

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City council met in regular session on Monday, May 6th, 2024. Present was Mayor Brad Kehn, council members Carl Bode, Jason Schurz, Terry Schuldt, Magdalena Popek-Hurst and Jack Marette (via zoom). City employees present were Kylee Urban, Darin Cranny and Chance Boyd. Visitors were Jim Nielsen and Gayle Van Genderen.

Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

BILLS TO PAY

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

GOLDEN WEST-UTILITIES-\$491.14; SPN & ASSOC-WASTEWATER SYSTEM-\$4050.00; BARNES & NOBLE-BOOK PURCHASE-\$67.15; KASE BROUWER-CEMETERY MOWING-\$1400.00; ULINE-HWY/STREET SUPPLY-\$2555.43; L&L SANITATION-GARBAGE SERVICES-\$100.00; IRBY-ELEC. SUPPLIES-\$150.00; SOUTHEAST SD TOURISM ASSN-ANNUAL DUES-\$275.00; OVERWEG-LOADER REPAIR-\$355.06; TOSHIBA-COPIER CONTRACT-\$161.28; GUARDIAN-EMP. LTD, STD & LIFE-\$7.37; AVERA OCC HEALTH-DRUG TESTING-\$547.00; ROADSIDE-FUEL PURCHASE-\$874.86; MENARDS-POOL SUPPLIES-\$211.05; AURORA-BRULE WATER-WATER PURCHASE-\$7140.10; ARAMARK-RUG CONTRACT-\$35.97; CAN WESTERN SURETY-FO BOND-\$525.00; PLANKINTON AMBULANCE ASSOC-ANNUAL DUES-\$5000.00; RONS MARKET-SUPPLIES-\$96.73; VISA-SUPPLIES-\$5254.00; PLANK REC COMMITTEE-CONTRIBUTIONS-\$20000.00; PLANKINTON LUMBER-SUPPLIES-\$989.30; PLANKINTON SCHOOL-BAKLLPARK FENCE REIMB-\$4000.00; TITAN MACHINERY-PACKER-\$5925.00; SD MAIL-PUBLISHING-\$689.42; BELL BANK-MINI EXCAV LEASE-\$919.42; BELL BANK-EMP. VISION INS.-\$334.52; BELL BANK-SKID STEER LEASE-\$867.73; HEARTLAND ENERGY-ENERGY LOAN-\$1241.68; F&M BANK-BANK FEES-\$7.55; HEARTLAND ENERGY-ENERGY LOAN-\$1241.68

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schurz made a motion to approve the April 22nd meeting minutes. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Nielsen of VFW Post 6554 wanted to thank the city for the help with the jailpond project on May 4th. He said everything's moving along nicely.

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

Mayor Kehn asked the council if they had any thoughts on what they'd like to do for the Spring cleanup? The council agreed to not do Spring cleanup, but will pick a day on a Saturday to open up the other facility for everybody to use. They will do fall cleanup, but there is too much going on for Spring cleanup.

MURAL

Finance officer Kylee Urban wanted to get the council's approval to go ahead with getting the mural put up. Finance Officer Kylee was requested to contact the mural artist Zach DeBoer about a clear coat covering. The council agreed to have Plankinton Lumber install it and Electrical Supt. Chance Boyd will assist in adding some lighting.

SUMMER HELP

Popek-Hurst made a motion to hire Blaine Bohr for summer help at \$15.00/hr. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

LIFEGUARD HIRES

Popek-Hurst made a motion to hire Gage Baker as part time 3rd year lifeguard at \$16.00/hr and Memphis Baker at \$14.00/hr for first year part-time lifeguard. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY HALL FLOORING

Mayor Kehn offered to wax and seal the asbestos flooring-all donated. Popek-Hurst and Schurz wanted to get the flooring tested first and get the states opinion on what's best to do. Popek-Hurst said she appreciates Mayor Kehn's offer but wants to ensure the safety of everybody. Mayor Kehn suggested calling GeoTek in Sioux Falls for testing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

Mayor Kehn explained the council decided not to sign next years contract because the contract went stagnant. Bode said he contacted Susan Urban, County auditor, to set up a meeting . The

county commissioners came up with a cap of 3% for 2025's contract price. Bode also let the council know that he has come up with another calculation proposal and will present it to the commissioners on the meeting on May 22nd at 6:30pm. Popek-Hurst asked if we can add additional tasks to the contract to make it better for our payment? Schurz said he believes we can ask for additional coverage on what we need. Mayor Kehn ensured that we can and they usually are present for events that need additional coverage.

