

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, Brosz Engineering – storm water report - \$ 18,520.00, BY Water – bulk water - \$ 6,005.90, Dave Brandt – black dirt - \$ 1,350.00, Farmer's Coop – miscellaneous - \$ 1,886.56, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - \$ 400.86, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - \$ 4,050.98, IRS – payroll taxes - \$ 3,968.77, Myers' Sanitation - garbage pickup - \$ 3,922.50, Nick's Lawn Care – mowing - \$ 135.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – \$ 2,349.48, One Office Solution – supplies - \$ 264.84, Ron's Market – supplies - \$ 46.81, Schultz Concrete Construction – Curb and Gutter - \$ 30,786.79, Schultz Redi Mix – supplies - \$ 8,218.78, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - \$ 251.14, SD Public Health Lab – water testing fees - \$ 15.00, SD Retirement System – retirement - \$ 1,602.48, Tyndall Ace Hardware – miscellaneous - \$ 67.52, Verizon – cell phones - \$ 255.93, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - \$ 1,000.00, payroll for the Finance Office – \$ 2,487.87, payroll for the Police – \$ 3,283.01, payroll for the Library – \$ 807.25, payroll for the Public Works – \$ 7,608.60, payroll for the dump - \$ 238.88, and payroll for summer help - \$ 4,107.17.

Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – \$ 12,308.74, Sewer receipts – \$ 5,176.70, Garbage receipts – \$ 4,153.39, Garbage Tax fees - \$ 288.74, Late Fees - \$ 472.99, Ambulance - \$ 3,000.96, Water Deposit - \$ 300.00, Dog Tags - \$ 10.00, Building Permits - \$ 30.00, Pool Passes - \$ 393.00, Pool Concessions - \$ 863.57, Swim Lessons - \$ 30.00, Peddler License - \$ 10.00, Bank Interest - \$ 1,500.00, State Sales Tax - \$ 2,907.54, State Sales Tax (second penny) - \$ 2,907.54, Current Year Property Taxes – \$ 4,666.65, Prior Years Property Tax - \$ 1,628.36, Penalties And Interest - \$ 528.73, Mobile Home Tax - \$ 147.00, and MV License Taxes – \$ 1,456.57.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Aldersperson Berndt reported that the Library Board had met on August 28th. They are planning to get some new computers.

Aldersperson Dodge asked about the progress of the house and the cameras at the dump. He was told that the house is down at the shop, Goldenwest is ready to install the internet service to the dump as soon as the house is there, but that Northwestern has now decided that it will take approximately \$ 6,000.00 to run electricity out there. The mayor began a discussion about solar camera systems which was Al Kocmich's idea. After some discussion, it was decided that we would again reopen the dump with some rules. If they are not observed, it will be permanently locked until further notice. He also asked FO Simmons if she would call Mrs. Blaha at the school and coordinate with her about painting the snow blade either this year or next year.

Aldersperson Jonkers reported that now that the baseball fence is up, the batting cage is all that is left to put out there. The mayor brought up the gentleman that wants to donate some money to go to some rec projects for kids. Several ideas were passed around and he said that he would get back to the gentleman with the information.

At this time, the mayor told Al to give a report on the streets. Al said that they are supposed to start on the streets first thing tomorrow. He added that he will try to get everything covered in case it rains this weekend. He also has to get the alley ready. He added that all the dirt is out of Dave Brandt's property, the fence just needs to be fixed.

Denise Probe addressed the council with several points of concern.

1. Cameras at Dump
2. False Advertising at the 5 Mile Sign
3. Her alley is full of water and it needs to be cleaned up.
4. Streets need to be swept on a regular basis
5. Our Chief of Police needs to be more active, monitor speeding, be more visible.
6. The cat situation at Jurrens Repair needs to be solved.
7. The city needs to work on cleaning up abandoned buildings.
8. After storms, city should come by and pick up debris.
9. Glass on street should be picked up.
10. The hole in the Park should be filled in.
11. The Sassaman lot needs to be cleaned up.
12. The tubs at Meadow View Manor should be switched out for showers.

