

AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA – September 7, 2004

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Bechtold, and Aldermen: Tolsma, Tjeerdsma, Kuhlman, Beeson, and Finance Officer Berndt. Also present were Roger Frey, Steve Dykstra, Allen Kocmich, and Linda Wittrock and Jerry Bertsch of North Western Energy.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bechtold at 7:08p.m.

Motion by Tolsma seconded by Tjeerdsma to approve the agenda with the addition of North Western Energy. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion by Tolsma and seconded by Kuhlman to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2004 meetings. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

At this time the Mayor turned the floor over to the representatives from NW Energy. The main reason they were present was to help the Council with any questions they had in reference to NW coming out the bankruptcy.

There is a group of cities that have formed a South Dakota Public Power Authority, which would like communities presently being served by NW to band together and buy the company if it should not be able to come out of the bankruptcy. There are many unanswered question with regards to this group, as well as an initial dollar amount of \$4,280.50 to enter into the feasibility study. We would be a member of the group so as costs would occur we would then need to pay our share, and no one can tell use what those other costs may be.

NW Energy feels they will come out of the bankruptcy and then this will not be a concern. The representatives answered several question from the Council and the public. Most of the unanswered questions were with the cost of the SD Public Power Authority.

At this time, with all the unanswered questions regarding the SDPPA, a motion was made by Tolsma and seconded by Tjeerdsma to not enter into the group. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

Jerry Bertsch, Linda Wittrock and Steve Dykstra left at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Bechtold opened the floor for public time. Roger Frey asked it the Council had ever considered using the chemical or an aeration system to control the odor from the lagoon. Commissioner Kocmich said that these systems are fairly expensive and that it would help with the problem but not eliminate them completely. No action was taken.

The following claims were presented for payment:

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS (For Month Ending August 31, 2004)

General Fund			
A-1 Gas	Gas		\$ 31.19
Avon Clarion	Publishing (2 months)		\$ 422.65
Allen Kocmich	Mileage meals		\$ 99.44
American Red Cross	Lesson cards		\$ 39.00
Bob's Candy	Pool Candy		\$ 291.97
Cahoy's	Fuel and parts		\$ 423.62
Cellular one	Police cell phone		\$ 30.69
Community Bank	Withholding and social security		\$ 3,314.48
Community Bank	Payment		\$ 1,655.14
Demco	Library supplies		\$ 83.54
Ferrelgas	Contract 1500 gallon fuel		\$ 1,663.50
Golden West	Monthly bill		\$ 237.05
MCR	Pool chemical		\$ 1,187.21
Myers Dray	Collections and dumpster		\$ 2,771.00
NWPS	Monthly billing		\$ 1,688.88
Jay Wynia	Mileage		\$ 25.60
Jurrens Repair	Work on pay loader		\$ 386.34
Kelly Tjeerdsma	Mileage		\$ 25.60
Readers Den	Books		\$ 259.65

Petty Cash	Ron's and postage		\$ 25.43
Sanders	Air return		\$ 188.65
Selectro	Work on scaffold		\$ 110.08
SBC	Radius		\$ 1,300.50
SD Dept of Health	Pool samples/drinking water		\$ 120.00
SD Dept. of Revenue	Sales tax		\$ 103.96
SD Retirement	Payroll contribution		\$ 1,203.40
True Value	Misc Supplies		\$ 407.17
Wal-Mart	Books, supplies,		\$ 41.30
Wittmeier	Sand (30 loads at 7.50)		\$ 225.00
Well mark	Insurance		\$ 1,180.95
Office	Salary		\$ 953.94
Police Department	Salary		\$ 2,734.19
Street Dept.	Salary		\$ 3,125.41
Park Department	Salary		\$ 3,662.71
Library	Salary		\$ 629.18
TOTAL			\$ 30,648.43
WATER/SEWER			
APH Wholesale	Parts for inventory		\$ 994.43
BY Water	Monthly bill		\$ 4,635.14
SD Dept of Health	Pool samples/drinking water		\$ 24.00
Golden West	Monthly bill		\$ 43.80
Storm Drain	Payment		\$ 1,140.00
		Water Total	\$ 5,653.57
		Sewer Total	\$ 1,183.80
TOTAL			\$ 6,837.37
Eleanor Bartunek	Water Deposit Return		\$ 19.82
Bob Seiner	Water Deposit Return		\$ 25.00
AMBULANCE			
A-1	Gas		\$ 25.01
Verizon	Phone		\$ 22.41
Golden West	Monthly bill		\$ 72.67
TOTAL			\$ 120.09
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 37,650.71

Motion by Kuhlman seconded by Beeson to accept the foregoing claims. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented for approval:

RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST 2004

City of Avon—water	\$ 4,755.96
City of Avon—late fees	\$ 197.64
City of Avon—sewer	\$ 1,888.00
City of Avon—sewer \$3 charges	\$ 720.00
City of Avon—garbage	\$ 2,599.00
City of Avon—tax	\$ 103.53
Water Deposit - Petersen	\$ 50.00
Dog Tags	\$ 102.50

