Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – March 7, 2022

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, and Alderman Tjeerdsma. Also present were Eric Derickson (Stockwell Engineering), Twila Lukkes, Bridgette Muller, Ilene Muller, Joe Paulsen, Clint Powell (Brosz Engineering), Gregg Powell (Brosz Engineering), Dennis Powers, Jordan Radack, Steve Ratzlaff, Ron Swier, and Matt Tjeerdsma,

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 Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the minutes of the February meeting with the following correction. “The motion to accept FO Simmons resignation was at the January 25, 2022 meeting made by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Petrik to have FO Simmons work part time until the new FO was hired was made at the February 7, 2022 meeting.” Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

A-1 Gas and Go – ice - $ 5.86

Appeara – mats for Library - $ 19.60

Avera Occupational Medicine – CDL testing - $ 151.00

Avon Lumber – supplies - $ 383.40

Beeson Repair – water pump for tractor - $ 895.58

Best Propane – heat for shop - $ 485.10

Boundtree – ambulance supplies - $ 158.76

BY Water – bulk water - $ 4,093.20

Cahoy Service – repairs - $ 18.00

Farmers Coop – fuel - $ 178.20

Goldenwest – Library internet - $ 70.90

Innovative Office Supply – supplies - $ 350.56

IRS – tax payment - $ 1245.79

Kent Lehr – legal fees - $ 345.00

Library – grant reimbursement - $ 587.52

Meierhenry Sargeant – bond counsel - $ 2740.00

Myers’ Sanitation - garbage pickup - $ 3,946.00

Northwestern Energy – utilities – $ 1553.54

One Office Solution – supplies - $ 1103.69

Pechous Publications – publications/ads - $ 168.13

SD Public Lab – discharge - $ 218.00

SD Retirement – employee retirement - $ 78.17

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

USPS – postage - $ 120.00

Verizon – cell phones - $ 384.17

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

The following receipts were presented:

Water $ 9,155.47

Water Late Fees 615.44

Water Surcharge 879.77

Sewer 3,909.99

Sewer Surcharge 693.90

Garbage 4,303.04

Garbage Tax 277.28

Ambulance 1819.21

Bank Interest 850.00

Sales Tax 24,829.22

Current Property Tax 7,422.77

Bank Franchise 3,760.95

MV License 815.67

MV Commercial Prorate 700.51

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

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt had nothing to report.

Alderman Dodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Petrik reported that he had some applications for coaches and lifeguards.

Alderman Tjeerdsma had nothing to report.

Joe Paulsen, the Street Commissioner, reported on checking on replacing or going to solar signs at the 4-way stop. Costs ranged from $ 700.00 for solar to $ 1400 – 2500 for a lighted sign. Council decided to table for the time being.

**Public Time** –

Clint Powell from Brosz Engineering informed the council that the survey study data for wastewater drainage for North Main to Highway 50 was on record for reference. He also stated there will be GIS training update for the Street Commissioner and Finance Officer. He also informed the council there will be a large amount of grant money available from Covid/ARPA Funds and possibly from the infrastructure bill passed by the federal government. Avon would be in a good position to get grants for their sewer line coating but with getting the grants, DANR would recommend raising our sewer rats substantially since we are at the low end of the scale. Decisions and applications need to be made by April 1, 2022. This decision was tabled by the council at the present time.

Steve Ratzlaff presented to the council that he would like to install a wood boiler outside his residence to provide radiator heat to his home. The boiler would burn wood or coal. Alderman Tjeerdsma made a motion to amend Ordinance 343 to allow for manufactured boilers to be installed. Motion seconded by Alderman Petrik. Motion carried.

Bridgette Muller informed the council that the All School Reunion is planned for Saturday, June 4, 2022. More information will be coming out in the future concerning activities planned. Also, the Equalization meeting will be March 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM. She also talked to the council about the Avon High School Post Prom Program and taking the students to Play X for activities and games and then to Frying Pan for breakfast. She was wondering if the council would be willing to make a donation to help with the expenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to donate $ 1,000.00 to the Post Prom Committee.

Ron Swier had several questions concerning the discrepancy on his water bills from month to month. The charges do not compare with the schedule that was sent out for water rates. Mayor Petrik will check into it.

Ilene Muller questioned why the agenda for the meeting was not posted. Also questioned why the council approved staying with the Code Enforcement Officer Joe Johnson at one meeting and then tabling the contract at the next. It was explained that the council requested Joel show up for the meeting and answer some questions but has not. It was also brought up that the deadline for homeowners to have their letter into the Equalization office was March 18th on the web page and it should read March 17th at 5:00 PM.

Matt Tjeerdsma also asked the council questions on the Code Enforcement Officer. He questioned what progress has been made, what letters have been sent out, and what is the status of the letters and notifications sent? The council thanked Matt for all the work he has done in removing abandoned and old vehicles from the city limits.

Eric Derikson from Stockwell Engineering questioned the council concerning the North Main Street project. The council decided to wait with the project at this time due to increased costs with construction.

Alderman Petrik and Dennis Powers informed the council that Gary Reynoldson from O’Neil, Nebraska was crushing concrete in Wagner and would be going to Springfield, so this would be a good time to contact him if we were interested. His charges are 8.25 a ton with Avon having between 3-4000 tons to be crushed. Alderman Petrik made a motion to contact him and crush the concrete and Alderman Tjeerdsma seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business** -

There had no old business to discuss.

**New Business -**

The council decided not to sign the ACH form provided by US Bank.

Dennis Powers appeared before the council to apply for the Cannabis Dispensary License. Discussion was held and Alderman Dodge made the motion with Alderman Petrik seconding to approve the application. Motion carried.

One bid was received for gravel from Schultz Redi Mix LLC for $ 9.50 per ton. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt to accept the bid. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was then closed so that the council could go into Executive Session. They went into session at 9:00 PM and came out at 9:41 PM.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Dodge to re-advertise for pool employees with the wage increases. Motion carried.

$ 10.50 for Lifeguard

.25 per year for experience working here

12.00 for pool manager

11.00 for assistant pool manager

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to re-advertise for the Chief of Police position. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, April 4th, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

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

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer