

**City of Columbia Council Meeting – March 6, 2025**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints**

**Community: Lacey Jeffrey**

Trevor Meints called the meeting to order. Corey Mitchell was unable to make the meeting due to illness. (This is first meeting since Cara has been finance officer that he has been gone.) Trevor 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. Trevor Meints called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.

Minutes were handed out from the Feb 5th meeting. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers** Warrant Vouchers: Web – fire prevention – 52.92; JVT – fire prevention – 213.04; DANR – 150.00 – municipal water fee; Northwestern Energy – 2148.82 – electricity; Columbia Post Office – 48.40 – certified letters; Jeremy Dosch– Feb. wages -444.69–; Cara Dennert – Feb. wages– 1317.60; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -60.11 ; GDI – publishing – 46.91; Runnings – shop supplies – 79.20; Corey Mitchell – Feb. hours – 135.69; Trevor Meints – Feb. hours – 66.70; Scott Meints - Feb. hours – 22.23

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:** election petitions, gravel bid from Shane Johnson, DANR – small community planning grant, renewal packet from SDPAA, equalization letter from county, B&B Contracting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** There were four petitions handed in. There will be an election for mayor on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Trevor Meints and Sam Hoppock will fill the vacancies for council members. Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan – state funding amounts will be announced in March. Patti Daly presented some drawings and information on the building for events in the park. There was much discussion. The council needs to walk the area to find the best location so that more specifics can be decided.

**Nuisances** – Emily has been looking over area towns’ ordinances regarding dogs. Our current ordinances don’t address a lot of the problems that are occurring.

**Streets** – After the snow season is over, the streets will be graded.

**Parks** – Scott is looking into permanent illumination options for the arch in the park.

**Lagoon/Sewer** - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. Most accounts are up to date.

**Rubble Site** –no report

**NEW BUSINESS** – The city’s equalization meeting is set for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Cara presented bank balances. She also presented the annual report. That will be sent to the paper for publication. Cara brought up a service that might be of help in sewer collections – PayGov.us She will further investigate this with other cities in SD that use this service. The DANR awarded the city \$20,000 to help defer the cost of the engineering assessment of our wastewater and stormwater facilities. The state put the money in the General Account, but all payments to Stockwell derived from the Sewer Account. The money will be transferred to the Sewer Account. Cara ordered checks for the General Account.

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

February 28, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 83,629.86; SF Money Market –\$ 152,149.41;

GF - \$ 170,823.20; GF Money Market - \$ 51,052.19; CD Money Market - \$ 41,459.50

FIT - \$ 15,617.66; Cash on hand - \$0

Next City Council Meeting – Equalization Meeting – Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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