Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – July 6, 2021

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00. The roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Petrik, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Petrik, Alderman Tjeerdsma and Finance Officer Simmons. Also, present were Avon School District Superintendent Tom Culver, Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering, Business Manager for the Avon School District Sara Hento, Street Commissioner Al Kocmich, Madi Mudder, Ilene Muller, Clint Powell from Brosz Engineering, Gracie Small, Jim Swanson, Avon School District Board President Jeff Tolsma, and Maintenance Supervisor for the Avon School District Greg Voigt.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:05 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve the minutes of last month’s meeting with the corrections noted during this meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

SD One Call (811) – message fees - $ 32.48

Appeara – mats in Library and at Pool - $ 157.30

Avon Library – quarterly allotment - $ 587.52

Avon Lumber – supplies - $ 79.78

B & H Tree Service – cutting/trimming trees - $ 450.00

BY Water – bulk water - $ 9,487.20

Clearfield Welding – repair - $ 17.60

Core & Main – Main Street Project valve - $ 1,297.96

Courtney Sees – Lifeguard Certification 50% reimbursement - $ 70.00

Craig Schryvers – umpiring - $ 160.00

DSG – pipe - $ 208.83

Farmers Coop – miscellaneous - $ 754.54

Goldenwest – internet – $ 176.63

Gracie Small – WSI Swimming Instructor Certification 50% reimbursement - $ 70.00

Innovative Office Solutions – supplies - $ 618.67

Joe Paulson – Cell Phone Reimbursement - $ 75.00

Kaiser Appliance – replace disconnect at Pool - $ 226.33

Kent Lehr – legal fees - $ 346.50

Luke Backhoe – miscellaneous digging projects - $ 612.00

Madi Mudder – WSI Swimming Instructor Certification 50% reimbursement - $ 70.00

Maguire Iron – Water Tank Inspection - $ 1,479.00

Mark’s Machinery – tractor parts - $ 170.79

Mary Hurd – supplies - $ 60.00

McKenna Kocmich – Lifeguard Certification 50% reimbursement - $ 70.00

Myers’ Sanitation - garbage pickup for two months - $ 7,892.00

Northwestern Energy – electricity - $ 1,891.71

Pechous Publications – publications - $ 268.81

Power Source – Lights at BB field - $ 361.57

Ron’s Market – miscellaneous - $ 116.73

Schultz Redi-Mix – rock for SB field culvert

SD Dept. of Health – water testing - $ 30.00

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

SD Reemployment Assistance Division – reemployment tax - $ 56.96

SD Secretary of State – Notary Public renewal - $ 30.00

Tim Semmler – certified umpire - $ 120.00

Uline – BB field soap dispenser - $ 31.50

Verizon – cell/business phones - $ 1,068.79

Wholesale Candy – candy - $ 140.80

Payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 830.00

Payroll for the Finance Office – $ 2,053.14

Payroll for the Police – $ 3,016.00

Payroll for the Library – $ 792.72

Payroll for the Public Works – $ 5,788.68

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented:

Ambulance $ 912.24

Bank Interest 3,097.54

Baseball 35.00

Building Permit 10.00

Dog Tag 10.00

Garbage Collection 4,873.20

Garbage Tax 338.78

Late Fees on Utility Payments 300.00

Mobile Home Tax 198.54

Motor Vehicle Licenses 605.55

Penalties and Interest 65.84

Pool Concessions 2,745.84

Pool Pass 4,644.00

Property Tax (Current) 11,558.66

Property Tax (Prior Years) 340.58

SCWDD grant 14,420.00

Sewer 5,347.26

Special Assessments 1,258.11

State Sales Tax 19,221.47

Swim Team 1,855.00

Swimming Lessons 70.00

Teeners Donations for Signs 350.00

Water 11,207.56

Water deposit 400.00

Motion to approve by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion carried.

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt reported that he attended the street meeting today and everything seems to be going well. Auch Plumbing will be here to hook up water lines to businesses with lead lines.

Alderman Petrik had nothing to report.

Alderman Tjeerdsma had nothing to report.

Mayor Petrik reported that Stacy Powers asked if the city would sell the lot behind the clinic. The council agreed to consider it.

Al talked about the mixer for the water tower that he learned about in the conference in Rapid City this year. It would continuously turn the water so that it would be of better quality and would not accumulate ice in the winter. A quote from Maguire Iron was for $ 16,000.00. We will wait. He also talked about Kenny Powers’ lot across the street from the city office. Kenny has two of them sold but might sell the third at some time in the future. In the Main Street plans, there are only two water hook ups going to those lots. For approximately $ 4,500.00, we can add another service now and would not have to mess up Main Street once it is done. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

**Public Time** –

Superintendent Culver, Board President Tolsma, Business Manager Hento, and Maintenance Supervisor Voigt were here to talk about updating the water agreement between the City and the School regarding the teener baseball field. There was some discussion on both sides with the agreement that the school would put together a written plan of what they would like to have in place as an agreement. Once presented to us, the council will look it over, possibly make changes, and eventually get the changed documented in the deed. But, for now, the city will pay for an inch of water per week on the baseball field. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve. Motion carried.

Clint Powell from Brosz Engineering was here at the request of the council. The first question that he answered was why we did not have a bill from Brosz for the supervision of the Main Street Project this month. He explained that they have just installed new accounting software and we will receive the bill next month. The second question was if he could produce a spreadsheet showing all the money that the City had given Brosz and what project each payment was earmarked for. He said he would get that information together.

Ilene Muller informed the FO that she was incorrect in her recordings of Ilene’s comments last week. She was not complaining about the lack of work on Poplar Street, she was complementing the street dept. on the repairs and the resulting condition of it. She then asked about the progress on the Jurrens’ property. The mayor told her that Matt Tjeerdsma had been hauling vehicles out of there. She asked which ones because she had not missed any.

Madi Mudder and Gracie Small were here to contest the decision of the council not to give them a raise because the minimum wage went up so much. FO Simmons, Alderman Petrik, and Mayor Petrik had tried the explain this before. Last year, they made $ 9.10 per hour. Every year, pool staff get a $ .25 per hour raise. That would mean that this year they get $ 9.35 per hour. But minimum wage went up to $ 9.45 per hour. So, in essence, they got a $ .35 per hour raise this year. They feel they should be paid the $ 9.45 per hour plus get $ .25 per hour for a total of $ 9.70 per hour. They told the council that if they do not get the raise based on experience, they might not be back next year. At this point, FO Simmons told them that according to the Fair Labor Act, the pool personnel are exempt from mandatory minimum wage and overtime because the pool is open less than 7 months per year. The council was trying the be fair by giving them minimum wage. The subject of an assistant manager at the pool was then discussed. Gracie said that she was very unhappy with that situation (before she and Madi had wanted someone who is only 14 to get the job as assistant manager). Alderman Petrik told her that the council, not the lifeguards or pool manager, would decide who would be the next assistant manager.

**Old Business** -

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business -**

FO Simmons informed the council that there is enough in the savings account to purchase another CD. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to purchase a CD. Motion carried.

The council discussed election of president and vice president of the council. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to elect Alderman Berndt as President of the Avon City Council. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to elect Alderman Tjeerdsma as Vice President of the Avon City Council. Motion carried.

ROCS office sent a letter asking if we plan to make our annual donation to the Senior Meals program. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to make our annual $ 2,000.00 donation. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to have the Mayor sign the Maguire contract for the inspection and the cleaning of the water tower. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Berndt to have the Mayor sign the first round of fund payments for the Main Street Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to have the Mayor sign the first pay request for the Main Street Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to have the Mayor sign the first change order for the Main Street Project. Motion carried.

The Pool Manager has requested a new refrigerator at the pool. After some discussion, it was decided that we would take one from the bb concession and put it at the pool for the rest of the season and then make a decision in the spring.

The Mayor presented the idea of having an Appreciation Meal for the people of Avon after the completion of the Main Street Project. He asked that the council think about it and discuss if further next month.

The Mayor brought up the subject of the street projects for next year. He asked the council to think about which ones they want to happen.

The next meeting is Monday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer