Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – June 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Avon City Council was held on the above date at the Avon City Building at 7:05 PM. The roll call was taken. Present were Mayor Petrik, Alderman Berndt, Alderman Petrik, Alderman Tjeerdsma and Finance Officer Simmons. Also, present were Lori Cihak, Police Chief Dean DeJong, Street Commissioner Al Kocmich, Kent Lehr (city attorney), and Ilene Muller.

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 Petrik to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve the minutes of last month’s meeting. Motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

East River Aerial Photography – photos - $ 106.50

Ambill – ambulance billing - $ 140.00

Appeara – mats in Library - $ 150.48

Avon Library – replacement check - $ 587.52

Avon Lumber – supplies - $ 117.75

Best Western – Al’s conference stay - $ 210.00

Brosz Engineering – engineering services - $ 8,440.00

BY Water – bulk water - $ 6,570.10

Cahoy Service – maintenance-repair - $ 261.50

Farmers Coop – miscellaneous - $ 826.72

SD Federal Surplus – supplies - $ 470.75

Goldenwest – internet – $ 70.90

Hawkins – pool chemicals - $ 4,077.50

Kent Lehr – legal fees - $ 980.10

Mark’s Machinery – tractor parts - $ 23.14

Menards – pool floats - $ 29.93

MPM Paving – Ballfield Lime - $ 518.96

Myers’ Sanitation - garbage pickup - $ 3,946.00

Northwestern Energy – electricity - $ 1,522.75

Pechous Publications – publications - $ 237.63

Petty Cash – postage refund - $ 7.70

SD Dept. of Health – water testing - $ 15.00

SD Dept. of Revenue – garbage tax - $ 252.64

Ron’s Market – miscellaneous - $ 36.29

SDARWS – registration for conference - $ 75.00

SDML – Budget training for FO - $ 25.00

Tyndall Ace – miscellaneous - $ 363.62

Verizon – cell/business phones - $ 387.61

Wielenga Trucking – haul lime - $ 1,950.00

Payroll for the Mayor and City Council - $ 830.00

Payroll for the Finance Office – $ 2,264.22

Payroll for the Police – $ 3,770.00

Payroll for the Library – $ 990.90

Payroll for the Public Works – $ 7,604.87

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

The following receipts were presented:

Ambulance $ 540.17

Bank Interest 1,500.00

25% County Road 1,438.11

Fed Payments In lieu of Taxes 589.43

Garbage Collection 5,393.33

Garbage Tax 328.58

Late Fees on Utility Payments 375.00

Local Hwy Tax 6,088.91

Mobile Home Tax 1,080.47

Motor Vehicle Licenses 368.32

Penalties and Interest 260.40

Property Tax (Current) 118,178.57

Property Tax (Prior Years) 967.21

Sewer 4,588.21

Special Assessments 7,869.02

State Sales Tax 4,065.41

Water 11,248.21

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

**Committee reports** –

Alderman Berndt are excited about the street. All is going well.

Alderman Petrik reported that the 10 and under softball team need new catching equipment and bats. He will talk with Jeff Haenfler.

Alderman Tjeerdsma reported that the library did not get the last grant that they had applied for which involved shelving.

Police Chief DeJong presented his police report outlining his activity for the month of May:

3 warnings for speeding

2 welfare checks – all OK

1 call of missing/stolen vehicle – vehicle was located

1 call reporting that an owner’s dog has ran away from home located in the country and that dog might be in town. Caller later reported that dog was back at home.

1 call of person reporting harassing text messages

1 call wanting person(s) removed from a residence

School is out and children are riding their bikes. Please keep your eyes out for them as the pool is open and ball games are happening.

Al reported that there were problems with Main Street. Brosz Engineering wanted to make changes to the plans that were finalized several weeks ago. He explained the situation to the council and told them that he needs an answer by tomorrow. The projected cost will be approximately $ 14,000.00. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to alter the plans and tear all the concrete out of the four way stop intersection. Motion carried.

**Public Time** –

Lori Cihak brought up Howard Elliott’s property. He has no utilities and that was and is against the code. He had his garbage picked up last week even though he pays no utilities. Everyone else has to use one of the new trashcans, just plain trash bags will not be picked up, except for him. She also inquired about the safe walk route. The mayor told her that we did not get that grant but we are going to reapply. She also noted that the back porch on the Bertsch property was supposed to be torn down last year. Missy Myers had to put up a fence just so she would not have to look at it. Why isn’t the code enforcer addressing these issues?

Ilene Muller asked when the holes in Poplar Street are going to get filled and when the street is finally going to get done? It is VERY rough! She also asked if any progress has been made with the old gas station that belongs to Charlie Kelley. She made the suggestion that the schedule for the summer reading program should be put in the newspaper, the library facebook page, and Avon FYI. It should also contain the information that people can come in the back door of the city building during this time. She made the suggestion that for the two-hour evening swim, only a fee of $ 2.00 should be charged and not the full $ 4.00. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik to approve. Motion Carried. She also asked, if someone has their water shut off and goes to get an alternative water source, should they still have to pay for garbage and sewer? The jury is still out on that one! 😊

**Old Business** -

Camping sites at the park were discussed. Alderman Berndt asked what the status was. The outcome seemed to be that we only need two pads, they should be gravel, and there should be one dump.

**New Business -**

Mike Cihak is selling part of his Poplar Street property to Tim and Amanda Steffen. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Petrik for the mayor to sign the plat.

The council and Al discussed moving the garbage can, benches, and drop box to the back of the building. Al said that he was just going to cut a chunk of cement out where the drop box is and take it all back to the rear of the building so that he can secure it back there.

Pour Corner would like permission to have a street dance on August 7th. Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve. Motion carried.

The Fire Dept. requested a liquor license for a wedding dance they are holding there later this month. Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Tjeerdsma to approve. Motion carried.

Last month’s vet clinic went well. Everyone is excited and hopes to see it grow year by year.

The council decided that they will not get paid for the first pre-con meeting where the public was not present.

We have one new lifeguard willing to sub. She is from Armour.

The lifeguards requested a basketball hoop for the pool. Motion by Alderman Petrik and seconded by Alderman Berndt to approve 2. Motion carried.

Kent presented Ordinance #345 concerning the issuance of local medical cannabis establishments. The first reading of the ordinance was made tonight. Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, June 21st at 7:00 PM.

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

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Twyla Simmons

City Finance Officer