**City Council Meeting**

**Springfield, South Dakota**

## **December 2, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on December 2, 2024, at the Springfield Fire Department. The meeting is recorded. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kostal at 6:50pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Cvrk, Mueller and Mayor Kostal were present with Burch and Ludens present via phone. Also present, Finance Officer Larson, Asst. F.O. Rothschadl, Fire Chief Knoll, Assistant F.C. Les Jelsma, Camden Hofer -SPN, Harlan McCorkell and *Springfield Times* Reporter Bochman present via phone.

**Monthly Items:** Approval of Agenda: Mayor Kostal suggested moving the WTP update before public comments. Cvrk moved, Mueller second to combine monthly consent items and to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor, motion carried. Approval of Consent Agenda: Cvrk moved, Ludens second to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the November 4, 2024, regular meeting, claims, finance officer’s report and donations. Claims: A-Ox, supplies, 2983.17; Appeara, service, 105.77; Asphalt Surface Technologies, chip seal, 65199.60; AT&T, utilities, 216.04; Avera Occupational Medicine, DOT testing, 112.00; B&H Publishing, publishing, 327.08; Barnes & Noble, books, 48.00; B-Y Water District, utilities, 63.00; B-Y Electric, service, 118.00; Brosz Engineering, chip seal engineering, 2600.00; Tyler Carr, water deposit refund, 69.97; CFC, gas, 8940.62; Chase Pest Service, service, 40.00; City of Springfield, postage & water bill, 221.83; Core & Main, manholes & saw blade, 629.25; Dakota Pump, relay, 74.14; Doug’s Food Center, first aid materials, 14.87; Dust-Tex, supplies, 50.91; Dynamic Cable & Security, security, 10733.44; Feimer Construction, WTP, 135566.78; First Savings Bank, supplies, 89.76; Golden West, utilities, 883.17; Hawkins, chemical, 455.00; Hornstra Heating & Cooling, service, 553.80; Innovative Office Solutions, utility billing cards, 736.18; JJ Benji, shirts, 315.00; Kaul’s Ag & Auto, supplies, 645.16; LEAF, copy contract, 128.79; Luke Repair, fuel & supplies, 947.01; Northwestern, utilities, 5368.83; One Source, supplies, 71.53; PCC, August, 372.58; Quill, business cards, 11.79; SDWWA, membership renewal, 20.00; SPN, WTP, 1960.00; TwoTrees Technologies, monthly support, 483.75; Tyndall Ace Hardware, supplies, 71.93; Walsh Polygraph, background checks, 860.00; Water & Environmental, water testing, 70.00; Williams Sanitation, garbage, 194.00. Donations: $140.00 to Fire Dept from private citizen and $250 to Library from Schwab Charitable. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**Capital Improvement Projects:** WTP Feimer Pay App #22: $28,779.33 – Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve WTP Feimer Pay App #22 for $28,779.33. All voted in favor, motion carried. Camden Hofer, SPN provided update regarding the WTP. Hofer stated that the WTP is at 89% substantial completion. December 20, 2024 is the earliest for substantial completion and turn over to the city for operation. Several change orders still pending with USDA/ Rural Development. Remaining exterior aspects of the project to happen in spring/ summer 2025.

**Public Comment:** McCorkell spoke regarding the letter the unknown/ lead service line as well as the water pressure at his residence.

**Official Correspondence:** Mayor Kostal read the results from the LifeServe November blood drive and highlighted 2025 blood drives.

**Mayor and Departmental Reports:** Utilities- Loan closing and payment for the WTP, BAC-T testing done, awarded the Community Access Grant for 11th, Ash & Oak. Streets- Snow and vehicle removal, security cameras installed, and chip seal done at $71,799.60. Airport- Fence agreement with Doug Jelsma. Fire- 13 calls YTD, F.C. Knoll met with Insurance Services Office regarding ratings, upcoming firefighter essentials training. Ludens inquired about a maintenance agreement with Shannon DeFries. Ambulance- 122 calls with 11 in November, new EVOCH driver Billy Minder, awarded DOH grant for new power cot and recruitment, Senior Meal delivery December 13, and discussing new ambulance lead times. Police- Search for police officer ongoing, waiting on installation of in-car camera until radio received. Library- 118 books checked out in November, up to 235 Libby App users, 16 for StoryTime SD. Book Sale held November 9 generating $217 with leftover books rehomed. New logo coming and updated hours for 2025. Parks, Pool, and Rec- Summer position authorization to advertise in January. Other/Partner Agencies-2024 YTD GF&P numbers up 21 percent from previous year. Finance Office- AllPaid minimum increase from $2.99 to $3.99. F.O. Larson requested amended office hours for yearend activities December 30-January 8 with morning closed to public. Cvrk motioned to approve the amended hours, Burch seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried. Mayor- No items to present.

**Capital Improvement Projects:** Airport Pavement Project Update: Duininck, Inc hauled aggregate and completed erosion control. Hangar rental letter with project information to go out.

**Old Business:** Abandoned Property: No updates. Building Permits & Zoning: Discussion was held on defining temporary structures. No action taken. Ludens requested referencing Ordinance §153.241 on water bills. Goods and Services Update: Ludens requested to remove the non-permanent building permit fee as no definition has occurred at this time. Cvrk motioned to remove the non-permanent building permit fee and to leave personal property auction fee as is, Ludens seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** Supplemental Ordinance 621-First Reading: Cvrk moved, Ludens second to accept the first reading of the 2024 Budget Supplemental Ordinance 621. All voted in favor, motion carried. Ordinance 621 has had its first reading. 2025 Health Insurance Quote: Larson stated there is a 5.89% cost increase for 2025 and explained the option to bundle dental/vision through Avera Health Plans. All voted in favor, motion carried. Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve the presented Avera 2025 dental/ vision bundle as an employer paid benefit. Cvrk, Burch, Mueller voted in favor. Ludens nay. Motion passed. Cvrk moved, Burch second to approve the amended Avera 2025 health insurance quote in addition to the dental/ vision bundles. Cvrk, Burch, Mueller voted in favor. Ludens nay. Motion passed. Airport & First Industrial Leases: Authorization to bid airport hay land, airport cropland, & First Industrial cropland in January 2025. Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve authorization to bid airport hay land, airport cropland & first industrial cropland. Cvrk, Mueller, Burch voted. Ludens nay. Rush-Co Building Permit: Building Permit was discussed by council. Ludens moved, Cvrk second to approve the Rush- Co Building Permit. All voted in favor, motion carried. 2025 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Letter of Commitment: Cvrk moved, Ludens second to approve the 2025 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan letter of commitment. All voted in favor, motion carried. City Attorney: Discussion on attorney expectations Larson stated two attorneys have been contacted. One has declined due to current workload and Mayor Kostal plans to meet with a potential candidate this week.

**No Other Business.**

**No Executive Session.**

**Adjournment:** Cvrk moved, Ludens second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Scott L. Kostal

Mayor

Amanda Larson

Finance Officer

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City Office & Departments will be closed Monday, December 23, 2024 through Wednesday, December 25, 2024 for Christmas.

EOY meeting will e Friday, December 27, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Springfield Community Center.

City Office & Departments will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for New Year’s Day.

Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Springfield Community Center.

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