

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session Monday, January 10, 2022. Mayor Staller called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Terry Schuldt, Jason Schurz. Absent was Jim Hinckley. City employees present: Kylee Urban and Chance Boyd. Visitors were Gayle Van Genderen Studeny from SD Mail and Joe Larsen. Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of the fire station, nuisance properties and an executive session. Personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1), and Legal as per SDCL 1-25-2(3). Brad motioned. Seconded by Schurz.

Joe Larsen spoke to the council about the possibilities for the mural on the building. He handed out a couple of different examples of what could be done. The council liked the ideas and would like to go ahead with the arts council for a grant and see what can be made up for a mural idea.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the December 27, 2021 special meeting minutes. Kehn made a motion. Seconded by Schurz.

### BILL APPROVAL:

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve bill pay. Kehn motioned. Seconded by Schurz. Vissia left meeting at 7:03 p.m.

## JANUARY 10, 2022, BILL LISTING

### EFT BILLS PD. AFTER DEC. 27, 2021

BI-WEEKLY—PAY 1-- \$6,516.87; F&M BANK—Bank Fee-- \$28.20; HEARTLAND—HCPD Loan-- \$2,483.36; IRS—941 Tax-- \$2,180.71

### BILLS PAID AFTER DEC. 27, 2021 AUTHORIZATION

AVERA—Empl. Ins.-- \$4,531.98; ROADSIDE—Fuel Purch-- \$486.74

### BILLS TO PAY AFTER JANUARY 10, 2022, MEETING

A-OX WELDING—C-20 CYL LEASE-- \$109.95; AURORA-BRULE WATER—Dec. Water Purch.-- \$5,807.80; BORDER STATES—Elec. Supplies-- \$140.41; CHANCE BOYD—Elec Supplies-- \$153.36; CNA SURETY—DFO bond renewal-- \$525.00; EAST RIVER ELEC.—Wheeling Fees-- \$6771.20; GOLDEN WEST—Utility Bills-- \$384.99; GT SANITATION—Garbage Bill-- \$70.00; HEARTLAND—Power Purch-- \$60,101.96; KROHMER AGENCY—Notary Bond-- \$50.00; MENARDS—Elec Supplies-- \$525.81; OVERWEG AUTO—Loader Repair-- \$64.77; PLANKINTON LUMBER—Supplies-- \$328.88; POSTALIA—Postage Meter Lease-- \$89.85; RONS MARKET—Supplies-- \$101.38; SCAVENGERS JOURNEY—Membership-- \$250.00; SD MAIL—Publishing-- \$880.68; TECH SOLUTIONS—IT Contract-- \$648.22; T&R ELECTRIC—Elec Supplies-- \$4696.00; WAPA—Power Purchase-- \$16,786.32

### NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

Mayor Staller informed everybody that the letters for all the nuisance properties have been mailed out.

### FIRE STATION:

A quote to get the fire station roof fixed was handed out. The council would like to get some more quotes on spray foam but know it would not be likely to get fixed until Spring at the soonest. The Finance Officer will get more quotes.

### SEWER SURCHARGE RESOLUTION #2022-1:

Mayor Staller read the resolution out loud and entertained a motion to approve. A roll call vote was done. Kehn, Schuldt and Schurz all voted aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1**

A RESOLUTION REVISING THE WATER & SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

CITY OF PLANKINTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

WHEREAS, Title V, *Public Works*, §50.02 (A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plankinton authorize the setting of sewer and water rates by resolution of the City Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PLANKINTON, AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, that effective February 1, 2022, and thereafter until further resolution of the City Council, Sewer Surcharges as set forth in Title V, *Public Works*, §50.02 (B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plankinton are hereby fixed and shall be collected as follows:

**SEWER SURCHARGES- IN TOWN & OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS**

\$22.10 a month whether or not any water is used, as previously established by resolution of the City Council as part of the financing for water system improvements. Such monthly surcharge will continue until repealed by separate action of the City Council.

All other water and sewer rates and surcharges shall remain in full force and effect and unchanged by this resolution.

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John J. Staller

Mayor

Adopted this day of January 10, 2022.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kylee Urban, Finance Officer

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Mayor Staller and the council decided the Christmas party would be done the first Saturday of February.

**ELECTION DATE:**

Mayor Staller informed the council the election date will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL VACANCIES:**

Mayor Staller, Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Jim Hinckley, Terry Schuldt and Jason Schurz terms will all be up. Notice of Vacancies will be advertised.

**CHIP SEAL ADVERTISING:**

The council agreed to advertise for Chip Seal in February.

SUMMER ADVERTISING:

The Council agreed to advertise for Lifeguards, Cemetery Mowing, Grassland Bid, Crop Land/Farmland with additions of the Dumpsite and Summer Help. Vissia rejoined at 7:21 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL AND LEGAL:

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to enter Executive Session Personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and Legal as per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 7:22. Kehn motioned. Seconded by Schurz.

Mayor Staller declared the Council out of Executive Session at 7:37. No action was taken.

COST OF LIVING RAISES:

The following is a list of current employees and their hourly wages: Chance Boyd: \$26.99; Carrie Brink: \$12.36; Anna Cranny: \$12.50; Darin Cranny: \$25.04; Barry Geiman: \$21.25; Casey Schmidt: \$18.00; Kylee Urban: \$18.00

Mayor entertained a motion to approve a cost of living raise. Kehn motioned for a 5% Cost of Living raise. Schurz seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 6-1-10, the new hourly wages, as of January 10, 2022 are: Chance Boyd: \$28.34; Carrie Brink: \$12.98; Anna Cranny: \$13.13; Darin Cranny: \$26.29; Barry Geiman: \$22.31; Casey Schmidt: \$18.90; Kylee Urban: \$18.90.

MAYORS REPORT:

Sewer permit was in paper already I believe. People have a chance to address any issues with state before they give final approval.

Sales Tax – Reached 247K as of November which I believe is what we used as a figure last year in our budget. So whatever Dec will be above and beyond what our expectations were.

Passenger Train Interest – Mr. Taylor sent an email on this which I sent out. I think anything that puts another train on these tracks in worth tracking.

UTILITY SUPT. REPORT:

Chance reported that there were no outages this month.

Barry and him spent quite a bit of time finishing rough ins at the pool. He had the inspector come and have passed the rough in. They are waiting on the ceiling to get put in to finish up the lighting, and will have some time put the new pump in.

He started to clean and reorganize the electrical side of the shop, trying to make things a little easier to find and have been getting rid of old used things that have been sitting around. He started to do inventory today. Inventory is about 60% done.

They extended their pipes up along the wall at the bank. Waiting on siding to be put on before they can set their CT cabinet and meter.

He attended Transformer School last month. It was a really good refresher. The next school is Meter School February 22-25.

They all got their spray licenses up to date as they were going to expire this year. This was done all online through SDSU Extension.

STREET SUPT. REPORT:

Darin reported that he got the pool filters repaired, just have to take them back up and install.

They hauled the rest of the scrap concrete out from the pool.

They started hauling the concrete from the lagoon to the west RU site.

He's met with Jeff Briggs on his development and went over a few things our engineers want different. He's also checked with Jeff McCormick on the lift station.

He was on call and did some snow removal on new years.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Kylee reported that she has been looking into a newer, more user-friendly program for the city's expenses, utility billing and more. She explained all the benefits of this program and how it could be very beneficial not only to the city, but to the community as well. She handed out a packet to council members to review and give feedback.

Mayor Staller adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Kylee Urban, Finance Officer \_\_\_\_\_