

MINUTES FOR AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – ~~April 7~~^{May 5}, 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, Orval Elliott, Allen Kocmich and Roland Luke.

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

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Kuhlman to approve the agenda with the addition of baseball field and library roof. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting as written. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Bechtold opened the meeting to public time. Street Commissioner Kocmich voiced concerns regarding the recent letter to the editor. The Council did not feel a response to the article was necessary, however to clarify the class Kocmich attended was in regard to new street construction and patching of potholes. Also the city does not own the equipment necessary to do the repairs of cracks.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Cameron to adjourn. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

At this time Bob Reister took the oath of office for a two-year term on the Council. Followed by Aldermen Tolsma and Tjeerdsma to three-year terms.

Police Chief Luke, Street and Water Commissioner Kocmich and Finance Officer Berndt all took their respective oaths of office.

Motion by Tolsma seconded by Tjeerdsma to elect Alderman Kuhlman as Council President. Motion by Reister seconded by Tjeerdsma to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Kuhlman. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma seconded by Kuhlman to elect Alderman Tolsma as Council Vice-President. Motion by Reister seconded by Cameron to cease nominations and coast a unanimous vote for Tolsma. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

| GENERAL FUND: | |
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| Avon Clarion—publication | \$ 443.41 |
| Avera Queen of Peace – random drug test | \$ 115.00 |
| Cahoy's – fuel and service | \$ 6.50 |
| Cellular one police phone | \$ 23.57 |
| Community Bank—ss & wh | \$ 1,067.18 |
| Community Bank – loan payment | \$ 1,655.14 |
| D & L Oil - diesel, heating fuel | \$ 234.60 |
| Farmers Coop – supplies | \$ 11.40 |
| Galls- police supplies | \$ 138.82 |
| Golden West Co.—telephone | \$ 210.20 |
| Governors Finance Officers School – registration fee | \$ 50.00 |
| Jurren's Electronics supplies | \$ 47.94 |
| Koletzky Implement – mower blades | \$ 43.20 |
| Myers Dray—garbage collection - dumpster | \$ 2,771.00 |
| Northwestern Public Service—elec. | \$ 930.46 |
| One Call System – quarterly billing | \$ 3.51 |
| Readers Den – Books | \$ 67.11 |
| St. Paul Stamps – Dog tags | \$ 44.03 |
| Southern Minnesota Construction – agrilime | \$ 89.80 |
| Share Corp – chemicals for pool cleaning | \$ 291.00 |
| SD Retirement—retirement | \$ 559.30 |
| State Treasurer—sales tax | \$ 137.48 |
| True Value – supplies | \$ 361.21 |

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| Wal-Mart – books | \$ 39.75 |
| Wellmark – insurance | \$ 676.68 |
| Yearly Salaries – Mayor and Council | \$ 4,432.80 |
| Salaries—office | \$ 760.43 |
| Salaries—police | \$ 2,073.05 |
| Salaries – parks and streets | \$ 347.00 |
| Salaries—library | \$ 484.06 |
| TOTAL | \$ 18,115.63 |

2nd Penny

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| SBC – gravel for street base | \$ 1,753.50 |
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WATER AND SEWER FUND

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| B-Y Water—water | \$ 3,192.58 |
| APH – curb stop | \$ 37.59 |
| Community Bank—ss & wh | \$ 757.80 |
| Blue Cross-health insurance | \$ 270.68 |
| Dept. of Revenue - water samples | \$ 12.00 |
| Golden West Co.—telephone | \$ 45.20 |
| Revenue & Reserve-transfer | \$ 374.17 |
| SPN – first payment on engineering fees | \$ 7,500.00 |
| SD Retirement—retirement | \$ 321.56 |
| Williams Septic – jet line | \$ 200.00 |
| Salaries— water and sewer | \$ 2,163.97 |
| TOTAL | \$ 14,875.55 |

AMBULANCE FUND:

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| Crew – Feb-April | \$ 270.00 |
| A-Ox – oxygen | \$ 27.27 |
| Verizon Wireless—telephone | \$ 22.22 |
| Moore Medical – supplies | \$ 161.90 |
| Golden West Co.—telephone | \$ 72.69 |
| TOTAL | \$ 554.08 |

