

City Council Proceedings

The City of Plankinton met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019. Mayor John J Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call recorded the following members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Susan Steele, Jim Hinckley & Terry Schuldt. City employees present were: Vern Hill, Darin Cranny, Jeanette Smith & Chance Boyd. Visitors present were Brian Ries & Alan Birmeier. Representing the South Dakota Mail was JP Studeny.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hinckley moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Vissia. All voted aye, motion carried.

During the public comments section, Alan Birmeier gave an update on his sanitation business.

The Mayor read the Plankinton Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report for 2018.

Visitor, Brian Ries, was in attendance to ask approval for lawnmower & go-cart races to be held on June 29 & August 17, 2019. Kehn moved to approve, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 regular meeting, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kehn moved to approve payment of the following:

SD Dept of Labor-4th qtr 2018 unemployment-17.05; Postalia TDC-postage-500.00; DENR-water certificate-6.00; Heartland Cons Power District-Dec power purchase-62,205.73; Wealth Mgmt TFM-qtrly water & sewer loan payment-19,009.17; January bi-weekly payroll-pay 1 & 2-12,670.09; IRS-Jan 941 taxes-4783.46; SDRS-vol supp retirement-4592.97; SDRS-Jan retirement-2607.50; SD One Call-Dec message fee-1.05; A&B Business Solution-copier contract-126.79; AFLAC-vol employee insurance-154.14; Aurora Cty Auditor-museum LED light rebate-480.00; Avera Health Plan-employee insurance-7566.55; The Guardian Life Ins Co-employee insurance-582.25; Verizon Wireless-Dec billing-158.64; Delta Dental of SD-employee insurance-359.20; SD Dept of Revenue-Dec sales tax-7600.38; Carolina Guevara-interpreter services-50.00; F&M Bank-stop payment fee-18.00; American Garage Door-shop door remote-40.00; AmeriPride-rug contract-30.98; Aurora-Brule Rural Water-Jan. water purchase & debt retirement-7038.70; Central Electric-rep/maint-95.00; Avera Occ Medicine-drug test-96.50; DGR Engineering-elec project prof services-8256.00; Darin Cranny-travel/conf expense-57.87; Locators & Supplies-supp/mat-645.00; McLeod's-supp/mat-90.17; MN Muni Utilities Ass'n-safety training-1000.00; Mike's Const-garbage service-60.00; Overweg Auto-repair & supp/mat-2812.52; Regarding Cards-2019 webiste maint-500.00; RESCO-supp/mat-434.40; Ben Risseeuw-surcharge reimb-144.90; Ron's Market-supp/mat-88.15; SPN & Assoc-water meter proj prof services-4921.40; SD Dept of Health-water sample testing-15.00; SD DOT-supp/mat-589.06; SD DOT-RR pole lease-56.00; South Dakota Mail-Jan legal publishing-1504.48; Stuart C Irby Co-supp.mat-118.50; VISA-supp/mat-919.70; Golden West Tele-Dec billing-383.82; Plankinton

Builders Supply-supp/mat-639.55; Roadside 66 Service-supp/mat-230.47; Santel Comm-Dec billing-31.19; Tech Solutions-IT support-756.77; Commerce Street Grille-employee appreciation supper-377.30; Office of Energy Assistance-LIEAP refund-304.41.

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

The Mayor shared information of the interest for the seasonal Rubble Site Use attendant position. After discussion, it was the concensus of the council to advertise due to it being a seasonal position. Applications will be considered at the next regular meeting on March 4, 2019.

The Mayor shared information that no seasonal Handy Person(s) applications were received. It was the concensus of the council to re-advertise in the legal newspaper & also in the school announcements. Also, applicant(s) are preferred to be 18 years old, but age 16 on up would be considered.

Discussion was held regarding lifeguard applicant(s). Applications are still being taken until all positions are filled. This will be added to the school announcements also. Steele moved to re-hire Kylee Guindon & Dacey Rihanek for the 2019 season, each with a 2019 wage of \$10.25. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

A revised personnel handbook was distributed to the council for review. Any farther proposed changes will be discussed at the next regular meeting or if none noted, approval to adopt will be discussed.

Hinckley moved to approve the following:

ORDINANCE 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.

Whereas, the City of Plankinton previously, in Ordinance 16-2-24 effective January 1, 2015, authorized the setting of electrical service rates and charges by resolution; and

Whereas, the City of Plankinton desires to repeal that certain ordinance relating to connection fees and landlord's responsibility as the same are to be regulated as electrical service rates and charges by resolution, all thereby providing consistency in its electrical rate structure;

THE CITY OF PLANKINTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 16-2-6 dealing with connection fees and holding landlords responsible for electrical bill under certain circumstances, enacted December 7, 1998, and effective January 6, 1999, is repealed.

