding	\$ 595.56
D & L Oil – fuel for shop	\$ 527.20
Blue Cross-health insurance	\$ 270.68
Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$ 364.00
Payer Hardware – UPS shipping	\$ 6.75
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 44.71
Revenue & Reserve-transfer	\$ 374.17
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 289.52
Salaries— water and sewer	\$ 1,967.34
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,785.00</u>

AMBULANCE FUND:

Cahoy’s – gas	\$ 11.30
Darby Drug Company – OB supplies	\$ 19.65
Verizon Wireless—telephone	\$ 22.23
Pier and Pier Insurance - premium	\$ 2,050.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 72.31
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,175.49</u>

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

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 2003

City of Avon—water	\$ 4,902.79
City of Avon –late fee	\$ 85.44
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 2,232.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 2,925.00

City of Avon—tax	\$	117.10
Revenue & Reserve—transfer	\$	374.17
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 st Penny	\$	3,261.85
2 nd Penny	\$	2,712.81
Ambulance – Medicare	\$	280.02
Mutual of Omaha -	\$	16.00
Wagner Community Hospital	\$	1,441.52
Surplus Property – Allen Kocmich	\$	5.00
Debbie Thompson	\$	5.00
Marsha Mudder	\$	20.00
Ken Hauch	\$	5.00
Robert Ridgway	\$	1,125.00
SD Fines	\$	47.70
State of SD Beverage Tax	\$	842.41
State of SD Highway Bridge Tax	\$	1,766.73
Bon Homme County – Ambulance Donation	\$	2,000.00
Carol Berndt – Retirement	\$	57.00
Deb Thompson – Retirement	\$	35.00
Bon Homme County Treasurer - general	\$	1,043.98
Current yr+1	\$	164.59
Penalties	\$	61.15
Motor Vehicle	\$	<u>244.44</u>
	\$	25,771.70

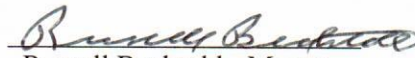
Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to accept the foregoing receipts. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

At this time as advertised the Council was to open bids regarding the drainage project, however Mayor Bechtold informed the Council that he had received a letter from DENR. They had received notice from a citizen in Avon regarding the project and the fact that we were doing the project without an engineer.


The reason we were doing the project in this manner is because we are not on the state water plan since our rates are not high enough to meet their requirements. In order to get grants for these types of projects we would need to almost double the current water and sewer rates. Then we could apply for assistance with these types of projects. The city will do some checking but at this time the city could not accept bids. Bids will be returned to the bidders unopened.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Cameron to have Finance Officer Berndt let the bid for asphalt, bids will be opened at the March meeting. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Mensch seconded by Cameron to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)