

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilmembers present included Mayor Brad Kehn, councilmembers Terry Schuldt, Magdalena Popek-Hurst, Carl Bode and Jack Murette (via zoom). Jason Schurz was absent. City employees present were Kylee Urban, Cindy Geiman and Darin Cranny. Visitors were Jim Nielsen, Brian Reis, Jeff Briggs, Curt Nelson, Leslie Larsen, Ashley Olsen, JP Studeny, Chris Hill, Kelsey Hill and Melissa Davis. Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Schuldt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Building Permits and Summer Rec. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### BILLS TO PAY

Bode made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A&B BUSINESS-EQUIP LEASING-\$560.68; ABM EQUIP & SUPPLY-BOOM INSPECTION-\$2180.00; AURORA BRULE WATER-WATER PURCHASE-\$6678.10; AVERA HEALTH PLANS-EMP. INSURANCE-\$5435.00; BARRY GEIMAN-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; BELL BANK-MINI EXAC.-\$919.42; BORDER STATES-ELEC SUPPLIES-\$167.66; CARL BODE-PHONE STIPEND-\$75.00; CHANCE BOYD-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; DARIN-CRANNY-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; DARRINGTON WATER-DRINKING WATER-\$6.45; DELTA DENTAL-EMP. DENTAL INS.-\$378.20; FARMERS & MERCHANTS-PAYROLL FEES-\$7.60; GOLDEN WEST-UTILITIES-\$500.63; GUARDIAN-EMP. LTD, STD & LIFE-\$393.25; HEARTLAND POWER-POWER LOANS-\$2483.36; IRBY-TRANSFORMER STICKER-\$1995.00; KYLEE URBAN-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; MENARDS-SHOP SUPPLIES-\$137.98; PLANKINTON SERVICE CLUB-ANNUAL DUES-\$35.00; ROADSIDE-FUEL PURCHASES-\$375.89; RUNNINGS-DUMP MATERIALS-\$129.96; SD DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER TESTING-\$222.00; SD WORKERS COMP-AUDIT-\$1441.00; SD MAIL-PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING-\$1839.19; STURDAVENTS-PARTS-\$904.07; TOSHIBA FIN. SERVICES-COPIER CONTRACT-\$194.33; VISA-SUPPLIES-\$1136.30; ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH-HEARTLAND REIMB,-\$12000.00

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Seconded by Schuldt. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Reis and Jeff Briggs came in to discuss the possibility of remodeling the office in the fire station. They need council approval as it is the cities building. This would help store ambulance supplies, and separate ambulance and fire station files and work. The council agreed to allow the remodel of the offices in the fire station.

Jim Nielsen came in as part of the VFW. He wanted to inform the council they will be doing a raffle for VFW soon and needed to notify local government. Ticket selling will begin soon.

Melissa Davis came in and requested that Mayor Jehn show integrity, consistency, and ethical value. She informed Mayor Kehn that it has been 1.5 years since her father, former mayor, Joe

Staller had passed away and she has been hearing from people that he has been saying negative things about him. She asked that Mayor Kehn please just stop saying the negative things and to please come talk to her or her mother directly if there is anything he needs to say. Mayor Kehn responded by telling her he is guilty of gossip. Davis responded by saying it's not gossip if I'm seeing the messages and to please stop slandering my family. Mayor Kehn responded, "And I ask for the same thing."

Chris Hill came in discuss Summer Rec and School Summer Sports. He wanted to inform the council it was all good things. And there is a good turnout in kids again this year. Ashley Olsen listed the coaches they are asking the councils blessing on. 8U girls coach would be Andy Tipton, 10U got no applicants but Rachel Pata is willing to do both 10U and 12U. Boys 8U coach is Michael Salgado and 10U-12U is Kyle Bruinsma. Teeners coach is Chris Hill. With approval in the next council meeting they would like to hire these coaches. Chris also mentioned they had done more fundraising for the playground equipment and believe they have finally raised enough to purchase something. Chris let the council know him and another member of the rec committee are willing to do field work over the summer for around 25 hours a week each at \$14.50/hr for roughly a 12-week period if the city approves that.

