

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2020, at the Senior Citizens Center. Mayor John Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Pam Vissia, Terry Schuldt, Jason Schurz, Brad Kehn, Susan Steele, and Jim Hinckley. Visitor was Gayle VanGenderen Studeny from SD Mail, and Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer.

Mayor Staller asked for an addition of Executive Session- Legal, as per SDCL-1-25-2(3), to the Agenda. Motion to approve Agenda, as changed, by Vissia. Seconded by Schuldt. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, regular meeting (previously e-mailed to Council), with a second by Hinckley. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kehn moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Board of Equalization /special meeting (previously e-mailed to Council), with a second by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Schuldt moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020, special (Covid-19) meeting (previously e-mailed to Council), with a second by Vissia. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### BILL APPROVAL:

Motion by Kehn to approve bills- less the Jirsa Architect bill for Bucher building assessment:

A & B BUSINESS—Copier Contract--\$147.13; F & M STATE BANK—March Fees--\$27.55; BARRY GEIMAN—1<sup>st</sup> Quar. Cell Bill Reimb.--\$150.00; CHANCE BOYD—1<sup>st</sup> Quar. Cell Bill Reimb.--\$150.00; DARIN CRANNY—1<sup>st</sup> Quar. Cell Bill Reimb.--\$150.00; DELTA DENTAL—Empl. Dental Ins.--\$211.00; GUARDIAN—April Empl. Life, LTD & STD Ins.--\$308.26; SD DEPT OF REVENUE—Feb. State Sales Tax--\$6,712.72; BI-WEEKLY PAY 6--\$7,623.70; IRS—941 TAX—3,001.25; MAYOR/COUNC. QUAR. #1--\$3,001.35; SDRS—March Ret.--\$2,309.40; VISA—Feb. Elec. & Fin. Off. Supp. & Elec. Travel--\$1,620.55

AMERICAN GARAGE DOOR—Shop Door Shaft--\$153.92; A-B RURAL WATER—March Water/Debt Ret.--\$6,721.90; AVERA OCC. HEALTH—Drug Test--\$96.55; BARCO MUN. PROD.—Barricades--\$3,054.63; BORDER STATES—Electric Supplies--\$6,023.50; CNH INDUSTRIAL CAPITAL—April SkidSteer/Excav.--\$1,346.54; CASEY SCHMIDT—Reimb. Park Signs\$12.72; CENTRAL ELEC.—Elec. Wire & Ramp lighting--\$586.20; CITY OF PLANKINTON-Met. Dep. to #00-229-05-4-\$82.77; DSG—Elec. Supp/Mat.--\$1,006.53; FT MAILING SOLUTIONS—Postage Meter--\$89.85; GOLDEN WEST—Phones--\$391.84; GREAT PLAINS LUMBER—Streets Supp/mat.--\$155.16; M & L REPAIR—Mower & Parks--\$15,938.46; MACHELLE SCOTT—Refund met. Dep.--\$167.23; McLEOD’S—Election Supplies--\$50.92; MENARDS—Elec. Supplies--\$127.29; MICHAEL TODD & CO.—Street Sweeper Repair--\$682.84; MIKE’S CONSTR.—Garbage Service--\$60.00; MITCHELL IRON/SUPP.—Sewer Supp/mat.--\$58.48; OVERWEG AUTO—’03 Bucket Truck Rep. & Mower Supp.--\$4,006.29; PLANKINTON BUILDERS—March Supp/Mat.--\$331.12; ROADSIDE—Mar.Fuel--\$419.20; RON’S MKT.—Mar. Supplies--\$84.99; RUNNING SUPPLY—Truck Seat--\$134.99; SD GOV. FIN. OFF. SCHOOL—2020 Fin. Off. School--\$75.00; SD MAIL—March publ.--\$1,813.77; SDML—’19 Audited Work Comp billing--\$1,067.00. STEVE’S WELDING—loader repair--\$28.10; STURDEVANT’S—Jetter Starter--\$69.09; TECH SOLUTIONS—I.T. Contract--\$690.00; I. I. JIRSA, ARCHITECT—Bucher Bldg. Arch. Fees--\$786.00 (authorized to pay after Executive Session).

Hinckley seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS MOWER BIDS:

John Deere Z925A Mower with bagger-- Appraised at \$4,324.00.

One bid from Fred Hohn, for \$3,892.00

2016 Blackjack 54" mower with tilt deck--Appraised at \$2,019.00.

Two bids received: Fred Hohn, for \$1,817.00.

