

City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 3, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler

Community: Kevin Nelson

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cole Kampa made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. Jeremy stated that he would have a conflict when discussing salaries. He will not vote on any salary items. Minutes were passed out from the December 6th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – fire prevention – 207.01 ; Web Water – fire prevention – 50.64; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1438.67; GDI – publication –91.06; Code Enforcement Specialists – 385.50; Jeremy Dosch – December & 4th Quarter wages – 494.10; ; Cara Dennert – December wages– 1235.25; Emily Eichler –4th Quarter wages- 296.46; Cole Kampa –4th Quarter wages- 296.46; Trevor Meints – December & 4th Quarter wages –333.52; Corey Mitchell – December & 4th Quarter wages – 386.75; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies - 693.86 ; Dakota Resources- coaching sessions - \$2982.80; SD Unemployment Insurance - unemployment insurance – 43.42; United States Treasury – 4th Quarter taxes – 2056.03; Runnings – shop supplies -54.54 On the posted agenda, Cara again had listed Dakota Resources with the balance of our 2023 contract amount. We have not yet received a final invoice. Corey suggested that we wait to pay balance until we have the final invoice. The amount listed above is the current invoices total. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the vouchers as ammended. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORESPONDENCE: Kevin Nelson was present to discuss the vacating of the alley by their home and the building of a garage. He had plans along. Corey said that Scott Bader will help the Nelsons with the process of vacating the alley and with the building permit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –There was discussion about the user agreement for the baseball park. Emily will be drafting a contract based on what was discussed with the sample contracts from the last meeting.

Nuisances - Code Enforcement Specialists sent letters to residents in violation of city ordinances. Some residents have been taking care of correcting their violations.

Streets – They look good. As discussed at the last meeting, we rented a skid steer for \$20 an hour from Titian. We are also trying out a metal plus blade (from RDO) that costs \$11,878.46 We may need another system of snow to know whether or not it is what we need.

Parks - Jeremy will be checking on the buildings weekly. The council discussed the filtration process and also the winterization of the well heads and buildings. The Buntrock representative was present during the winterization and is aware of the council’s concerns. Jeremy has also been in contact with the general contractor about the steel in the concessions stand canopy.

Lagoon/sewer - Jeremy is working on January’s paperwork.

Rubble Site – The site will need to be burned after another snowfall.

NEW BUSINESS - Cara ordered new checks for the sewer account. She will look into what the monthly rate will be for data backup. The following yearly declarations were addressed: Jeremy Dosch made a motion to keep Groton Independent as our publication source. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Cole Kampa made a motion to keep Dacotah Bank as our banking system. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. On salaries, Jeremy Dosch’s salary will remain at \$17 per hour. Cara Dennert’s salary will remain at \$1,500 per month. Emily Eichler moved that the City Council’s hourly salary be raised to \$17 per hour. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Cole Kampa and Jeremy Dosch were given petitions as they are up for reelection this year. Anyone who would like to run for council may request a petition.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara Dennert stated that the 1099s are finished. W-4s were filled out for 2024. W-2s were given to council members/city employees. She also presented bank balances. The council discussed moving \$100,000 from the Sewer Fund into the Sewer Fund Money Market account. This should be done while interest rates are still high. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to move the \$100,000 into the Sewer Fund Money Market account. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

December 31, 2023 balances: SF - \$ 163,906.29; SF Money Market –\$ 50,488.46;

GF - \$ 129,265.35; GF Money Market - \$ 50,488.46; CD Money Market - \$32,219.32;

FIT - \$14,831.65; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting – February 7, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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