Chris Hill asked that the council approve the placement of a new fence in the field to make this up to regulations for softball so more games can be hosted here. Already have a crew to install the fence. They have a temporary fence if needed but prefer to stay away from that so there are no issues. The current fence placement is not set for any regulation games. The council asked for an estimated price for the fencing. Leslie Larson added that we are not asking for one entity to fund it all but want to try to work together with the school to get the field up to regulation and make it look nice so they can host more tournaments in the future.

#### POOL INTERVIEWS/DISCUSSION

Popek made a motion to hire Ali Wiczorek as lead lifeguard at \$17.00/hr and Astrea Black and Payton Nedved as first year lifeguards at \$14.00/hr. And Teagan Bush and Avery Faulhaber as part time ticket takers for \$13/hr each. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### LIFEGUARD WAGES

Popek-Hurst wanted to make sure we had second year lifeguards set at \$15.00/hr and let the council know we have more pending applications. Bode confirmed second year is \$15.00/hr.

#### TREE GRANT

Popek-Hurst informed the council she has spoken with Jody Hauge and John from the state. Jody said they did not have a lot of the trees suggested available so we will have to go the ones they do have. Darin, Maint. Supt., suggested we ask for an extension as he won't have time to do it with the sewer project. Popek-Hurst said she knows that but it would be great if we could even do something in the fall. Mayor Kehn delegated Barry Geiman, city employee, to take lead on the tree grant project.

#### FINANCE OFFICER SCHOOL

Finance Officer Kylee Urban asked the council if they have come up with a decision on whether to send just one person to finance officer school in Spearfish or to have both her and the deputy attend. The council agreed both the finance officer and the deputy finance officer go to the finance officer school from June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and the office be closed for those 4 days. The council agrees it is best for both to go and get as much learning and information as possible.

#### BUILDING PERMIT

Josh Rolling-715 Pirate Dr.-18x12 deck on the rear of the house-APPROVED

#### ABATEMENTS

Popek-Hurst approved the abatement for Linda Heath's property. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Schuldt made a motion to approve the abatement for Kathleen Guindon's property. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Kehn informed the council that councilmember Jason Schurz was going to resign but did not get a resignation in so we will be removing him from council next meeting, as he said he was okay with.

#### TRUCK ROUTE

Maint. Supt Darin Cranny asked the council if he could enforce a truck route. He informed the council that the semis are ruining roads they should not be on. The council agreed to let him proceed with getting a truck route made up.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL

Bode made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Schuldt. Mayor Kehn declared the council into executive session at 7:50pm.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 8:13pm. No action taken.

#### MAINT. SUPT REPORT

We got the east R.U. site cleaned all up. Chance and Dan built the fence, signs and cameras are up, and we have it open for the season. A lot of work was done out there this year, including quite a few days this month. We do not have the west site open to the public yet. There is not as big of a rush now since the east one is open for grass and trees. It will probably get opened later this month, depending on the weather. It is more/less ready. There's been a lot of sickness going around. I've been mostly lucky, only missed less than one day total. However, my whole family was sick 2 weeks ago and I had to spend 3 ½ days at home taking care of them. I spent some time preparing for discharging at the lagoon. I did all the discharging I needed to do for now this last month. We got rid of around 10 million gallons of water. All my samples I had to take came back way under the limits the state has set for us. I spent quite a bit of my month working on this. Spent a little more time getting some office work done, preparing for the sewer project, etc. We are having our pre-construction meeting for the sewer project on April 15 at 2pm here at city hall. The hopeful starting

