Official Minutes for Avon, SD – August 1, 2022

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Kevin Tjeerdsma, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Petrik, Alderperson Muller, and Alderman Dodge via Zoom. Also present were Joe Paulsen and Lisa Peterson.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tjeerdsma at 7:05 pm.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

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

Motion by Alderperson Muller and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the minutes from the July 5th meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Ambill Associates $210.00

Avon Library $587.52

Barco Municipal Products $744.72

Bender's Sewer & Drain $882.50

Breannah Bertsch $109.15

B-Y Water $8,653.30

Cabela's Capital One $1,826.78

Cahoy Service $4.25

CNA Surety $50.00

Farmer's Pride $150.29

Golden West $124.38

Harve's Sport Shop $329.98

Hawkins $4,844.00

Jennie Leibel $40.68

Myers Sanitation $3,946.00

NorthWestern $2,437.68

Pechous Publications $4.45

Petrik Tree Service $300.00

Randy Berndt $148.04

ROCS $1,785.00

Schultz Redi-Mix $130.00

SD 811 $23.52

SD Dept of Agriculture $220.00

SD Secretary of State $30.00

United States Post Office $120.00

US Bank $4,967.84

Verizon $386.92

Whitney Podzimek $633.92

Wholesale Supply $321.65

Total Payroll $23,535.38

Withholding/Medicare $4,460.14

Health Insurance $4,004.80

Aflac $270.14

Dental/Vision $222.21

SD Retirement $1,148.58

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

The following receipts were presented:

City of Avon—water $13,810.88

City of Avon - water surcharge $947.10

City of Avon—sewer $4,189.87

City of Avon - sewer surcharge $763.52

City of Avon—garbage $4,664.04

City of Avon—tax $302.51

City of Avon—late fees $300.00

NSF Fees $30.00

Ambulance $800.44

Water Deposit $200.00

Dog Tags $40.00

Baseball/Softball Fees $35.00

Pool Receipts $2,279.26

Swim Team $1,715.00

Golden West Franchise Payment $825.84

State Sales Tax $20,482.96

Bon Homme Co. Treasurer—Current $1,921.77

Penalties And Interest $10.86

MV License 5% & 12% $923.62

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Muller to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Committee Reports-

Alderman Berndt reported on the need to fix streets with hot mix and Joe Paulsen replied with the plan to do just that but they are having issues getting hot mix with all the summer road construction going on.

Alderman Petrik reported that the last day for the pool will be August 10th. The Avon Swim Team also won the championship for the 2nd year in a row.

Alderperson Muller reported that the library is planning a work day to move the new shelves in that are being stored in the city shop. Also, the summer reading finale will be held on August 7th.

Alderman Dodge reported that there were unauthorized items found in the dump. The city removed them and sent the particulars to the state of how they were disposed of. Also noted was the need to change the current sign to have Joe Paulsen’s information.

Old business –

The need for a city logo was discussed. The idea was set forth for possibly getting the school’s art classes involved, a city-wide contest, or something similar to come up with ideas.

The park trees were discussed. Mayor Tjeerdsma reported that the cost would be around $300 per tree, for a 3–4-inch 14ft tall trees from the tree bank. The discussion was tabled until later this fall.

New business –

Motion to raise garbage rates $1.25 per resident as well as the 3% annual raise was made by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion carried.

The discussion on the water rates and water schedule was brought forward and tabled until later in the week to give Lisa Peterson time to come up with a workable rate schedule.

2023 budget items were discussed and the need to raise the library budget was discussed. Also discussed was the annual 3% raise on all other budget items.

Juneteenth Holiday was discussed and the matter was tabled until December.

Motion to take out the trees at the pool was made by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion carried.

Joe Paulsen brought forward the possibility of purchasing our own mosquito fogger in 2023. The council asked for ideas for grants, or purchasing our current one from the county.

The best propane contract is up for renewal. Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Muller to approve the new contract. Motion carried.

Motion to move to executive session was made by Alderperson Muller and seconded by Alderman Berndt at 9:00pm. Motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 9:40. Motion was made by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to offer the chief of police position to Laine Schryvers at $18.50 per hour. There will be a 6-month probation period and a pay raise will be discussed at that time. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik at 9:42pm.