

City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 8, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Emily Eichler via zoom, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints

Community: Ben Jeffrey

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Dosch 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 Dec. 3rd meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1375.33; Web – fire prevention – 53.93; JVT – fire prevention – 216.96; Agtregra - fuel– 602.46; Grand Slam Computers – office computer – 666.88; Farm Tire Service – skid steer tires – 1760.00; Ken’s Fairway – gift cards/wages – 400.00; Jeremy Dosch– Dec. wages -419.99 –; Cara Dennert – Dec. wages– 1235.25; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -712.37 ; Public Health Laboratory – well water test – 7.00; United States Treasury – 941x 3rd Q 2024 underpayment - 3.10; United States Treasury -941 4th Q 2024 – taxes – 2053.59; Jeremy Dosch – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Trevor Meints – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Emily Eichler – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Corey Mitchell - council wages 4th Q – 255.26; Scott Meints – street wages and council wages 4th Q – 292.35; SD Unemployment Insurance – 4th Q insurance – 33.23; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 2053.40
Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: emails from Ted Dickey regarding sewer application, holiday cards from B&B Contracting and Stockwell Engineering, follow up report from Code Enforcement

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan – state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances – The board discussed the report & proposed contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to continue to contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Streets – no report

Parks – The council discussed turning off some of the holiday lights.

Lagoon/Sewer - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. There will be \$10 late fees on any past due bills.

Rubble Site –Shane will be down this Saturday to pile up site for burning.

NEW BUSINESS – Ben Jeffery was present to discuss the possible annexation of some land on the northwest edge of town. The council members will check with some county officials to determine if that is possible. Yearly declarations were discussed. Scott Meints made a motion to keep Groton Independent as our newspaper for publications, Dacotah Bank as our financial institution. He also made a motion to increase Jeremy Dosch’s salary to \$18 an hour and Cara Dennert’s salary to \$1600 a month. Emily Eichler seconded the motions. All were in favor – motions carried. Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, and Emily Eichler 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 presented bank balances. W2s were handed out to the council. The 3rd quarter 941 was missing 3.10 in Federal Withholding. A 941x form will be sent in with payment. The 4th quarter 941 was also finished and ready to be sent in. Cara is working on the annual report. There is one final CD that will come due next week. Cara will transfer those funds to our CD money market account.

Scott Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

December 31, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 73,933.79; SF Money Market –\$ 151,916.04;

GF - \$ 152,447.58; GF Money Market - \$ 50,973.88; CD Money Market - \$ 32,529.09

FIT - \$ 15,564.34; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting – February 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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