

## City Council Proceedings

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2019. Council President Pam Vissia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call recorded the following members present: Brad Kehn, Susan Steele, Jim Hinckley & Terry Schuldt. Mayor John J Staller was absent. City employees present were: Vern Hill, Chance Boyd, Darin Cranny & Jeanette Smith. Visitor present was Melissa Staller. Representing South Dakota Mail was Gayle VanGenderen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jim Hinckley shared information of a meeting with Central Electric. They visited regarding upcoming legislation that could affect growth in Plankinton, in regards to the electrical system. The SDML also sent information about this for Council review.

The current active 2019 membership roll for the Plankinton Fire Dep't is as follows: Jeff Briggs, Rodney Weber, Scott Black, Clint Bultsma, Terry Bush, Cale Westendorf, Skyler Kehn, Brad Kehn, Travis Fink, Jason Schurz, Steven Nussbaum, Dan Geiman, Joe Staller, Paul Coon, Jerry Bickley, Brian Reis, Derrick Koch, Jeff Arts, Colin Spinar, Preston O'Day, Jordan High Elk, Brad Lessman.

Melissa Davis, representing the Pool Improvements Committee, shared information of the 'Queen of Hearts' fundraiser, starting on January 25 at Commerce Street & Donkeyball on March 29 at the school. They received a \$5000.00 donation from Mitchell Area Charitable Foundation. Silent Auction items are being sought for the Donkeyball fundraiser. Hinckley moved to donate two 2019 family pool passes for the silent auction, with a second from Steele. All voted aye, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of placing a gate going from the baby pool to the main pool. It was the concensus of the council to not allow this, at this time, due to liability issues. Discussion was held regarding when to ask for bids to construct a new bath house, which will cost approximately \$250,000.00. It was the concensus of the council to wait until approximately \$200,000.00 was raised, along with reserve balances available.

Kehn moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Hinckley moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 special meeting, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Schuldt moved to approve payment of the following:

Avera Health Plan-employee ins-5429.70; The Guardian Life Ins Co-employee ins-534.21; SDWWA-water cert-10.00; Vision Service Plan-emp ins-835.41; Delta Dental of SD-emp ins-274.80; SD Dept of Revenue-Nov sales tax-6063.22; SD Dept of Health-water test-30.00; Plankinton Fire Dept-2018 fire protection service-10,000.00; VISA-supp/mat-29.49; A&B Business Sol-copier contract-113.48; SDRS-Dec retirement-2245.46; Dec bi-weekly payroll 25 &

26-14,284.93; Mayor & Council-4<sup>th</sup> Qtr payroll-3139.89; IRS-Dec 941 taxes-5008.04; AmeriPride-rug contract-30.98; Core & Main-electrical project-5841.18; City of Plankinton-meter dep applied-100.00; SD DENR-wastewater discharge permit-750.00; FP Mailing Solutions-postage meter-89.85; James D Taylor-professional services-2161.90; District III-2019 membership dues-1123.00.; Ron's Market-supp/mat-5.86; SD DENR-water/wastewater certs-18.00; South Dakota Mail-Dec legal publishing-442.86; Campbell Supply-safety clothing-142.73; Tech Solutions-Jan billing-575.00; Central Electric-Dec wheeling fee & ramp lighting-2736.28; Plankinton Builders Supply-supp/mat-1138.97; Steve's Welding-rep/maint-327.24; Dept of Energy-Dec power purchase-16,786.32; SD Rural Water-conference registration-225.00; Scavenger's Journey-2019 membership-250.00; Roadside 66 Service-supp/mat-208.59; Aurora-Brule Rural Water-Dec debt ret & water purchase-6339.10; Golden West Tele-Jan billing-393.18; East River Electric-Dec wheeling fees-5958.05.

Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Steele moved to approve the following:

#### ORDINANCE 16-2-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANKINTON, AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS DEALING WITH TEMPORARY TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES.

Whereas, the City of Plankinton previously, in Ordinance 16-2-24 effective January 1, 2015, and Ordinance IX and Resolution 12-5-16 based thereon, both effective December 5, 2016, authorized, respectively, the setting of electrical service rates and charges by resolution and utility [electric, water and sewer] penalty and late fees by resolution; and

Whereas, the City of Plankinton desires to repeal misnumbered Ordinance 16-2-24 [which should have been numbered as Ordinance 16-2-25] effective September 14, 2015, relating to temporary termination of both electrical and water and sewer utility services, as the same is not only misnumbered but also inconsistent with Ordinance 16-2-24 effective January 1, 2015, and the electrical rate resolutions and utility penalty and late fees resolutions adopted following the effective date thereof; and

Whereas, such repeal of misnumbered Ordinance 16-2-24 will provide consistency in the City of Plankinton's electrical rate structure, water and sewer rate structure, and penalty and late fees for all utility charges;

THE CITY OF PLANKINTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Misnumbered Ordinance 16-2-24 [which should have been numbered as Ordinance 16-2-25 and shall henceforth be referred to as "Misnumbered/Repealed Ordinance 16-2-24/16-2-25] dealing with temporary termination of utility services enacted September 2, 2015, and effective September 14, 2015, is repealed.

First Reading: 12-17-18

Second Reading & Adoption: 1-7-19

Signed: Pamela M Vissia, Council President

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer

Kehn seconded the motion. Roll call recorded the following: Kehn, Steele, Hinckley & Schuldt, aye; naye, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16-2-27 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANKINTON, AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS DEALING WITH ELECTRICAL CONNECTION FEES AND HOLDING LANDLORDS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRICAL BILLS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, was given first reading. Second reading & adoption will be at the next regular meeting on February 4, 2019.

Ordinance No. 16-2-28 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANKINTON, AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE THE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICE BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AND REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PORTIONS OF TITLE XI AND XIII OF THE PLANKINTON CITY ORDINANCE BOOK, was given first reading. Second reading & adoption will be at the next regular meeting on February 4, 2019.

Kehn moved to approve a contingency funds transfer to balance the General Fund for 2018, with a second from Steele. All voted aye, motion carried.

The City election date was set for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding emergency snow removal. It was the consensus of the council that emergency routes should be kept open.

The finance officer led a discussion regarding an inclement weather policy. It was the consensus of the council that none was needed & didn't need to be a part of the employee handbook.

Darin Cranny, Maintenance Sup't, reported putting a new floor in the rear half of the big dump truck & replacing the leaking oil cooler; tree trimming, moving snow, they're starting to rebuild a new crow's nest for the big baseball diamond, he will be attending rural water meetings later this week, there will be a water meter replacement pre-construction meeting on Thursday.

Vern Hill, Utility Sup't reported on the electrical project timelines from DGR Engineering, WAPA will be here for a visit on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Altec will be here to inspect our 2003 bucket truck, GOED & Heartland Cons Power has joined together to bring a shrimp farming business to Madison, he has contacted Altec about purchasing a new or good used bucket truck.

In his report, Vern requested to purchase the remaining 250 electric meters needed to complete the meter replacement project. Hinckley moved to purchase the meters, with a second from Steele. All voted aye, motion carried.

The finance officer's report included year end expenditure & revenue reports; other year end & new year procedures. She also shared information regarding the water & electric meter projects.

At 8:02 p.m., the Council President asked for a motion to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Hinckley moved, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Council President moved to enter regular session at 8:27 p.m., with no action taken.

The following is a list of current employees & their hourly wage: Vern Hill-\$34.95; Chance Boyd-\$24.00; Darin Cranny-\$21.50; Barry Geiman-\$19.45; Jeanette Smith-\$18.51; Eileen Sorsen-\$17.53; Rayann Larson-\$12.00.

Kehn moved to approve a 3% cost of living raise, for employees completing the 2018 calendar year, with an effective date of January 7, 2019. Pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10, the new hourly wages are Vern Hill-\$36.00; Darin Cranny-\$22.15; Barry Geiman-\$20.03; Jeanette Smith-\$19.07; Eileen Sorsen-\$18.06. Schuldt seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chance Boyd will remain at \$24.00 & will be reviewed after his 90-day probationary period. Rayann Larson will remain at \$12.00.

Council President Vissia adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Signed: Pamela M Vissia, Council President

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer