Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – August 2, 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, Damon Griffith, Shereen Griffith, Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering, Street Commissioner Al Kocmich, Twila Lukkes, Bridgette Muller, Donna Meiers, Ilene Muller, and Matt Tjeerdsma.

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

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve the minutes of last month’s 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

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

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 - $ 633.78

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

The following receipts were presented:

Alcohol Reversion $ 993.67

Amazon Refund 59.37

Ambulance 1,277.02

Bank Interest 1,500.00

Building Permit 30.00

Garbage Collection 5,277.43

Garbage Tax 339.45

Goldenwest Franchise 821.32

Highway/Bridge Tax 2,463.75

Late Fees on Utility Payments 337.94

Motor Vehicle Licenses 1,033.81

Penalties and Interest 264.83

Pool Concessions 1,230.31

Pool Pass 528.00

Property Tax (Current) 2,101.79

Property Tax (Prior Years) 503.59

SCWDD grant 22,500.00

Sewer 4,895.12

Sewer Surcharge 907.20

Special Assessments 279.12

State Sales Tax 7,257.29

Swimming Lessons 1,260.00

Teeners Donations for Signs 250.00

Water 20,119.70

Water deposit 700.00

Water Surcharge 1,102.71

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

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt had nothing to report.

Alderman Petrik said that the last day for the pool to be open was August 11.

Alderman Tjeerdsma said that the library was getting free shelves.

**Public Time** –

Blake Harms from Brosz Engineering was here to discuss Pay Application 2. Hen then presented the papers to the mayor for his signature. He gave the monthly progress report for the Main Street Project. He then discussed some general schedule updates. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve the mayor signing the documents presented by Blake. Motion carried.

Donna Meiers, her daughter Shereen Griffith, and her daughter’s husband Damon Griffith were here to discuss the dog situation in town and complain about the way that it has been handled.

Matt Tjeerdsma was here to dispute the contents of the July minutes. In them, it had been brought up that he had towed some vehicles from Jurrens’ Repair. He wanted to correct the record by being here in person to let the council know that he did not.

Bridgette Muller was here to discuss the property of Matthew Counts and the viciousness of his dogs. She stated that the property has not improved at all and that the Code Enforcer needs to do his job. She discussed that several times his dogs had growled at her and that something needs to be done with them. She mentioned one time that they were on the balcony of the Counts’ house growling at her. She told the council that the FO had been totally unprofessional by putting a small caricature in the July minutes. She also told the council that they had treated the lifeguards at the July meeting disrespectfully and should make them feel wanted and needed instead. She also reprimanded the FO for not being able to find the 2020 employment contract for one of the lifeguards that had been present at the July meeting. She informed the council that she is head of HR at a Springfield business and there are retention laws in the state of South Dakota.

**Old Business** -

Tom Culver, the Superintendent of the Avon School District, was here to discuss the watering arrangement for the baseball field. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve the city paying for half the cost of the water meter for the baseball field. Motion carried.

The progress of Dennis and Dixie Jurrens at Jurrens Repair was then brought up by the FO. She showed the council pictures of some of the progress that has been made by them. This included a picture of vehicle loaded up being sent to California and a picture that was taken in California when the vehicle arrived.

**New Business -**

The awning in front of the building was discussed. One of the poles has been bent. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to take it down. Motion carried.

The mayor began the discussion with the council about Derek Pelton. He is moving into Kelcey Frank’s house and needs a water meter. The one that was in the house was frozen and will not work. The city bought the first meter and the owner of the house is responsible for keeping the meter in working condition. The problem is that Kelcey will not buy a meter and Barb Pelton does not feel that she nor Derek should buy one because it is not their house. She wants the city to put on in the house. The council agreed that it is not the responsibility of the other tax payers to put another meter in that house.

Best Propane sent over a contract for propane to heat the shop this winter. It was the only propane contract received. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to accept the contract. Motion carried.

The appreciation meal was on the agenda to be discussed, but due to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided to move it to next month.

The council decided to do the section of North Main Street between the four ways stop and Highway 50 next year.

The council decided that the water main shut-offs and the fire hydrants need to be actuated annually. They instructed Al that it needs to be implemented immediately.

The Swim Team Trophy is taller this year and cannot be placed on top of the cabinets in the concession stand at the pool. THE AVON SWIM TEAM WON FIRST PLACE!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!! The Council and the school have agreed that it should be put into one of the display cabinets at the school so that all can enjoy it and it will be on display for all to see when they come to school events.

The council unanimously agreed that all public concerns be limited to five minutes each so that the meetings don’t run so long and to limit the talking among the public present at each meeting.

The meeting was closed to the public. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to go into Executive Session.

After coming out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeersdma to accept Dean DeJong’s resignation with regrets. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, August 23rd

at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Alderman Berndt 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