Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – March 1, 2021

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, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Dodge, Alderman Petrik, Alderman Tjeerdsma and Finance Officer Simmons. Also present were Dave Brandt, Melanie Edwards, and Al Kocmich.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:05 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried. After the agenda had been approved, Al remembered something that he wanted to ad. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve the addition. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Appeara – mats in Library - $ 87.44

Avon Lumber – supplies - $ 56.41

BY Water – bulk water - $ 4,406.30

Cahoy Service – maintenance/repair - $ 83.90

David Roth – overcharge - $ 68.29

DSG – water meters - $ 1,002.51

Farmers Coop – miscellaneous - $ 1,148.48

Galls – police supplies - $ 204.10

Joe Paulsen – mileage/lunch - $ 167.72

Kent Lehr – legal services - $ 336.60

Myers’ Sanitation - garbage pickup - $ 3,946.00

Northwestern Energy – electricity - $ 1,526.43

Pechous Publications – ads/publications - $ 1,238.30

SD Dept. of Health – water testing - $ 15.00

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

Ron’s Market – miscellaneous - $ 89.10

SD Sheriffs Association – conference - $ 115.00

Titan Machine – coupler - $ 721.00

Tyndall Ace – miscellaneous - $ 79.13

Vanderlei Repair – quick tack for pay loader - $ 393.03

Verizon – cell/business phones - $ 387.15

Payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 500.00

Payroll for the Finance Office – $ 1,845.73

Payroll for the Police – $ 2,210.23

Payroll for the Library – $ 792.72

Payroll for the Public Works – $ 4,561.28

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

The following receipts were presented:

Ambulance 4,123.26

Dog Tag 50 00

Employee Utilities 96.69

Garbage Collection 5,167.32

Garbage Tax 264.73

Late Fees on Utility Payments 200.00

Merchandise Refund 629.89

Motor Vehicle Licenses 685.09

Penalties on Past Due Property Tax 38.39

Property Tax (Current) 8,731.01

Property Tax (Prior Years) 992.49

SCWDD Grant 17,500.00

State COVID Refund 39,960.52

Sewer 6,026.22

Special Assessments 405.62

Water 10,600.54

Water Deposit 300.00

Motion to approve by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge. Motion carried.

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt said that the bids for the Main Street Project are out and asked when we were going to open the bids. The mayor said that members of Brosz Engineering will be here on Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00 PM CST to open them. The alderman then suggested that we have a special meeting that night at 7:00 PM CST to make the decision about the general contractor, etc. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt for a special council meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM CST. Motion carried.

Alderman Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Petrik asked about the status of the camping pads that were supposed to be put in the park. The mayor told him that we are waiting on Rollie and that Al should talk to him about arranging some time to do it. Alderman Petrik also wanted to know the Agri lime situation at the ballfields. Al told him that it would be nice to get a load or two. The mayor told the FO to put it on the agenda for next month.

Alderman Tjeerdsma reported that Mary Hurd and Twila Lukkes are in the process of putting the new bar codes on the books. The library has received a $ 1,000.00 grant to help with the summer reading program this year. The next library board meeting is on Wednesday, March 17th at 6:00 PM CST.

Mayor Petrik stated that Dennis Powers had purchased a side dump garbage truck. When he begins using it, he will supply each household with one 96-gallon trash can. If someone wants another trashcan, they will have to deal with Dennis directly.

The mayor also said that Paul Kuhlman had approached him about buying the backlot behind the Avon Historical Museum. He told him that he would have to talk to the Historical Society about that because they own it.

**Public Time** –

Melanie Edwards was here to discuss her water bill with the council. After a lengthy discussion, the mayor told her that she could attend to her private matters and come back and discuss it at a later date. He told he that no payment was necessary at this point.

Dave Brandt told the council that he may have a buyer for his business and needed to know if the city had a surveyor that he could use for his property matters. They told him no that he would have to go privately.

**Old Business** -

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business -**

FO Simmons told the council that she finally got someone down here to smoke the sewer lines and find out where that awful smell was coming from. They found out the wax seal under the toilet was leaking gas and there was a couple of places in the basement that had to be fixed. The bigger problem is that the sewer line is blocked right as it goes under the front door to the street. Either the lines have disintegrated or it has fallen and crushed the pipe. Either way when the Main Street Project is underway, this problem should be fixed.

The water main on Poplar Street burst and ran down an abandoned sewer line. In doing so, it flooded Tristan Namminga’s basement. Al had to punch a couple of holes in his basement walls in his attempt to find the source of the water. The council agreed that they city would pay for the damages to Tristan’s wall. Motion by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt to pay for the repair. Motion carried.

The SD Housing Development Authority offers an opportunity for one house in 25 communities to get painted each year. They will purchase the paint and primer needed. A volunteer group will be responsible for organizing the necessary equipment, as well as preparing and painting the house. The mayor told the council to think about a house in Avon that could benefit from the project and come to the April meeting with ideas.

Hazard mitigation was discussed and several projects were marked for further thought. The Mayor and Alderman Tjeerdsma said that they would talk more with Eric Elsberry about the subject when they see him later this month.

Al informed the council that gravel bids should be put out. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve putting the bid out. Motion carried.

Al asked the council if he could attend the Rural Water conference in Rapid because the one that he usually attends in Sioux Falls was cancelled due to COVID. He needs the training hours for his certifications. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

FO Simmons told the council that there was enough money in the savings account to purchase another CD if they wanted to. Motion by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve. Motion carried.

It was brought up that most police personnel are required to give a police report of what they do every week. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to require this report from Chief DeJong and have him present it at all council meetings. Motion carried.

The subject of permitting an office to operate in the back of the library was discussed. There is a citizen of Avon that works out of her house that needs a more professional space. After some discussion, the council wants to discuss it with our attorney and the insurance company before a decision is made.

Al asked the council’s permission to put several items up for auction at the Farmers Ranch Supply. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve. Motion carried.

The next meetings are:

Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM CST – Equalization Meeting

Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM CST – Approving Main Street Bids

Monday, April 5th at 7:00 PM CST – Council Meeting -regularly scheduled

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion carried.

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer