

Official Minutes For  
Avon, South Dakota – September 5, 2019

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 were present Dave Brandt, Sandra Brandt, Slater Brodeen, Lana Dodge, Al Kocmich, Bonnie Meiers, Ilene Muller, Clint Powell, Denise Probe, Matt Tjeerdsma, and Mark Tolsma.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:00 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the agenda with the presented additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: A-1 Gas and Go – fuel - \$ 99.54, Aflac – employee supplemental insurance – \$ 749.19, Avon Lumber – miscellaneous - \$ 606.30, Avon Public Library – books and supplies - \$ 195.84, BBBB's – fence at baseball field - \$ 1,426.48, Bon Homme County Auditor – police supplies - \$14.99, Bound Tree Medical – Ambulance supplies - \$ 14.29, BY Water – bulk water - \$ 5,813.70, Cahoy's Service – supplies - \$ 45.00, Farmer's Coop – miscellaneous - \$ 3,072.45, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - \$ 466.44, Hawkins – Pool supplies – A\$ 3,621.70, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - \$ 4,050.98, Hornstra Heating and Cooling – Swatek Fine Arts - \$ 74.55, IRS – payroll taxes - \$ 4,901.56, J. P. Cooke – supplies - \$ 55.50, Joe Sees – reimbursement - \$ 120.00, Luke Backhoe – trenching - \$ 2,261.85, Muller Repair – part - \$ 15.00, Myers' Sanitation - garbage pickup - \$ 3,922.50, Nick's Lawn Care – mowing - \$ 225.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – \$ 2,842.82, Petty Cash – reimbursement - \$ 100.00, Ron's Market – supplies - \$ 262.24, Schultz Concrete Construction – Curb and Gutter - \$ 60,992.97, Schultz Redi Mix – supplies - \$ 35,329.61, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - \$ 251.14, SD Federal Property Agency – government surplus - \$ 193.00, SD Public Health Lab – water testing fees - \$ 15.00, SD One Call – 811 - \$ 29.12, SD Retirement System – retirement - \$ 1,536.42, Swier Law Firm – legal fees - \$ 75.00, Sylvia Meiers – water bill refund - \$ 46.51, Tyndall Ace Hardware – miscellaneous - \$ 521.36, Verizon – cell phones - \$ 254.29, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - \$ 500.00, payroll for the Finance Office – \$ 2,783.65, payroll for the Police – \$ 3,029.79, payroll for the Library – \$ 840.68, payroll for the Public Works – \$ 7,573.56, payroll for the dump - \$ 222.95, and payroll for summer help - \$ 9,866.77. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – \$ 11,537.35, Sewer receipts – \$ 4,402.38, Garbage receipts – \$ 4,093.25, Garbage Tax fees - \$ 284.56, Late Fees - \$ 260.79, Water Deposit - \$ 400.00, Building Permits - \$ 20.00, Swim Team - \$ 165.00, Pool Passes - \$ 1,177.00, Pool Concessions - \$ 2,265.69, BB/SB - \$ 85.00, Swim Lessons - \$ 390.00, Liquor License - \$ 300.00, Goldenwest - \$ 651.58, Peddler

License - \$ 10.00, Bridge Tax - \$ 3,017.41, Bank Interest - \$ 1,500.00, State Sales Tax - \$ 10,697.23, State Sales Tax (second penny) - \$ 10,697.24, Current Year Property Taxes – \$ 4,538.76, Penalties And Interest - \$ 4.74, and MV License Taxes – \$ 848.83. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Alderperson Berndt reported that the library Summer Reading Program is now over. They had a very good turnout during the entire summer season.

Alderperson Dodge questioned the FO about how the camera setup at the dump was going. FO Simmons told him that Northwestern Energy and Goldenwest are just waiting for some more information on our part, and then they can proceed with the connections. They need to know if there is going to be a house or a weather proof box attached to a pole out there to house all the electrical equipment. Motion for a weather proof box by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge was made. Motion carried.

Alderperson Jonkers reported that the pool will be closing on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Alderperson Petrik reported that the street is going well.

Carol Jurrens discussed the drainage issues that she is now facing since the addition of curb and gutter to her property. The mayor and Al promised to fix the problem to the best of their ability.

Sandra Brandt complained about the tardiness of the curb and gutter letter. Dave Brandt said that that his curb and gutter looks better than expected.

Jack commented on how bad Hickory Street is getting, parts of the street stick to the tires on a hot day. Al said that if we put sand on the street, it will just wash down the drain. The mayor asked Al to put a coating of sand on the street.

Jim Toupal presented several reasons why he thinks that the bars should be allowed to remain open until 2:00 AM each night of the week. After consideration, the council decided to change the current ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to change the ordinance to allow the bars to remain open until 2:00 AM nightly. Motion carried. Dennis Dodge abstained from voting. The first reading of the revised ordinance will be next month.

Mayor Gill informed the council that Chief DeJong would be working at the State Fair again this year and the county would cover.

The issue involving Dave Brandt and his curb and gutter was clarified. The curb and gutter that was originally on Dave's property will be torn out and replaced by the city. The new curb and gutter that is installed on the rest of his property will be paid for by him.

Charlie Kelley had four cars towed, is in the process of getting historical tags for two, and is going through the rest of the stuff so that it can be either cleaned up or thrown away. FO Simmons was told to contact him regarding his son's property, namely removal of the cars and mowing/weed eating the grass.

Howard Elliott is currently working on his yard and is making progress.

The city purchased a solar powered digital speed sign for West Second Street. After a discussion about the location of the sign, it was decided to move the new sign along with the signs already present to new locations so that people will slow down before getting to the school zone and not just adjust their speed quickly.

The FO addressed an issue concerning the removal of dead or dying animals. The matter was discussed and the council decided that Chief DeJong should remove dead or dying animals because they pose a health hazard to both adults and children. If they animal is dying, he should try to find the owner first.

FO Simmons found an insurance policy by the same company that would drastically lower the deductible for the employee and his/her family. It would only raise the monthly cost about \$ 600.00. This cost would be shared by the employees and the city. The new policy would not take effect until January of 2020. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

There was a recent incident where an employee did not clock out and failed to do so the next day. After a lengthy discussion, the council decided that if an employee fails to clock in or out, he or she will not get paid for the time until the next payroll.

We received a propane bid from BEST Propane. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to accept. Motion carried.

The Avon Fire Department requested two temporary liquor licenses, one for their annual supper on September 14<sup>th</sup> and one for the Reiff/Beeson wedding on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

FO Simmons presented a Conflict of Interest ordinance to the council. The first reading was tonight. Motion to approve by Alderperson Petrik and Alderperson Jonkers. Motion carried.

The city's garbage contract is up in September. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to begin advertising for bids. Motion carried.

FO Simmons told the council that she had submitted a grant application to the South Dakota Community Foundation for a grant to help with the cost of a slide for the pool. She also found a grant to purchase a liner for the pool that she will be working with District III on.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. It is being moved because of Labor Day. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to move the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mike Petrik  
Mayor

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Twyla Simmons  
City Finance Officer

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