Official Minutes For

Avon, South Dakota – April 4, 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 Joe Paulsen, Ilene Muller, Matt Tjeerdsma, Mike Einrem, Twila Lukkes, Carol Eggars, Sandy Brandt, and Kevin Joffer (1033 Program).

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petrik at 7:09 PM.

All stood and said the pledge to the flag.

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

Motion by Alderman Berndt and seconded by Alderman Dodge to approve the minutes of the March meetings with the following correction. In the March 25th meeting minutes Paulette Peters was wrongly named Paula Peters. Motion carried

The following claims were presented for payment:

Ambill Assocates – Ambulance Billing - $105.00

Barco Municipal Products – Gutter Broom - $351.59

BY Water District – Bulk Water - $5000.00

Dan Knoll – Clothing Allowance - $109.99

Feimer Construction – 405 Main Street - $1663.27

GoldenWest – Library Internet - $145.05

Kent Lehr – Legal Fees - $345.00

Library – Quarterly Allotment - $587.52

Myers Sanitation – Garbage Collection - $3946.00

Northwestern Energy – Utilities - $1680.68

Pecous Publications LLC – publications/ads - $382.14

Patrick Pohl – Water Deposit Refund - $50.00

Post Prom – Donation - $1000.00

Public Lab – Lagoon Sample - $130.00

Nyla Raysby – Water Deposit Refund - $25.00

SD Dept. of Revenue – Garbage Tax - $252.64

SD Municipal League – 2021 Audited Billing - $346.00

Reemployment Assistance Division – Unemployment Tax - $200.82

US Post Office – PO Box Renewal - $72.00

US Post Office – Postcard Stamps - $120.00

Verizon Wireless – cell phones - $384.17

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

The following receipts were presented:

Water $ 6568.90

Water Late Fees $ 375.81

Water Surcharge $ 739.71

Water Deposit $ 200.00

Sewer $ 3328.45

Sewer Surcharge $ 606.65

Garbage $ 3618.96

Garbage Tax $ 232.93

Ambulance $ 2458.37

Bank Interest $ 956.27

Sales Tax $ 23987.88

Current Property Tax $ 9534.57

Dog Tags $ 20.00

Cannabis Dispensary $ 5000.00

IRS Refund $ 2548.92

Mobile Home Tax $ 401.55

Motor Vehicle $ 659.49

Special Assessments $ 760.20

Motion by Alderman Berndt 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 Tjeerdsma had nothing to report

Alderman Petrik reported that he had applications for coaches and pool manager but no lifeguards.

Joe Paulsen, the Street Commissioner, reported on the possibility of getting reflective spinners for the top of the stop signs at the main street 4-way stop. Average cost was 69.99 to 99.99. No decision was made.

**Public Time –**

Kevin Joffer, the State Coordinator for the 1033 Program, spoke about the 1033 program that Dean Dejong had used while he was Police Chief. The program will be available for the future Police Chief but because of the length of time without a Police Chief the weapons that were part of the program had to be returned. He took possession of two weapons and provided the mayor with a receipt for the weapons.

Mike Einrem had questions about continued efforts to clean up the alleys and commented on the recent improvements.

Ilene Muller had questions about the restrooms at the ballfields and if they would be functional for baseball season or if the city was planning on using port-a-potys. Joe Paulsen stated that they were fully functional at the end of last season and should be working for the upcoming season.

**Old Business –**

The Code Enforcer was discussed again and the question was raised if the city wanted to continue to use the same code enforcer or move to use someone else. The Code Enforcer was once again unable to attend the meeting.

Matthew Tjeerdsma brought copies of emails and text messages from the code enforcer discussing who received letters and who needs to receive letters. He also updated the council on who has made improvements and who has not.

There was a discussion about the grant to replace the pool liner. Council tabled the discussion until more information could be obtained.

**New Business –**

The council discussed the city property north of Swier Law Firm. The fire department is interested in using the property to displace the 1936 Firetruck that was donated. There would be a glass front building that would house the firetruck as well as be used as additional storage for the fire department. The discussion was tabled by the council.

Motion by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt to send Lisa Peterson to the SD Governmental Finance Officers’ School in Huron, SD, June 8-10. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was then closed so that the council could go into Executive Session. They went into session at 8:22 PM and came out at 8:48 PM.

Motion by Alderman Tjeerdsma and seconded by Alderman Dodge to extend contracts for the coaching applicants. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Dodge and seconded by Alderman Berndt. Motion Carried.

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Mike Petrik

Mayor

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Lisa Peterson

City Finance Officer