Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – April 1, 2019

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 Gill, Alderperson Berndt, Alderperson Dodge, Alderperson Jonkers, Alderperson Petrik, and Finance Officer Simmons. Also were present Jack Brodeen, Dean DeJong, Allen Kocmich, Loretta Knodel, Twila Lukkes, and Mark Maggs.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gill at 7:00 P.M.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment: Aflac – employee supplemental insurance – $ 619.84, Avon Lumber – miscellaneous - $ 2.96, Avon Public Library – books and supplies - $ 195.84, Best Propane – shop fuel - $ 280.80, BY Water – bulk water - $ 5,683.50, Cahoy’s Service – supplies - $ 49.96, DSG – water supplies - $ 2,683.80, Farmer’s Coop – supplies - $ 862.79, Goldenwest – telephone and internet service - $ 369.42, Harve’s Sport Shop – supplies - $ 424.91, Health Pool of SD – employee insurance - $ 2,698.91, IRS – payroll taxes - $ 4,861.06, Keith Gill – reimbursement - $ 168.00, LMVC – membership - $ 150.00, Luke Backhoe – trenching - $ 2,626.50, McLeod’s – supplies - $ 126.21, Menards – supplies - $ 511.36, Myers Sanitation - garbage pickup - $ 3,908.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – $ 1,559.26, Petersen Electric – shop - $ 2,113.00, Ron’s Market – supplies - $ 16.87, SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 250.21, SD Federal Surplus – supplies - $ 277.95, SD Workers Comp - $ 725.00, Slectro – repairs - $ 7.29, SD Retirement System – retirement - $ 1,123.06, SD Sheriff’s Assn – membership - $ 85.00, The Tee Box – refund - $ 200.00, USTI – supplies - $ 118.00, Vander Haag’s – supplies - $ 3,000.00, payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 1000.00, payroll for the Finance Office – $ 2,194.88, payroll for the Police – $ 3,573.30, payroll for the Library – $ 774.66, and payroll for the Public Works – $ 3,310.04. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to pay the foregoing claims. Motion carried.

The following receipts were presented: Water receipts – $8,388.25, Sewer receipts – $ 3,659.08, Garbage receipts – $ 4,358.68, Garbage Tax fees - $ 303.01, Late Fees - $ 179.07, Ambulance - $ 9,319.00, Water Deposit - $ 200.00, Dog Tags - $ 40.00, Golf Cart Permit - $ 10.00, Police Fee - $ 5.00, Alcohol License Fee - $ 500.00, Bank Interest - $ 250.12, State Sales Tax - $ 6,353.49, State Sales Tax (second penny) - $ 6,353.49, Current Year Property Taxes – $ 7,507.97, Prior Years - $ 807.47, Penalties and Interest - $ 154.03, Mobile Home Tax - $ 17.76, MV License Taxes – $ 646.03, Bank Franchise Tax - $ 2,201.76, and Special Assessment - $ 132.66. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve the receipts. Motion carried.

Alderperson Berndt had nothing to report.

Alderperson Dodge asked Al if the dump would stay open. Al said that it would if the privilege was not abused. The mayor asked Dean if he would take a look at the cameras since Al’s busy time is about to start.

Alderperson Jonkers reported that a coach had asked if we could hire umpires for this season. After a brief discussion, the council made the decision to offer $ 20.00 a game to a Homeplate umpire and would ask that a parent step up for the outfield umpire. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to approve. Motion carried.

Alderperson Petrik had nothing to report.

Sheriff Maggs presented a proposal to the council regarding Dean’s time off. Even when he has someone to work his two days off, he is still on call the moment they leave the post. Mark proposed that the county cover Dean’s two days off, for the entire 48 hours, for $ 2.50 and hour. That is less expensive than hiring a part-time police officer. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried.

They mayor told the council that Al and Joe (the new shop person) are busy getting the irrigation pipe at the ballfield installed. He said that he and Al had looked it over and decided that about 200 more feet should be added for safety reasons. Next, he discussed the idea of not taking the loans from DENR because we have the cash to cover them and they would leave Avon with a financial burden for 20 years. He added that one of the dump trucks had a bolt in the tire. The other tire was very worn. So, we purchased two tires.

FO Simmons found out from Mrs. Blaha, the principal at the Avon School, that the students there would paint the snow plow. The mayor asked Dennis Dodge to head up the project since it was his idea.

Becky Haenfler wanted the council to reconsider her salary for Swim Team Coach. She was offered $ 600.00 for the season, as all beginning coaches. She requested that they honor her past employment around 1998. She worked for 7 years. After some discussion, it was decided to offer her $ 750.00, $ 50.00 per year for half of her prior time. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Petrik. Motion carried.

Mayor Gill spoke to Mr. Buchholz about the Senior Citizen Building. They would like to sell it to us for $ 1.00 and we could get another business in there. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

There has been a steep increase in the number of dogs running around loose. ALL dogs must be licensed and leashed. If they are not, report them by calling 911. This way it gets on record and goes to the SD State’s Attorney. That is a state charge.

The mayor brought up the brochure, “Discover Bon Homme”. He wanted to know if the council wanted to advertise in it for $ 250.00. The council said that Tim Petersen should come to the next meeting and give a presentation about it.

The fire at Powers Furniture magnified the need for the computer backup to be somewhere else besides in this building. FO Simmons requested two backup systems that are not on these premises be put in operation. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to approve. Motion carried.

Pasture bids were opened. Ryan Cihak had the successful bid. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Berndt to approve. Motion carried.

One Radius/Waterway bid was opened. It was from Terry Schultz. Terry also quoted the council the price for the curb and gutter this year. Motion by Alderperson Jonkers and seconded by Alderperson Dodge to accept. Motion carried.

Clean up week is going to be the week of April 22 – 26.

The park project (camping pads) was discussed again. It was decided that Terry and Al could get together and decide on the best course of action. Motion by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Petrik to approve. Motion carried.

The solar radar sign for the school zone was discussed and approved. It was decided that we would go ahead and order a 9” sign. Motion by Alderperson Petrik and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried.

A slide for the pool was again discussed. It was agreed to table the discussion until FO Simmons could bring some more information about it next month. Motion by Alderperson Berndt and seconded by Alderperson Jonkers to approve. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 6th.

Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Dodge and seconded by Alderperson Berndt. Motion carried.

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Keith Gill

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer

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