

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – JULY 1, 2002

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Bechtold, Aldermen Tjeerdsma, Kuhlman, Tolsma, Reister, Cameron and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present were: Jack Brodeen, Orval Elliott, Alice Biesma, Louise Koopman, Roger Frey, Charmaine Pelton, Joanne Bryan, and June Namminga. Absent: Alderman Mensch.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bechtold at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Reister and seconded by Tolsma to approve the agenda. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to approve the minutes of both the June 3 and 10, 2002 meetings, with the correction of the Payer Hardware bill of \$26.00 being charged to the Sewer Fund not the General Fund. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

JULY CLAIMS (For Month Ending June 30, 2002)

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 35,369.15

GENERAL

APH Wholesale – supplies	\$ 59.00
Avon Postmaster - postage	\$ 37.00
Avon Clarion - publishing	\$ 454.41
Blue Cross - insurance	\$ 1,353.36
Berkley Risk Admin. –Workman's comp	\$ 365.00
Bob's Candy – pool	\$ 684.45
Ball Association – supplies	\$ 371.63
Bohman – dedication plaque for fountain	\$ 20.00
Cahoy Gas & Service - gas	\$ 367.21
Cellular One - police phone	\$ 45.36
Community Bank – ss & wh	\$ 998.26
Cover to Cover - library books	\$ 98.07
The Crossroads – motel Finance Officers School	\$ 112.00
Carol Berndt – Mileage to Huron	\$ 76.16
D & L Oil – fuel	\$ 78.95
Golden West – monthly bill	\$ 205.45
Hawkins – Chemicals and repairs	\$ 1,941.66
Myers Dray - collections and dumpster	\$ 2,771.00
NWPS – Monthly Bill	\$ 1,243.17
Jurrens Repair – mower parts and repairs	\$ 213.20
Pier and Pier Ins. – Surety Bond	\$ 556.50
Power's Furniture – Pool supplies	\$ 48.00
Ron's Market – supplies	\$ 163.62
SBC – Payloader rental, radius supplies	\$ 1,888.00
Stan Houston – supplies for pool	\$ 76.50
SD Dept. of Revenue - sales tax	\$ 109.68

SD Retirement – monthly contribution		\$ 825.64
SD Retirement Back Contribution	Approved in Executive Session	\$ 2,182.83
SD Municipal League – Elected Officials Workshop		\$ 20.00
Federal Surplus – office supplies		\$ 20.10
True-Value – supplies		\$ 395.67
Wal-Mart – library books		\$ 25.69
Wages- Office		\$ 774.42
Police Dept.		\$ 2,013.17
Streets		\$ 2,077.05
Library		\$ 434.38
Pool		\$ 2,823.99
Sanitation		\$ 177.31
TOTAL		\$ 26,138.24

WATER/SEWER

BY Water		\$ 4,984.51
Community Bank – ss & wh		\$ 839.00
Golden West		\$ 56.66
Dakota Supply Group -supplies		\$ 171.63
Revenue And Reserve Transfer		\$ 374.17
Williams Septic – Jet line		\$ 250.00
Luke Backhoe – repair on waterline		\$ 287.50
SD Dept of Health – yearly dues		\$ 220.00
SD Dept of Health – testing		\$ 200.00
SD Retirement Back Contribution	Approved in Executive Session	\$ 536.60
TOTAL		\$ 7,936.73

AMBULANCE

Crew - May and June		\$ 945.00
A-Ox Welding – oxygen		\$ 52.24
A-1		\$ 32.80
Avon Postmaster		\$ 37.00
Golden West		\$ 72.57
Cahoy		\$ 72.50
D & L – fuel		\$ 33.70
Verizon Wireless – phone		\$ 48.37
TOTAL		\$ 1,294.18

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

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

City of Avon—water	\$ 6,939.15
City of Avon –late fee/payments	\$ 83.91
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 2,016.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 2,742.00
City of Avon—tax	\$ 109.63

vote: Kuhlman, Tjeerdsma, Tolsma, Cameron and Reister. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Police Chief Luke addressed the Council regarding a conference to be held in Pierre regarding Homeland Security. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to allow Chief Luke to attend the conference. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Police Chief Like informed the Council that the department was in need of a shotgun if it was possible within the budget. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister allow the department to purchase the gun. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Chief Luke then gave the monthly report.

Roland Luke left at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Bechtold then opened the discussion regarding the alley from Kenny Powers to the Lutheran Church. They had been asked to allow the alley to be cut down and then most of the residences along the alley were going to install cement. The concern of the Council was the speed at which that water would then reach the corner of 3rd and Pine in front of Alice Biesma.

Alice Biesma shared her concerns regarding the water that already comes to that drain and her fears if more water would then come at a much faster rate. Mrs. Biesma spoke regarding the damage that was already taken place in the ditch along pine with the water cutting away the sod and felt that the city perhaps should help with the cost of repairing the damage. Louise Koopman shared her concerns as well, she has problems with water backing up in her basement as well as feeling that Mrs. Biesma has taken on too much of the responsibility of draining the corner. The Council agreed with their concerns.

At this time the plan remains to move the catch basin to the alley as originally agreed upon several month^s earlier. They don't feel they can allow they alley to be cut at this time until the storm drainage problem is addressed at the corner of 3rd and Pine. No motion was made at this time since a motion was already made to allow the drain to be moved to the alley.

Angie Martin, Louise Koopman and Alice Biesma left at 8:10 p.m.

At this time the Council addressed the letting of bids for asphalt. Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Reister to set the date for bids to be received for August 2nd and the date of advertising for July 10th and 17th. . All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Reister left at 8:25 p.m.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Kuhlman:

Resolution of Local Commitment

Whereas, the City of Avon has identified the need to resurface part of Railway Street and part of Main Street; and

Whereas, the City of Avon is eligible for Department of Transportation Community Access Program funds, and

Whereas, the City of Avon does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance;

Therefore Be It Resolves that the City of Avon will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Program in accordance with all program requirements;

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Avon will be responsible for all engineering expenses associated with the project, and a minimum of forty percent (40%) of all construction costs;

And Be It Further Resolved that the City of Avon will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs to the route after the construction of the project;

And Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor of Avon be authorized to execute the Community Access Program application.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2002

Signed: Russell Bechtold, Mayor

Attest: Carol Berndt, City Finance Office

Seconded by Tolsma to approve the resolution. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Bechtold asked the council if anyone recalled if the city had agreed to pay for the curb, which was placed along the side of the Historical Museum. Terry Schultz had donated the front footage and has still not received payment for the side. None of the Alderman could recall agreeing to pay for the work, however Finance Officer Berndt will research the minutes from that time and see if she can any reference to the work. Other issues regarding streets and patching were discussed Mayor Bechtold will share concerns with Allen Kocmich.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to appoint Russell Bechtold as Representative and Alderman Kuhlman as Alternate to the Missouri Valley Waste Management Council. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Cameron to approve an additional claim of \$20.00 to the Municipal League for the registration fee of the Elected Officials Workshop in Mitchell. All voted "aye". Motion carried. Mayor Bechtold and Alderman Tjeerdsma will attend the workshop later this month.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to direct Finance Officer Berndt to set up a savings account for the purpose of pool renovations. Many groups have set aside money for the project and this would create a place for the funds to be held together so they can be better managed. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Any individual or group interested in donating to the account set up for the renovations for the pool can do so at anytime. Simply contact the City Finance Officer or Mayor Bechtold.

Jack Brodeen asked if the Council would be interested in assisting with the cost of installing sand beneath the playground equipment at the city park. Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Kuhlman to direct Finance Officer Berndt to close out the small saving account for park equipment totaling \$305.22 and turn the money over to the Chamber of Commerce to assist with the cost of the project. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Jack Brodeen, Orval Elliott, and Roger Frey left at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tjeerdsma to go into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to come out of executive session at 9:30 p.m.

The following motions were made.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Tolsma to approve the additional claim totaling \$2,719.43 to be paid to South Dakota Retirement. This claim is to pay for the past 18 months for Carol Berndt and 12 months for Debbie Thompson both of which met the required hours and criteria to make the mandatory contribution to the retirement program. The city will pay the entire amount and Carol and Debbie will reimburse their

5% which is half of the total bill. The Council regrets that this error was made. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tjeerdsma and seconded by Cameron to direct Finance Officer Berndt to draft a letter to those individuals delinquent of their water bills. The letter will state the following each current month must be paid by the 10th of each month plus an additional \$25.00 on the amount owed. If either of these conditions is not met water service will be terminated after notice is given. At which time the total amount will be due before service will resume. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Having no other business, a motion was made by Tolsma seconded by Cameron to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. All voted "aye". Motion carried.


Russell Bechtold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol Berndt
City Finance Officer
(SEAL)