City Council Meeting

Springfield, South Dakota

## January 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on January 6, 2025 at the CSC. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Kostal. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Burch (via video), Cvrk, Ludens, Mueller and Mayor Kostal were present. Also present, Finance Officer Larson, Asst. F.O. Rothschadl, *Springfield Times* Reporter Bochman, Attorney Barrett, Kelly Namminga, Nikki Knudson, Howard Karge, Will Paulson, Chris Mace, Kim Schroeder, Charles Wickstrom, Amber Novak, and Karl Fiedler.

**Public Hearing: 11th, Ash, & Oak St Utilities Improvements**: Public discussion was held regarding the 11th, Ash, and Oak St utilities improvements proposed funding through the SD Board of Water & Natural Resources.

**Monthly Items:** Agenda Approval: Cvrk moved, Mueller second to approve the agenda as written. All voted in favor, motion carried. Minutes Approval: Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024, and December 27, 2024, meetings. All voted in favor, motion carried. Claims Approval: Cvrk moved, Ludens second to approve the claims. All voted in favor, motion carried. A-OX Welding Supply, supplies, 114.92; Appeara, rugs & supplies, 127.17; Aqua-Pure Inc, chemical, 924.00; AT&T, utilities, 216.04; B&H Publishing, publishing, 402.22; Barnes & Noble, books, 42.00; B-Y Water District, 2025 utilities, 500.75; B-Y Electric, utilities, 33.00; Central Farmers Coop, supplies, 12.00; City of Springfield, postage, 93.60; DGR Engineering, airport CIP, 18860.88; Doug’s Food Center, suicide class supplies, 25.37; Duininck Inc, airport CIP-stockpile, 475639.01; Dust-Tex Service, janitorial supplies, 50.91; Feimer Construction Inc, WTP PA #22, 28779.33; First Savings Bank, supplies, 505.54; SD GFP, playground equip. contribution, 5000.00; Goldenwest, utilities, 882.90; Hawkins Inc, chemicals, 3985.00; JCL Solutions, paper supplies, 222.83; Leaf, copier contract, 128.79; Luke Repair, fuel & supplies, 177.73; Meierhenry Sargent LLP, WTP Bond Counsel-Loans, 26390.00; Northwestern, utilities, 5951.26; One Source One Solution, copies, 91.83; Public Health Laboratory, water testing, 776.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 199.73; DANR, permit# SD0022047, 1500.00; SD Ambulance Association, 2025 SDAA Conference, 150.00; SD Municipal League, 2024 Membership Dues, 1907.00; SDML Workers Compensation Fund, 2025 workmen’s comp, 11361.00; SPN, WTP engineering, 2379.46, Teamlab, mega bugs, 1075.00; TwoTrees Technologies, monthly support, 222.45; Water & Environmental, water testing, 70.00; Williams Sanitation, utilities, 194.00. Payroll Deductions: SD Retirement System 2679.28; Principal Life Insurance 35.83; Avera Health Plans 5117.58; Supplemental Retirement 180.00; Messerli & Kramer P.A. 794.05; Colonial Life 64.25; First Savings Bank 15311.31. Payroll by Department: GENERAL- Mayor/Council 1074.39; Finance Office 3540.06; Gen Gov’t Building 193.52; Streets 5191.53; Airport 836.38; Ambulance 1483.43; Library 510.94; WATER 3118.54; SEWER 6396.15.

**Finance Officer’s Report**: Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve the Finance Officer’s Report. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**Donations**: Mueller moved, Cvrk second to approve $140.00 donation to the Fire Department from a private citizen and $200.00 to the library from a private citizen. All voted in favor, motion carried.

No public comments or correspondence.