time is the end of April, according to the engineer. We have one of the new cardiac ready signs up at the fire station. We are waiting for permission from the state to place the other one out near the welcome sign by the interstate. Spent a day getting ready for the big snowstorm we were supposed to have. Didn't turn out to be too bad, but I was still in at 4am 2 days to get main street cleaned and spent a good part of both days moving snow. There was a water leak at 9<sup>th</sup> and Duff this month. Barry was on call and received a call on Sunday. He and I went and inspected it, checked the town usage, checked to be sure there was chlorine in it, and called TJ. He called an emergency locate and got it repaired that afternoon. It wasn't our line; it was a service line. Barry and I were both out in the morning and again after lunch to assist. One of our new main valves we installed this year came in handy for this as we only had to shut off water from 7<sup>th</sup> street north to 9<sup>th</sup> street instead of almost everything north of 4<sup>th</sup> street. Barry and I signed up to attend 3 days of water distribution classes in Mitchell on April 16-18. I may also attend 2 days of classes on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Aberdeen. These are for floodplain management. I'll see how my schedule is.

#### ELEC SUPT REPORT

No outages this month. We were back fed for 1 day earlier this month as East River had some work to do in the Plankinton substation. Spent a few days out at the dump site. Darin helped me set poles for the cameras, Dan helped me rebuild the fence in between the 2 sides, and Barry helped me get the poles cut down and cameras mounted. Dan, Barry and I spent a day at the cemetery filling holes and getting some of the graves releveled. We were able to get a couple conduits across Kimball street at 4<sup>th</sup> street. I have a locate called in for Duff street and state to get that done. Once that is done we should have the crossings done where Darin is planning to chipseal. We have been marking the ends of the conduits with a piece of metal so we can find them with the metal detector when we get to them. Electrical inspector came and passed the electrical on the poolside picnic shelter Bucket truck inspections were done as well. couple small items on the 03 bucket to address but nothing too major. These are things we can take care of ourselves. I had Dan fix up the old bench from the baby pool. Couple new boards and some paint. We plan to set that over at the soccer field for them to use it there. Spent some time cleaning up around the outside of the shop. Hauled out any old pallets we had, hauled out any old dirt that isn't good for anything, and sorted and organized our gravel and rock piles in the back. organized quite a bit of the bigger electrical material I have on hand. Little bit of snow removal but not too bad. We fixed and extended the culvert in front of the shop and eliminated a little ditch that served no purpose. We are able to back equipment on the West side of the shop now and keep them plugged in during the winter months. I am planning to sit it on the preconstruction meeting for the sewer project as I plan to get conduits in while they have the streets tore up. They will also have a couple spots to bore so I would like to get some conduits in at that time as well while they are here. They came and replaced the chip in the fire siren so it will work now with the fire calls. We tested it last week and it worked. Storm siren testing will start this Friday and will be tested the first Friday of every month now during storm season. I got a quote from Case for a packer for our mini excavator. Darin and I talked about it and we both came to the agreement it would be beneficial to have. My biggest concern would be making sure any of our crossings we do during the sewer project should be packed in as good as we can get it before they over lay the streets. I would hate for any of our trenches to settle bad and ruin a good road. This is something we can use anytime we use the mini also, not just for the sewer project. It would save us from having to go back later a bunch of times to put more dirt in trenches.

The cost is \$5,925. It includes everything we need plus delivery. It is currently 3 weeks out. We can split between 2-3 budgets to pay for it.

#### FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

This month hasn't been very eventful. We did get the exercise equipment grant all finished up and final report sent in, we are waiting to hear back if anything more is needed. Liquor license renewals have been sent out, just waiting for them back. I've been sending reports over to Betsy at Schoenfish to get our annual report done. We have done our normal monthly bills, deposits, reports and day to day tasks.

#### MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Kehn told the council he had two people interested in Ward III. Jim Neilsen wanted to get back on as he told him he would let him back on in the past if he wanted on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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Brad Kehn,

Mayor

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Attest:

Kylee Urban,

Finance Officer