

SOUTH DAKOTA – March 1, 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, Kuhlman, Reister, Mensch and Finance Officer Berndt. Absent were Aldermen Tolsma and Cameron. Also present were Allen Kocmich, Orval Elliott and Roger Frey.

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

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

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2004 meeting as printed in the paper. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Jack Brodeen arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Bechtold opened the floor to the public. Roger Frey raised the question if the Council felt the new storm drain was working. It was brought up that the drainage now would only be improved as the streets are cut to the proper elevations when they are paved. He also questioned the replacement of asphalt across Main Street. It was explained that the street would be repaired when the plants reopen in the spring.

Committee reports were given. The police department continues to purchase items covered by the grant money. The Avon community received some additional money and a new siren will be purchased, if it is approved.

Motion by Mensch and seconded by Reister to donate the old light bar to the Fire Department. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

A1 Gas & Go—gasohol	\$ 287.81
Avon Clarion - publishing	\$ 466.87
Allen Kocmich – mileage	\$ 94.21
Cellular one police phone	\$ 29.77
Cahoy's - service	\$ 112.08
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 800.38
Community Bank – payment	\$ 1,655.14
Decatur – radar gun	\$ 1,443.00
Federal Surplus – misc. supplies	\$ 149.50
Farmers Coop Fuel Service – fuel	\$ 520.10
Ferrellgas – legion tank	\$ 24.00
Gall Incorporated	\$ 322.97
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 203.81
Jurrens Repair – repairs	\$ 202.02
Myers Dray—garbage collection – dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec.	\$ 1,030.24
Readers Den – books	\$ 34.48
Riverside Hydraulics	\$ 668.50
Selector – welding	\$ 77.00
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 571.46
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 118.32
True Value – supplies	\$ 106.20
Wal-Mart – books	\$ 88.84
Wellmark – insurance	\$ 760.21
Salaries—office	\$ 769.85
Salaries—police	\$ 2,115.72
Salaries—library	\$ 503.35

TOTAL	\$ 15,926.83
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WATER AND SEWER FUND

B-Y Water—water	\$ 2,395.63
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 533.34
Farmers Coop Fuel Service - fuel for shop	\$ 497.00
Blue Cross-health insurance	\$ 304.09
Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$ 12.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 46.84
Storm Drain Acct. – Jan Feb payment	\$ 1,140.00
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 302.60
Salaries— water and sewer	\$ 2,136.16
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,367.66</u>

AMBULANCE FUND:

Jurrens Electric – antenna	\$ 40.00
Jurrens Repair – oil change	\$ 24.10
Verizon Wireless—telephone	\$ 21.92
Golden West Co.—telephone	<u>\$ 72.65</u>
TOTAL	\$ 158.67

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

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR February 2004

City of Avon—water	\$ 4,406.93
City of Avon –late fee	\$ 151.92
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 2,270.50
City of Avon – sewer \$3.00 charge	\$ 843.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 2,958.00
City of Avon—tax	\$ 117.96
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 st Penny	\$ 4,274.88
2 nd Penny – after Jan 1	\$ 2,216.19
2 nd Penny – prior to Jan 1	\$ 1,338.36
Satellite Cable – franchise	\$ 354.31
Storm Drain transfer	\$ 2,280.00
Ambulance – Medicare	\$ 470.54
Supplements	\$ 70.70
Water Deposits-Kyle Ridgway	\$ 50.00
Bon Homme County Treasurer - general	\$ 14,083.18
Current Yr	\$ 178.80
Mobile Home	\$ 81.32
Penalties	\$ 6.24
Commercial	\$ 477.95
Motor Vehicle	<u>\$ 474.88</u>
	\$ 24,200.15

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

At this time Finance Officer Berndt presented the 2003 Annual Report to the Council. The report appeared in its entirety in the March 3, 2004 Avon Clarion. The only numbers not included in the report were the libraries separate funds. These numbers were asked for but not received but will be required to be turned in.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to accept the 2003 Annual Report. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold informed the Council that Jarvis Winckler expressed wishes to resign from the Park Board. Mayor Bechtold asked the Council for their approval to appoint Lori Cihak to fill the remainder of Jarvis Winckler's term. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to approve the appointment. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Mensch and seconded by Reister to set city wide clean up week for April 26-30. All voted "aye". Motion carried. The Council also approved having the dump open prior to the week so people can take things to the dump themselves.

At this time the gravel and radius bids were opened. The City received two bids for gravel, Blaha Gravel \$5.00 a ton, and Schultz \$ 5.50 a ton. The only radius and waterway bid was from Schultz for \$400.00 and \$350.00. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to accept the low bid for gravel and radius/waterways. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold informed the Council that he was approached with the idea of changing the six-member board to a 4-member board. Finance Officer Berndt had done some checking and these matters would need to be petitioned and then voted on in an election. She did not believe it could come from the Council, however she will do some more checking. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Bechtold asked that the Council go into Executive Session to deal with the matter of the advertised position.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tjeerdsma to hire Dennis Cihak for the street labor position at a wage of \$8.00 for 25-40 hours per week. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Reister 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)