Dave Brandt asked when his check for the black dirt was going to be ready. The FO told him that it was being approved tonight and he would get it tomorrow. He also brought up the drainage ditch on his property. It needs to be cleaned out.

Sandra Brandt asked the FO why the city charges everyone that puts their curb and gutter on their taxes a 6% interest fee. The FO explained that it is to help offset the cost of having \$ 75,000 tied up for ten years.

Slater Brodeen asked the DeLong house and its current status. The FO told him that it was in the courts and we were just waiting for them to make a solution. He also offered help to the Library Board with their new computers, explaining that he has a degree in the computer field.

Bonnie Meiers was here to retrieve the four plats that were drawn up involving Sylvia Meiers' land. All four plats were signed by the mayor and the FO. All four were then stamped with the city seal.

Ilene Muller told the council that the FO had overpaid her three times and as a tax paying citizen she was very concerned over this behavior. The mayor got up and went over to her and looked over the paperwork that she had. He came back to the table and placed the papers in front of the FO stating that this could not happen again.

Clint Powell, an engineer from Brosz Engineering gave out drawings of the proposed enhancements to Main Street. He told the council that they had eliminated the double sidewalk on the West side of the street with a 3-inch grade. He talked about FEMA money and how we might be able to use it to help with the drainage issues caused by the addition of curb and gutter. He also talked about the GSI process and where he would start. He talked about doing a chip seal project for the whole city or at least half of it next year. Finally, he talked about his housing project getting underway this fall.

Matt Tjeerdsma wanted to know if there were any limits to the hours that a city business could stay open. He explained that he was planning to work out of Dennis Powers' shed changing tires for the wind farm. The mayor told him that there was no limit for this.

Mark Tolsma spoke to the council about letting establishments selling alcohol and food stay open until 4:00 AM so that he would have the option of serving breakfast if the opportunity arose. The council said that they did not have a problem with it but the legalities of the issue have to be looked into. They added that all alcohol consumption would have to stop at 2:00 AM, this would include someone in the process of drinking a beer or a mixed drink. He agreed.

The mayor stated that he hopes the transition will go well. He is working with Al and Twyla. Al is the outside person and Twyla is the inside person. Payroll will be given out as soon as it is done.

The council had the second and final reading of Ordinance 334 regarding conflicts of interest. The ordinance will now be published and be put into effect.

The mayor had requested that the FO see how much of the mosquito grant funds were left to be spent, if any. There are none remaining.

We received a letter from the state saying that all railroad land will revert back to the original owners. This will be a lengthy process.

The FO looked into what limitations, if any, Mayor Petrik will have because he is mayor and president of the council. He can still vote but he cannot break a tie. He will have to run in May or vacate the Mayor position. His position as Alderman is also up.

It was also decided that the dump will reopen on Saturday, September 14th. The new rules and regulations will be printed in the paper. Abuse of the dump will cause it to be locked again.

The payroll ending date is now the last Sunday of the month.

We will be going with the new insurance that was decided on last month.

Ron Swier came in the FO's office and inquired about getting some black dirt from the city. The mayor said that he would go and talk to him.

Garbage bids were opened. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to accept the bid by Dennis Powers. Motion carried.

The matter of Howard Elliott was discussed. His water bill is seriously behind and he will not return any attempt to communicate with him. The last check that he gave bounced. The mayor told Chief of Police DeJong to deliver paperwork to him containing the total that he owes and explain that he has until noon on September 20th to pay the total balance in cash or it will be turned over to Swier Law Firm.

The 2020 budget was discussed. Some additions are the GIS system for Al's tablet so that he can locate water shut-offs, etc.; chip sealing for at least half the city; and a vehicle for the FO for water meter reading, trips to the court house, buying trips for the pool, etc.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to adjourn and go into Executive Session. The council approved Al to stay. Upon the council coming out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to take Joe off probation. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 7th.

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

Mike Petrik
Mayor

Twyla Simmons
City Finance Officer

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