

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – March 16, 2004

Due notice having been given the Avon City Council on the above date at 7:20 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Bechtold, Aldermen Tolsma, Tjeerdsma, Kuhlman, Reister, Mensch and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present Gary Drewes Marketing Director Hagen Company. Absent: Alderman Cameron.

Mayor Bechtold called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Bechtold introduced Gary Drewes to the Council. He was asked by the Council to provide us an insurance quote. The Hagen Group provides insurance to Counties, Special Districts and Cities throughout SD. In January Finance Officer Berndt and Mr. Drewes spent time going over the coverage the city carries at present as well as discussing option the city might want to look at. With the cost of insurance rises over the past two years the city felt they needed to look into other options.

In the calendar year 2003 the city spent \$27,059.50 on insurance coverage for the city. The quote from Hagen would be \$17,432.00. At present we have staggered dates of renewal Mr. Drewes recommended that we have them all start on one date and cancel policy now in place as a set date. Workman's comp runs on a calendar with this company at present we have an August date so we would need to cover those 4 months that cost would be approximately \$2,100.00.

The Council was given the opportunity to ask questions. Mayor Bechtold recommended that we take the next two weeks to look over the proposal and then get any questions to Finance Officer Berndt and she can call Mr. Drewes prior to the April meeting.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Drewes for the time that he put into putting together the quote. Mr. Drewes left at 8:00 p.m.

At this time Finance Officer Berndt presented the only pasture bid received for the City Pasture. Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Reister to accept Mark and Julie Tolsma's bid of \$565.00 for one year on the pasture. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

As advertised the city opened bids received for the street-paving project. The City received three bids. Commercial Asphalt - \$41.00, Asphalt Paving - \$37.64 and Barkley Asphalt \$45.80.

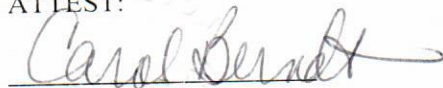
Motion by Mensch and seconded by Kuhlman to accept the low bid from Asphalt paving of Huron of \$37.64 for 700 tons. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Korey Mensch informed the Council that they would like to burn the pile at the greenhouse when they had asked permission last time they didn't get they chance to get it done. They Council gave permission; Mensch said he would inform the Fire Department when he will be burning.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Kuhlman to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)