First Reading: 1-7-19

Second Reading & Adoption: 2-4-19

Signed: John J Staller, Mayor

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer

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

Kehn moved to approve the following:

ORDINANCE 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.

THE CITY OF PLANKINTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance 16-2-28, water and sewer service rates for areas within and without the corporate limits of the City and served by the City's water and sewer system, is adopted to read as follows:

1. The City Council may determine and set water and sewer service rates by resolution at such rates and fees as it may from time to time determine are reasonable; and
2. Any portions or provisions of Plankinton City Ordinance Book Titles XI and XIII which conflict this Ordinance relating to the setting of water and sewer service rates by resolution are herewith repealed.

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

Building Inspector Kehn shared information regarding a building permit for a hoop building. He has not had a chance to visit with the applicant but will do so soon.

At 7:00 p.m., the Mayor announced that it was time to open sealed bid(s) for the following:

-City Grassland Bid - One bid was received from Darren & Dustin Hohn in the amount of \$811.88. Vissia moved to accept this bid, with a second from Steele. All voted aye, motion carried.

-City Cropland – Two bids were received. Dennis Hohn bid \$71.50/acre & Richard Faulhaber bid \$75.00/acre. Kehn moved to accept the bid from Richard Faulhaber for \$75.00/acre, with a second from Steele. All voted aye, motion carried.

-Cemetery mowing – Two bids were received. One bid from Clay Brouwer was for \$12,000.00, which included 10 mowings & trimming; with each additional mowing/trimming to be \$1200.00/each. The second bid from AAA Lawn Care & Maintenance for \$12,000.00, which included 10 mowings & trimming; with each additional mowing/trimming to be \$1200.00/each. Hinckley moved to accept the bid from Clay Brouwer, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

-2019 Chip Seal. One bid was received from Bituminous Paving, Inc. at \$2.11 per sq. yd for approximately 46,650 sq. yds. Hinckley moved to reject any and all bids & to re-advertise, with a second from Kehn. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Mayor reported that paperwork has been completed for the water treatment plant general surface water discharge permit from SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources.

The Mayor gave a report regarding an inspection from Safety Benefits late last fall. They have two recommendations, one being more lighting in the cold storage area of the shop & the second to have the 2003 bucket truck inspected.

The Mayor & Vern led a discussion regarding finances available for the electrical project. Vern also reported that he & Chance are actively looking for a fairly new bucket truck.

The Mayor & Vern shared information regarding the bid opening held on January 30, 2019 for materials needed for the electrical project. Steele moved to approve the material contracts as recommended by DGR Engineering as follows: WESCO for the primary power cable in the amount of \$61,875.00; RESCO for the padmount switchgear (dead front) in the amount of \$73,717.50; RESCO for three phase padmount distribution transformers with boxpads in the amount of \$65,455.40; and RESCO for the single phase padmount distribution transformers with boxpads in the amount of \$41,905.30. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

After discussion, Vissia moved to approve advertising of the electrical project installation, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Mayor's report included: information regarding the I-90 overpass project possibly being put on hold; informed the council to review the 5-year plan; the District IV meeting will be in Winner on March 13; there will be a special meeting for Equalization on March 18; shared information regarding the sales tax received in recent years; the court ruled in favor of the city regarding the Salgado nuisance property; the need to update our ordinances/resolutions book.

The Maintenance Sup't report included: attending the rural water conference in Pierre; snow removal; the new crow's nest for the baseball field is all framed; attended a few meetings on the water meter replacement project; repairing & maintaining equipment; the Mayor had him check on the cost of the state building & the last time it was evaluated it came in at \$35,000.00.

The Utility Sup't report included: bids for the electrical project installation will be opened February 27; they have installed more than 240 new electric meters around town; shared information regarding SB 66 that deals with rural electrics & municipal electrics; WAPA meeting with Tracy was on the 15th; the 2003 bucket truck is due for inspection; February 5 is the legislative dinner in Pierre; March 5 & 6 is the municipal Sup't conference in Watertown; February 8 is the regular safety meeting in Howard; he & Jeanette attended the District III meeting in Mitchell on January 31; a company that works for Golden West is planning to install fiber optic lines in town.

The finance officer's report included: revenue & expenditure reports; receiving the PT-73 taxes payable in 2019 in the amount of \$171,891.60; receiving the contract from Shafer Memorials to continue resetting & releveling monuments in the Cemetery for 2019; reporting that paperwork has been completed for Chance to start the MMUA apprentice lineworker training program.

At 8:20 p.m., the Mayor asked for a motion to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel & SDCL 1-25-2(3). Kehn moved, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Mayor moved to enter regular session at 9:06 p.m., with no action taken.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Signed: John J Staller Mayor

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer

