

Official Minutes For
Avon, South Dakota – May 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00 PM. The roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Petrik, Alderperson Berndt, Alderperson Dodge, Alderperson Jonkers, and Finance Officer Simmons. Also present were Slater Brodeen, Al Kocmich, Bridgette Muller, Clint Powell, Kevin Tjeerdsma, and Julie Tolsma.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:02 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve the minutes of the April meetings. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: A1 – supplies - \$ 1.90, Aflac – employee supplemental insurance – \$ 383.37, Ambill – ambulance billing - \$ 420.00, Avera Occupational Medicine – CDL testing - \$ 104.55, Avon Clarion – ads/publications - \$ 976.01, Avon Lumber – supplies - \$ 24.99, Best Propane – shop - \$ 257.25, BH County Register of Deeds – Cahoy Annexation - \$ 30.00, BH Family Practice Clinic – vaccination for Joe - \$ 177.30, Bound Tree Medical – supplies - \$ 132.87, BY Water – bulk water - \$ 5,565.70, Farmers Coop Elevator – supplies - \$ 1,018.69, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - \$ 301.29, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - \$ 4,994.56, IRS – payroll taxes - \$ 3,019.07, Jurens Electronics – supplies - \$ 49.90, Kaiser Appliance Center – supplies - \$ 39.40, Kent Lehr – Cahoy Annexation - \$ 349.20, Mark's Machinery – supplies - \$ 171.44, Myers' Sanitation - garbage pickup - \$ 3,946.00, Napa – supplies - \$ 48.03, Northwestern Energy – utilities – \$ 1,490.83, Ron's Market – misc - \$ 46.40, Schoenfish – annual report - \$ 1,100.00, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - \$ 252.64, SD Public Health Lab – lagoon testing fees - \$ 235.00, SD Retirement System – retirement - \$ 1,445.46, SDPAA – liability insurance - \$ 15,424.82, Verizon – cell phones - \$ 300.16, payroll for the Ambulance - \$ 3,030.75, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - \$ 1,245.00, payroll for the Finance Office – \$ 2,498.15, payroll for the Police – \$ 2,928.00, payroll for the Library – \$ 769.68, and payroll for the Public Works – \$ 5,643.38. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – \$ 9,551.79, Sewer receipts – \$ 4,465.23, Garbage receipts – \$ 4,055.90, Garbage Tax fees - \$ 281.96, Late Fees - \$ 115.00, Ambulance - \$ 3,415.12, Water Deposit - \$ 100.00, Dog Tags - \$ 50.00, Building Permits - \$ 10.00, Police Fines - \$ 87.75, Stimulus Payment - \$ 1,161.34, Liquor License Fees - \$ 300.00, Goldenwest Franchise - \$ 658.74, Pitney Bowes Refund - \$ 1,589.94, Workman's Comp Refund - \$ 661.00, Alcohol Reversion Tax - \$ 951.27, State Sales Tax - \$ 8,702.53, State Sales Tax (second penny) - \$ 8,702.54, Current Year Property Taxes – \$ 16,042.98, Mobile Home Tax - \$ 17.82, Motor Vehicle Licenses – \$ 623.91, and Special Assessments - \$ 551.64. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Committee reports –

Alderperson Berndt reported that the eBook program is more popular than ever, especially with the Library being closed. He asked Al about the rest of the library shelves that were stored over at the cement plant. Al said that he does not know their status but will look into it.

Alderperson Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderperson Jonkers had nothing to report.

Al had nothing to report. Mayor Petrik told him to go fill in the holes in front of Andrew Kelley's house.

Public Time –

Julie – She asked the council to open the businesses up before the end of May. The Mayor told her that they were going to open the city back up but had to see exactly what steps that had to be followed. But he added that businesses could only go back up to 50% capacity. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to reopen at 50% capacity. Motion approved.

Bridgett – She told the council that no decision had been made as to whether the all school reunion would take place or be cancelled. At their last meeting, the vote was tied. They have another meeting on May 20. If they are still tied, they will put it out on Facebook and see what kind of feedback that they get. They are still planning the adult prom in the fall. She also brought up the condition of the property to the south of hers. The lawn is rarely taken care of and the dandelions, etc. blow over to her yard and then she, or a member of her family, have to go back and clean their yard. The condition of their lawn also invites bugs, snakes, and other unwanted animals into hers. The Mayor told her that he would have Dean go over and talk to them about it.

Clint – The Main Street Project has been delayed until 2021. They will open the bidding process for it in the fall of this year. Last week, they (Brosz Engineering) finished the contract work with RD. They are still working on the changes and the additions. Once that is finished, there will be a new contract for Avon to sign with the RD wordage in it. Alderperson Jonkers asked about the new grants that he had spoken about being available if we waited until next year. He told her that they were infrastructure stimulus project grants. They would apply to projects that are ready to go and have gone through all the approval levels. We have so we should be in excellent shape to get one. Clint said that since the Main Street project had been postponed, they are working on the GIS system. They will show AI, via his tablet, where the water cutoffs, sewer lines, manholes, etc. are and where they go. Next, he talked about the Transportation Alternatives grant. This would be used for sidewalk work. He feels that it is worthwhile for us to apply given the work that we have done and the conditions here. We apply in July and should hear in the fall. Next, he focused on the South Dakota Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation grant to help us with our stormwater issues. It is 85% funded by them and we provide 15%. Next month he will bring the chip seal contract. Alderperson Jonkers made a motion to chip seal the whole town except streets we had excluded from the list. It was seconded by Alderperson Berndt. Motion carried.

Old Business -

A speaker phone call with the code enforcer took place. He explained the process and answered several questions.

We are probably going to open the pool at this point. Lifeguards without certifications are being contacted about signing up. Alderperson Jonkers made a motion to table the decision until next month. It was seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Motion carried.

Cahoy Annexation paperwork is done. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers to legally make their property part of the city. Alderperson Berndt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business -

Malt beverage and wine licenses for A1 and The Flower Shop need to be renewed. Both have completed all the necessary paperwork and paid the fees. Motion by Alderperson Berndt to approve the renewals. It was seconded by Alderperson Jonkers. Motion carried.

We had the first reading of Ordinance 343, a burn ban ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Berndt to approve the ordinance. It was seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Motion carried. After the second and final reading next month, it will be published in the Avon Clarion as well as uploaded to the city web page.

The Annual Report for 2019 was presented to the mayor and the council. Some questions arose and FO Simmons is making the inquiries to Schoenfish and will have the results next month.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers to table decision about the report until next month. It was seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Motion carried.

The virus shut down has been lifted but businesses may only operate their inside business up to 50% capacity.

Until the county reschedules their big cleanup, so that we can reschedule ours, the decision to have an alternate city clean up was made. The metal/junk man will come into town and pick up metal things (washers, dryers, etc.) in the alley behind your house. You can call the city office and schedule a pick up for the items in your alley. FO Simmons will be calling Bill to get a list of what he will and will not take. The list will be published. Motion by Alderperson Berndt to approve. It was seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Motion carried.

Executive Session –

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers to go into Executive Session. It was seconded by Alderperson Dodge. Everyone then left the meeting except the mayor, council members, and the finance officer.

The next meeting is Monday, June 1st at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Berndt. It was seconded by Alderperson Jonkers. Motion carried.

Mike Petrik
Mayor

Twyla Simmons
City Finance Officer

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