

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR  
 AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – MARCH 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, Cameron, Reister and Finance Officer Berndt. Absent: Alderman Mensch. Also present were Roger Frey and Allen Kocmich.

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

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

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2003 meeting with the following changes to the claims move \$595.56 of Community Bank to Sewer fund; Water/Sewer Total \$7,785.00, General Fund change Community Bank to \$1,046.08, add One Call \$7.51 and Slectro \$443.92 Total \$14,694.35. Approve February 11, 2003 minutes as written. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time the mayor opened the floor to public concerns. Roger Frey question the Council on whether the city insurance would cover the doctor bill for Lorraine's fall on the ice in front of the Trinity Church, feeling that the city should have done something with the ice caused when the water line broke on Saturday. The Finance Officer informed Mr. Frey that the agent had said to collect the bills and he would forward them to the company for their review.

The following claims were presented for payment:

**GENERAL FUND:**

A1 Gas & Go—gasohol	\$ 52.25
Avon Clarion—publication	\$ 270.36
Allen Kocmich – reimbursement of Cell phone	\$ 90.00
B & L Communications – work on police radio	\$ 402.25
Cahoy's —	\$ 391.73
Cellular one police phone	\$ 23.10
Community Bank—ss & wh	\$ 782.66
Community Bank – loan payment	\$ 1,655.14
Cover to Cover—library books	\$ 118.97
D & L Oil - diesel, heating fuel	\$ 404.38
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$ 232.11
Ferrellgas – Legion tank	\$ 274.75
Myers Dray—garbage collection - dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
Northwestern Public Service—elec.	\$ 1,067.89
Poirier Equipment - manual	\$ 147.30
Ron's Market – misc. supplies	\$ 42.84
SD Retirement—retirement	\$ 611.84
SD Retirement – Jo Wormsbecher past contribution	\$ 763.00
State Treasurer—sales tax	\$ 130.60
True Value – supplies	\$ 227.32
Wal-Mart – books	\$ 17.58
Wellmark – insurance	\$ 676.68
Clayton Wittmeier – fill sand	\$ 517.50
Salaries—office	\$ 672.06
Salaries—police	\$ 2,166.36
Salaries—library	\$ 484.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,916.74</b>

**WATER AND SEWER FUND**

B-Y Water—water	\$ 2,379.53
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Community Bank - withholding	\$	485.14
D & L Oil – fuel for shop	\$	282.79
Blue Cross-health insurance	\$	270.68
Dept. of Revenue - water samples	\$	27.00
Payer Hardware – UPS shipping	\$	11.82
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$	64.64
SBC- backhoe rental	\$	20.00
Revenue & Reserve-transfer	\$	374.17
SD Retirement—retirement	\$	334.76
Salaries— water and sewer	\$	2,238.88
TOTAL	\$	6,489.41

AMBULANCE FUND:

Cahoy's – gas	\$	23.65
Crew – Dec. Jan.	\$	370.00
Verizon Wireless—telephone	\$	22.22
Medicare B – reimbursement	\$	132.00
Golden West Co.—telephone	\$	72.31
TOTAL	\$	620.18

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

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 2003

City of Avon—water	\$	5,028.98
City of Avon –late fee	\$	174.75
City of Avon—sewer	\$	2,648.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$	3,265.00
City of Avon—tax	\$	130.19
Revenue & Reserve—transfer	\$	374.17
Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 <sup>st</sup> Penny	\$	4,697.61
2 <sup>nd</sup> Penny	\$	4,041.60
Ambulance – Medicare	\$	64.00
American Family – L Burfiendt	\$	37.89
First Health – Spohr	\$	332.10
First Auto – Tjeerdsma	\$	172.50
Jack Williams – Lagoon Fees	\$	100.00
Rural Housing – mowing fees	\$	60.00
Pool Contributions Pizza Night	\$	1,468.64
Carol Berndt – Retirement	\$	57.00
Deb Thompson – Retirement	\$	35.00
Bon Homme County Treasurer - general	\$	13,734.57
Current yr+1	\$	252.38
Mobile Home	\$	390.33
Penalties	\$	37.38
Bank Franchise	\$	866.76
Motor Vehicle	\$	448.30
12% Prorate	\$	517.09
	\$	38,834.24



Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to accept the foregoing receipts. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time Finance Officer Berndt presented the 2002 Annual Report going through the balance of accounts and answering questions. This report will appear in the paper the week of March 12, 2003. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to accept the report as presented. Roll Call vote: Tolsma, Tjeerdsma, Cameron, Reister and Kuhlman all voted "aye". Mensch absent. Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Bechtold informed the Council that if we were still interested in selling the old library building we would need to appraise it again to do so. So a committee of Aldermen Cameron, Reister and Tjeerdsma were appointed. They concurred that the value to be \$500.00 on the building and \$300.00 on the replacement window.

Motion Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to accept the appraisal and surplus the building at \$500.00 and \$300.00 on the window. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Kuhlman to set the Annual City Wide Clean-up for the week on April 21-25. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time as advertised the Council opened the bids for asphalt, gravel and radiuses. The city received only one bid for each.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to accept Commercial Asphalts bid of \$45.00 a ton. All voted "aye". Motion carried. Mayor Bechtold signed the agreement and it will be returned to Commercial Asphalt.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to accept Terry Schultz bid of \$5.00 a ton on gravel and \$400.00 per radius and \$350.00 per waterway. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Bechtold gave the Council information that was obtained regarding our options on moving forward with the drainage project. Finance Officer Berndt called the Municipal League and was told of several options the city can pursue. Bechtold felt that we needed to move forward with this project now. If we proceed, an engineer will need to be hired and the project cost estimated obtained so financing options can be considered.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to contact Schmucker, Paul and Nohr of Mitchell to get cost estimates on the project. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to mat the following streets Pine Street in front of the school, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Elm to Oak. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Kocmich was instructed to get quotes from the tree cuts to remove city trees along Pine Street, and also check into getting the lights at the softball field fixed.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tjeerdsma to allow Mayor Bechtold to enter into an agreement with Maguire Iron to have the water tower cleaned and disinfected, inspected inside and out, and weld the roof to the top shell angle of the tank. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to set the Board of Equalization meeting for March 18, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The annual City Election is to be held on April 8, 2003. The term of office will expire for Alderman Reister and Alderman Tolsma Ward One, and Alderman Tjeerdsma Ward Two. Tolsma introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

#### 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.

Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was seconded by Tjeerdsma. Roll Call vote: Tolsma, Tjeerdsma, Cameron, Reister and Kuhlman all voted "aye". Mensch absent. Motion carried.

The Council instructed Finance Officer Berndt to advertise for summer help the person would be required to have a CDL and work on a as needed basis from April-June. Application will be due by April 7<sup>th</sup>.


Mayor Bechtold presented a letter of request, which he received from the Veterans Memorial group, they are asking the City to assist them, be paying the electricity bill at the site. The bill runs around \$15.00 per month. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to have the city begin paying the bill as of March 3, 2003. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Cameron to allow Librarian Wormsbecher to attend a class in Canton, the city will pay mileage and one meal. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Tjeerdsma on behalf of the Ambulance asked if the city would be willing to help with the cost of the decoder/supplies for the new pager system. The Fire Department has purchased the unit a cost of \$817.00. Motion by Cameron and seconded by Kuhlman to pay the Fire Department for half the cost of the decoder/supplies. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to approve the agreement with Topkote for chip sealing at a cost of \$.64 a sq. yd. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Kuhlman to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Berndt  
City Finance Officer  
(SEAL)