

City of Columbia Council Meeting – May 1, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Community: Sydney Hanna

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints 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. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the April 3rd meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – fire prevention – 201.91; Web Water – fire prevention – 52.14; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1807.89; GDI – publication – 238.46; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz – legal fees -70.00; Jeremy Dosch– April wages -419.99; Cara Dennert – April wages– 1235.25; Trevor Meints – April wages – 28.00; Runnings – shop supplies – 9.29; Menards – shop supplies – 100.66; B&B Contracting – road blading -2150.00; GDI – publication – 44.98; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 413.91; Stockwell Engineers – 3750.00; SDPAA – insurance– 9123.94 Cara mentioned that the SDPAA bill was not yet received at the time of the agenda being posted. There was also another bill from Menards that changed the amount owed. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Summer Rec will not be held this summer – Emily has asked numerous people, and no one is interested in being in charge/organizing. Some of the board members met with The Columbia Foundation regarding questions that they had about the security system cameras that the city applied for grant money to be used in the new parks.

Nuisances - After the community clean up day, there will be a list put together regarding ordinance violations.

Streets – The rain has been doing a number on the roads. We need gravel, but they will probably start with the potholes. Scott is going to canvas the town to see what signage needs replacing.

Parks - Emily is still trying to find someone interested in running Summer Rec.

Lagoon/sewer - The sewer/discharge gate is still frozen shut.

Rubble Site – The city received the solid waste permit from DNAR.

NEW BUSINESS - Scott Meints took his oath of office as a councilman. There was discussion and appointment on council assignments to head up the following areas: Emily Eichler will cover nuisances, Trevor Meints – streets, Scott Meints – parks, and Jeremy Dosch – lagoon/sewer. Trevor Meints was appointed the President of the Council, replacing Cole Kampa. Sydney Hanna was present representing the Columbia Community Cares and the Improving Community Appearance Committees. She discussed the city web page found at columbia-sd.com The groups are going to have a Clean Up Day May 18th. The committees have applied for 501C3 status. They are planning on putting a storage box in the park to hold sporting equipment. They also would like to purchase an AED for the baseball field. The committees are also looking to the future having a digital sign in town. They are planning a welcome sign for the north side of town. Finance Officer School is going to be held in Spearfish. Cara will not be attending. Emily was asked to relay some Columbia Fest information from the Social Committee. She asked about a couple street issues. They are planning on having a car show. Corey discussed how parking needs to be more contained to areas like the new firehall area, the Legion parking lot, and the area by Agtegra. Last summer the streets were too crowded with parked cars – not good if there was an emergency. Corey presented some information regarding trading a John Deere mower that is not being used for an ATV that would be very useful in the new parks. It will be a Sourcewell contract – a state bid situation. It will be less than \$8,000 to trade. He will have more solid numbers in future meetings.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Cara presented bank balances. Scott Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

April 30, 2024 balances: SF - \$73,112.46; SF Money Market –\$150,953.41; GF - \$156,683.31;

GF Money Market - \$50,650.88; CD Money Market - \$32,322.97; FIT - \$\$15078.08; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting – June 5, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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