

Avon City Council Meeting

January 3, 2024

Mayor Kevin Tjeerdsma called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Alderman Muller, Berndt, Petrik present; Alderman Dodge by zoom answering roll call. Also, present finance officer Tina Gramkow, Police Officer Ted Smith, City Maintenance Joe Paulsen, Bridget Muller, Brad & Tiffany Voigt, Ed Van Gerpen. By Zoom April Powers, Reese Powers, Dennis Powers, Nick Jager. 7:06 Sheriff Maggs entered (and daughter Kodi); 7:22 Dennis Powers entered

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Muller second by Berndt to approve the agenda with additions of surplus, Zoom cost, Brosz Engineering Chip Seal, & Rail to Trails, All voting aye. Motion carried

Moved by Muller, second by Petrik to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023 with addition of 3 additional bill. All voting aye. Motion carried

Moved by Petrik, second by Muller to approve the claims. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SD ONE CALL	10.50	Dec bill
A-1 GAS AND GO	43.50	Fuel
AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	100.00	2024 Dues
CITY OF AVON	418.69	Dec Water bills
BEST PROPANE LLC	375.30	Dec bill
Jennifer Buchanan	34.80	Deposit refund #115.01
BY WATER DISTRICT	3873.10	Dec Bill
CABELAS CAPITAL ONE	3039.72	Dec bill
CORE & MAIN	598.97	Supplies/Inv U100664
DISTRICT III	1057.00	2024 membership dues
EQUIPMENT BLADES	1122.77	Plow bolts, nuts
AVON FARMERS COOP	1080.61	Dec Fuel
SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY	444.00	Federal Surplus
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	184.37	Dec bill
TINA GRAMKOW	200.00	Reimbursement for desk
KAMSTRUP WATER METERING	1146.43	Support agreement
KENT LEHR	900.00	Attorney fees Dec
ILENE MULLER	21.22	Safety vest
MYERS SANITATION	4348.95	Dec garbage
TYNDALL NAPA AUTO PARTS	434.87	Supplies
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1854.13	Dec Bill
SD DEPT. OF HEALTH	30.00	Dec bill
RON'S MARKET	6.99	Light bulbs
USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1403.00	Dec loan payment
S & K TRUCK REPAIR	363.91	Service 99 International 4900
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF REVENUE	313.74	Dec Sales Tax
SD RURAL WATER	445.00	2024 Membership dues
THEODORE SMITH	539.84	Training reimbursement
TYNDALL ACE HARDWARE	214.99	Leaf blower
US BANK TRUST N.A.	4967.84	Loan payment
US POST OFFICE	219.00	Postage
VERIZON WIRELESS	278.66	Dec bill

Added to December bills

Pechous Publications	\$365.89	Nov Bill
S & K Truck Repair	\$490.85	Repairs 99 International
MC&R Pools	\$24,823.00	Pool Filters

December payroll: Mayor/council, \$500.00; Library \$1856.82; Finance Office \$3919.25; Street Department \$2735.78; Water Department \$2330.51; Sewer Department \$2330.51; Police \$4411.00; Ambulance, 1318.99; SDRS, \$2258.48; Health Pool of SD, \$5241.72; AFLAC, \$262.58; Beam Dental/Vision, \$303.67; IRS, \$3670.13

Moved by Berndt second by Petrik to approve the receipts. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Water sales \$12609.45; Sewer sales \$5063.23; Garbage receipts \$5471.43; Ambulance \$0; Building Permits \$10.00; Property Tax \$39683.15; Sales Tax \$21115.27; 5% Motor Vehicle \$683.53; Special Assessments, \$493.59; other fees \$10978.44

Sheriff Maggs explained that the county would not be going with contract. Sheriff's office will cover at no further cost to city for Police Officer days off. Further explained that for minor issues will put information in mail box for City officer to handle when returns

7:13 Sheriff Maggs (and daughter Kodi) left meeting

Brad Voigt asked about Safe to School Sidewalks grant

Ed Van Gerpen spoke on Rails to Trails

Committee reports:

Library: furniture was moved

Streets: none

Recreation: none

Dump: burning of tree pile; spoke of ideas for city wide clean up & getting packet for new people in town about what can be dumped & what cannot be.

OLD BUSINESS

Nuisance Property: Abatement Letters are being served

Awning tabled

Motion by Berndt, second by Petrik to go with recommended SBI for property insurance. All voting aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13 Delinquent Notice Sent/2 door hangers with shut off

Police Officer Report given

Shop report given

Motion by Muller second by Dodge for Police Office to order 20 patches for uniforms. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Petrik, second by Berndt to purchase salt spreader for shop. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Muller second by Berndt to set municipal election date as April 9, 2024 from 7 am to 7pm at Avon Firehall. Will work with school election as well. All voting aye. Motion carried

Motion by Petrik second by Muller to make Avon Clarion official newspaper. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Berndt second by Dodge to make Community Bank official bank. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Dodge second by Petrik to make Kent Lehr official Attorney. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Muller second by Berndt to make contingency transfers as follows: Finance Office \$2864.76; Pool \$22730.96; Water \$5082.23; Sewer \$1071.33. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Dodge second by Petrik to approve training in Pierre for Joe 1/9 thru 1/11 in Pierre. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Update was given on cell phone.

Motion by Muller second by Dodge to declare the following items surplus: office desk \$20.00; spreader \$0. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Petrik second by Dodge to purchase Zoom license at a cost of \$159.90 per year. Will try for 1 year to see how it goes. All voting aye. Motion carried

Brosz Engineering wanted to know if we would like to participate in chip seal this year. FO to get more information for February meeting.

Motion by Berndt second by Muller to have Schoenfish electronically submit 1099's for 2023. All voting aye. Motion carried.

8:10 Motion by Berndt, second by Dodge to go into executive session.

9:15 Out of executive session.

Motion by Dodge second by Berndt to increase Joe Paulsen wage by \$1.00 from September through December as he had all certifications. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Finance Office to send letter regarding trees in alleys.

9:25 Motion by Petrik second by Dodge to Adjourn.

Next meeting February 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Dated January 3, 2024

Attest _____

Kevin Tjeerdsma, Mayor

Attest _____

Tina Gramkow, Finance Officer