Cordell Davis, for \$1,925.00.

Motion by Hinckley to approve the two highest bids. Fred Hohn won bid for John Deere mower, and Cordell Davis won bid for Blackjack mower. Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CONCESSION STAND BID:

It was the consensus of the Council that the Rec Department usually makes the recommendation for this. It will be deferred to them.

ELECTION DATE AND ELECTION BOARD WAGES:

Mayor Staller suggested that to hold down costs, the City has its own election, as we already have ballots printed, and we wouldn't have to pay for the Optical Read voting charges. It was the Council's consensus that it should be held on the same day as the Primary--June 2, 2020, at the Fire Station. Hinckley stated that would be the best option.

Schuldt made a motion to pay the Election Board a wage of \$12.00 an hour. Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

Mayor wants nuisance property discussion deferred to a later date, as we don't want to have more people at the meetings. Consensus of Council to wait until later.

EASTER HOLIDAY:

Kehn and Schurz suggested that Good Friday and Easter Monday would be good to have off this year. Council agreed that it was a good idea with the Covid-19 Virus this year, and all the stress, and changes to daily work it has entailed.

ELECTRIC SUP'T REPORT:

Chance Boyd came in at 6:45 for his report. He is ¾ done digging in some underground at the ballfields, but it is too wet to continue. He converted Roadside C Store from two meters to one, as they upgraded their electric system. He has stopped installing load controllers due to Social Distancing. He and Barry Geiman dug in culverts around some manholes that were under water due to flooding. It will prevent water coming into the manholes should it flood again. He asked if Council was ok with him donating old Cross-arms to MTI. All agreed it was fine.

#### UTILITY SUP'T REPORT:

Darin Cranny came in at 7:00 for his report. Not sure if the pool will be open, but he has gotten the mechanical room rebuilt this past month. All utility employees had their MSHA training in March. The RU Site is now open for season, and a good cleanup was done before opening. He has had more FEMA work this past month, for last year's disasters. New barricades were ordered to promote safety around flooded areas. The bridge on State Street will be checked by a County bridge inspector when the water flow goes down. For spring clean-up days, he specified that the employees will not be getting out of a vehicle to separate anything. "If it is not separated properly, and easily accessible, it will not get picked up." They are not taking any risks with the Virus, and are also limiting how much they are out in public.

The Council asked if the bridge at the Jail Pond should be blocked off and a sign put up to close it. That has since been done.

Darin will need to get mosquito spray ordered to start spraying earlier this Spring, and will apply for the Mosquito Grant as soon as it is available on-line.

#### PAYMENT PLAN APPLICATION:

An application form was sent to the City's lawyer, Mr. Taylor, for approval. For now, the application is good for April through June bills (March – May usage) for those affected by the Corona-Virus, as in loss of business or job. The Council asked that the Mayor and Finance Office have the authority to approve the payment plans and candidates. Kehn made a motion to approve payment plan with changes made. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Staller does not think there will be a softball/baseball program this year, as they usually begin in May. He signed the letter that over 150 Municipalities and Counties sent to Governor Noem, showing their concerns for the Covid-19 rules. He expects Sales Tax to go down, and has asked the Superintendents to watch their budgets. We need to build up our cash on hand, and will probably put off some things like grave markers repair, etc., this year. He mentioned that the west I-90 ramp was closed eastbound today. It will surely impact some in-town business this summer.

#### POOL & LIFEGUARDS:

Kehn asked when we should let the lifeguards know if we will even open the pool, to be fair to them. Steele said if they get their certifications the City should reimburse their training. But, it might not even be available right now. The Council set a date for a Special Meeting on April 20, 2020, at the Senior Center, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss pool opening.

#### 5-YR. PLAN:

Hinckley said we should discuss our future spending on the 5-yr. plan, with possible lower revenue coming in. We may need to cut out some electric work.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION- LEGAL-Per SDCL-1-25-2(3):

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Hinckley made a motion to hold Executive Session- Legal. Schuldt seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Staller declared the Council out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m., with no action taken.

Mayor Staller asked if the City should pay the Jirsa Architect bill, dealing with Bucher Law building architectural fees and remedial work, for \$786.00. Schurz made a motion that the City should pay the bill to L. L. Jirsa, Architect, in the interest of public safety. Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

Attest: Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer \_\_\_\_\_

