

## **City of Columbia Council Meeting – July 12, 2023**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa via Zoom, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Meghan Butler Community: Jeremy Dosch, Julie Lillis, Ray Larson**

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Meghan Butler Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. Emily Eichler stated that she would not vote on the PA system motion. There were no other conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers:** Web - fire prevention – 47.72; Northwestern Energy - electricity– 798.44; Dacotah Bank – flowers/plants– 506.83; Cara Dennert – May salary– 1235.25; GDI –; Jeremy Dosch- May salary – 419.99; Runnings-shop supplies – 25.97; United States Treasury – 2nd Q taxes– 2275.74; Meghan Butler - 2nd Q salary – 329.40; Trevor Meints- 2nd Q salary – 370.58; Corey Mitchell - 2nd Q salary – 340.34; Emily Eichler- 2nd Q salary – 370.58; Cole Kampa - 2nd Q salary – 370.58; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz – lawyer fees– 2921.77; Double D Lot Services – park mowing– 3076.79; Artz Equipment – shop supplies– 160.88; Agtegra- fuel – 83.30; Dakota Resources – community coaching– 1912.06; SDPAA - insurance– 3273.34; JVT- fire prevention– 206.57; SD Unemployment Insurance – insurance – 43.41; Public Health Laboratory – sample analysis – 32.00

Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORESPONDENCE:** – Letter from DANR; SD Dept of Transportation; Public Health Lab – sample analysis

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Ray Larson was present to propose a plan for handling the financials/management of the baseball park. The city will take care of payments to the mowing service. In October, we will submit a bill to the Buntrock family for reimbursement. For the next two years, the Buntrock family will continue to pay for the upkeep of the park. Going forward, the city will pay for the insurance and electricity for the baseball park. The Columbia Baseball Committee will take care of mowing, equipment needed, and cleaning of the ballpark. They will lease the ballpark from the city (for a minimal fee) for the next two years. Any fundraising for the Baseball Park will go towards paying for needs for the baseball park only. There will be a more formal agreement reached at the next city meeting (August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023). Julie Lillis was also present to give an update on Columbia Fest – July 29<sup>th</sup>. Corey will be calling to remind the county about spraying for mosquitos.

**Nuisances** - Letters will be going out this month for violators of city ordinances.

**Streets** – We are on the list to have streets bladed. Corey and Jeremy have been working on some intersections. Mayor Corey presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the street vacation of South Mill and East Townsend. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the vacation of South Mill and East Townsend. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

**Parks** - the PA system has been installed at the new ball park.

**Lagoon/sewer** - Meghan is catching up on data entry for the lagoon. It needs to be pumped soon before we receive any more rain. Tim Flor has agreed to come out and train Meghan on how to handle the lagoon tests and data entry.

**Rubble Site** – It is full.

**NEW BUSINESS** - The council discussed the new speaker system for the ballpark. Trevor Meints made a motion to pay for the PA system. The check will be written next month. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. Emily Eichler abstained from voting. Motion carried. Jeremy and Corey went into Aberdeen to look at mowers. They looked at three different places. Their recommendation to the board is a mower that comes from Artz Equipment. It will be \$13,000 with our trade in. It will come with a 3 year warranty. Our current mower was bought seven years ago. Meghan Butler to purchase the mower. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Cara Dennert handed out revenue and expenditure budget papers for all incoming and outgoing financials January through June. She advised the board to start looking over totals and our current

budget to start planning our 2024 budget. That will be addressed in the next couple months. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

June 30, 2023 balances: SF - \$ 156,709.90\$; SF Money Market –\$50,234.70; GF - \$ 181,196.00; GF Money Market - \$50,234.70; CD Money Market - \$ 32,057.37; FIT - \$ \$14,466.81; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular City Council Meeting – August 2, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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