**Mayor and Department Report**: Utilities- New tires on pickup. Ongoing training for new WTP operation with contractors. Streets- Have done some snow/ice removal. Fire- Maintenance agreement has been sent to be reviewed and signed. Ambulance- 126 calls in 2024, 6 active EMT and 3 drivers. Working on 3 grant funding opportunities. SD Ambulance Association Conference -February 7-10, 2025, Ft Pierre. Police- Search for police officer is ongoing, biweekly in-car camera install meetings with Motorola. Library- New hours for 2025. Parks, Pool, & Rec-Looking to advertise & hire for summer positions. Other/Partner Agencies- Playground equipment for day use area and trail maintenance scheduled. Finance Office- B-Y Electric rate increase, working on EOY processes, municipal election preparation, scheduling departmental budget meetings, and still waiting to hear back from Avera Health Plans regarding vision insurance rate. Mayor- Multiple dog issues/complaints being brought to Kostal’s attention. Has been following the upcoming Legislative session which begins January 14, 2025.

**Capital Improvement Projects**: Water Treatment Plant Update- WTP Feimer Pay App #23R1-$13,090.97: Cvrk moved, Mueller second to approve WTP Feimer Pay App #23R1 for $13,090.97. All voted in favor, motion carried. Wigen Water Works is on-site transitioning to new system, several items received over holidays for Wigen install. Testing so far has been good. Transfer of buildings and equipment to the city is dependent on HVAC operation. On-going work on the pump house roof. Project is not yet completed but the purpose for the project is met and operational. Airport: Airport Duininck Pay App #1- $475,639.01- Cvrk motioned, Ludens second to approve the Duininck Pay App #1 for $475,639.01. All voted in favor, motion carried. Project is on hold until March/April 2025.

**Old Business**: Abandoned Property: No changes/updates currently. Finalized Leased Land Bid Notice: Cvrk motioned, Mueller second to approve the finalized leased land bid notice with a term of 2 years. After council discussion, Cvrk amended his motion to approve the finalized leased land bid notice from 2-year term to 3-year term, Mueller second. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** Municipal Election Date: Mueller motioned, Cvrk second to approve 2025 Municipal Election date for April 8, 2025. Vacancies: Ward I -2-year; Ward II -1-year; Ward II -2-year; Ward III -2-year. Notice of Vacancy will be published two times in the official newspaper before January 31, 2025. Petitions will be available January 31, 2025 at the Finance Office. Notary Authorization: Cvrk motioned, Ludens second to approve Assistant FO Rothschadl to become notary. All voted in favor, motion carried. Credit Card Authorization: Cvrk motioned, Mueller second to approve Assistant FO Rothschadl for a city credit card. All voted in favor, motion carried. Remove Lesli Lee from City accounts: Ludens motioned, Cvrk second to remove Lesli Lee from all city accounts. All voted in favor, motion carried. Summer Employee- Advertise and Hire Authorization: Burch motioned, Cvrk second to approve authorization to advertise for summer seasonal hire positions. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**City employee wages**: Amanda Larson, $58,916.00 salary. Hourly employees: Kayla Rothschadl $20.60/hr.; Gary Sedlacek $25.66/hr.; Kelly Namminga $15.00/hr.; Ben Paulson $13.77/hr.; Donald Boyd $24.39/hr.; Chandra Jelsma $13.77/hr.; Les Jelsma $24.79/hr.; Joe Pruss $27.04/hr.; Leah Whittington $13.77/hr. The following ambulance EMT, RN, and/or driver’s compensatory pay will remain $50/Springfield-Tyndall, $75/Yankton, $150/Sioux Falls, $50/Stand-by/Refusal per run for ambulance services including Springfield Police Department and Springfield Volunteer Firefighters as substitute EVOC drivers. On-Call incentive pay for weekend/holiday: $3.15/hr. Elected Officials’ salaries: Mayor, $525.00/regular meeting, $65.00/special meeting; Council members: $175.00 regular & special meetings $40.00, Finance Office, $50.00/regular & special meetings. Relief Police Officer (certified) $35.00/hr.

Executive Session: Cvrk motioned, Mueller second to enter Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel, (4) Contracts/ Litigations & (6) Public Safety. All voted in favor, entered executive session at 8:00 pm, exiting at 8:18 pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Cvrk moved, Mueller second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Scott L. Kostal

Mayor

Amanda Larson

Finance Officer

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City Offices and Departments will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the CSC.