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

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL

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| City of Avon—water | \$ 43927.66 |
| City of Avon –late fee | \$ 464.04 |
| City of Avon—sewer | \$ 2,424.00 |
| City of Avon—garbage | \$ 3,437.00 |
| City of Avon—tax | \$ 137.59 |
| Revenue & Reserve—transfer | \$ 374.17 |
| Dept. of Revenue—sales tax 1 st Penny | \$ 2,500.03 |
| 2 nd Penny | \$ 1,921.24 |
| Ambulance – Medicare (Thompson, Spitzer, Reiff) | \$ 556.14 |
| Wellmark – Kocmich | \$ 117.55 |
| Aflac – Spitzer | \$ 48.96 |
| Mike Beeson | \$ 392.00 |
| Accident Report | \$ 2.00 |

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| Carol Berndt – Retirement | \$ | 57.00 |
| Deb Thompson – Retirement | \$ | 35.00 |
| JoEllen Wormsbecker - Retirement | \$ | 381.50 |
| State Alcoholic Beverage Fund | \$ | 691.16 |
| BH Judicial System | \$ | 18.20 |
| Pool Donations | \$ | 5,079.81 |
| Bon Homme County Treasurer - general | \$ | 5,711.60 |
| Motor Vehicle | \$ | <u>287.67</u> |
| | \$ | 29,492.32 |

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

Police Chief Luke presented the police report.

Alderman Reister voiced several concerns he had regarding several departments and they were addressed.

Mayor Bechtold explained that he would like to leave the committees as is unless any of the Councilmen felt they wanted to change. Committees will remain the same as last year they are as follows: Streets/Alleys Water/Sewer – Chairman Tolsma, Tjeerdsma, Reister and Mensch. Buildings, Park, Land Nuisance and Dump – Chairman Tjeerdsma, Tolsma, Kuhlman and Cameron. Board of Health and Pool – Chairman Reister, Kuhlman, and Cameron. Finance and Purchasing – Chairman Kuhlman and Mensch.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to set the public hearing for June 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. for renewal of A-1 2003-04 alcoholic beverage sales. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

At 7:25 Terry Aaker of Smucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates arrived to explain and answer any questions on the plan for the drainage project. He also presented the estimated cost of the project. The total cost is estimated at \$121,262.90, of this \$92,582.90 is construction costs and the remaining is engineering costs.

At this time the City Finance Officer was directed to find out the process of getting the finances in place.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Kuhlman to allow City Finance Officer Berndt to attend the Finance Officers School in Pierre this June, the city will pay mileage and lodging for the school. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Cameron to allow the park board to hire the midget coach and a new head lifeguard with the Council representatives present with out further approval of the entire council necessary. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to allow the Fire Department to block off Main Street for the July 5th Street Dance. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Tolsma to allow the Larry Hento Family to have the Concession Stand at the ball field, they will again be responsible for the electric bill. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Streets were discussed and the following items were decided. To gravel Railway, patch holes on Main Street and to place a waterway at the corner of 2nd Avenue and Maple. Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Reister to do the fore mentioned items. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The school is interested in installing a sprinkler system at the baseball field, which they use as a practice field. They would install the system and then the city would take over and maintain the system and water cost. The discussion was if we don’t have a legion team does the city want to spend that money for watering the field. It was decided that it would improve the look of the field and hopefully if the field stays in good condition we can again get a team together.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to allow the system to be installed if the school will pay to install the meter and then the city would pay for \$500.00 worth of water on the field, and any amount over that the school would need to pick up. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Bob Reister and Roland Luke left at 8:47 p.m.

Lyle Mensch arrived at 8:55 p.m. He would like to have the alley chip sealed when the company comes, and he would pay for the cost. The city will make the company aware of this addition and have it itemized on the bill.

Terry Schultz arrived at 9:05 p.m.

Orval Elliott and Lyle Mensch left at 9:10 p.m.

The Council was asked by Schultz what the plan is regarding Maple street between 3rd and 4th street. The Council has no immediate plans for that block; since there are others already torn up and now with the drainage project 4 more blocks will need to be addressed.

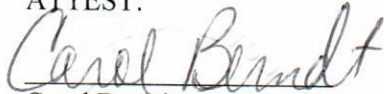
The Council said they would be willing to have that block shot for elevation so the curb could be installed but they would not commit to any date on when that block would be matted.

Roger Frey left at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. All voted "aye".
Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)