REC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mayor Kehn encouraged the council to go out and look at the improvements at the ball diamond complex being made and said it looked very nice. Mayor Kehn entertained a motion to hire Chris Hill and Travis Olsen as ballfield groundskeepers at \$14.50/hr. Schuldt made a motion to hire both Olsen and Hill as groundskeepers for the season. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS-REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor Kehn appointed Jim Nielsen to Ward III. Nielsen stated the oath of office.

Schuldt, Ward I and Schurz Ward II, and Murette, Ward III all recited oaths of office.

Mayor Kehn entertained a motion for president. Murette nominated Bode. Seconded by Schurz cease all other nominations.

Schurz nominated Popek-Hurst for Vice President. Seconded by Nielsen and ceased all other nominations.

Mayor Kehn made the following appointments:

Newspaper-South Dakota Mail

Attorney-Jim Taylor

Building Inspector-Carl Bode

Depository-F&M bank

BARRY'S RAISE

Finance officer Kylee Urban informed the council that Barry Geiman has obtained is water operator certification and should receive a 50-cent raise.

Bode made a motion to give Barry a 50-cent raise with wage to go from \$24.24 to \$24.74. Seconded by Nielsen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE PROPERTY

After a community drive around, Mayor Kehn made a list of properties which need to be addressed. He asked council members to also drive their wards and report back any nuisance properties that need to be taken care of. He has a few that need to be sent letters for demolition, which include Wolfe home 108 E 3RD ST, the Kinyon home 405 N SANBORN, Nicholas Titze house 208 E 1ST ST, Kinyon home-209 E 1ST ST and Heath home 602 E 1ST ST. AND Howards Service 203 E 3RD ST for car cleanup.

AMBULANCE ANNUAL FUNDS

The Plankinton ambulance has asked for their \$5,000 annual funds. This was approved in bills to pay.

FIRST DAY OF POOL SPONSOR

L & L Sanitation has asked to sponsor the first day of pool opening, which is scheduled for May 28th. All entrance fees will be paid. Kehn's Carpet cleaning would like to sponsor the 4th of July.

POOL PRICING

Finance officer Kylee Urban asked the council if all pool pricing will stay the same? The council agreed to keep pricing the same of Family: \$80 for Season; Single: \$55 for Season; \$2 Daily Pass and Lessons \$25.

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Darin Cranny, Maintenance Supt., informed the council that there aren't many updates, but the project will be starting around May 13th instead of May 6th, due to some setbacks. They hope to do a public meeting soon after the start of the project.

CONCESSIONS AT POOL

Popek-Hurst asked for approval to allow a small amount of concessions at the pool, such as water and chips. Council agreed with Mayor Kehn advising the items should be purchased locally.

BUILDING PERMIT

JOE FOX-305 E 1ST ST-CONCRETE POURED-APPROVED; BRAD KEHN-203 E PENNINGTON ST-WATER LINE-APPROVED; CARL BODE-705 PIRATE DR-FRONT PORCH-APPROVED

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

We spent a lot of time on the jail pond project this month. Draining water, hauling dirt, etc. We spent some more time working on the gravel roads to be chip sealed this year, we have more to do before that happens. Had some equipment work this month. A cylinder on the big loader started leaking badly while I was pushing up slope from the jail pond at the east RU site. We got it back to the shop and got 2 cylinders fixed. Also, the main lifting cylinder on the little truck was leaking terribly, we got that off finally, and have it down to be repaired. Also, the water pump quit on the sweeper, I got that replaced soon after. Barry and Chance did get the box removed from the plow pickup; we are preparing for the flatbed to be installed soon. We did some more work at the lagoon this month. I am going to have to start discharging water again because of all the rain. I know our pipes are cracked and leak water, reasons we are getting them repaired/replaced this year. However, there is also a lot of water coming from areas that have newer pvc, and only illegal discharging of sump pumps can cause this much. Our ordinance states there is no discharging of ground water (sump pumps) into the sewer system. I had a couple of days' worth of locating lines to do this month. Chance and Barry got the pool cleaned and ready. I got the mechanical room ready. It is filled and slowly warming up. Hopefully it is warm enough for lifeguard training next week. I have the alligator plumbed for the baby pool. There's a little more to do with that area yet. Barry and I attended 3 days of water distribution training in Mitchell. We spent a few days at the ballfields getting the road gravel peeled up, prepping the area for the shelters, etc. There have been a lot of things done this month. We've been extremely busy moving between different things that need to be done.

An individual has requested approval to cut down some of the dead trees at the city's west restricted use site. Council approved, on the condition they sign a waiver of liability.

ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

We had 3 outages this month. 2 were caused by trees and the wind, we trimmed the trees out of the way. The 3rd outage we found a piece of plastic wrapped up into all 3 phases. Spent time at the ballfields to get them up and going. We got some trash cans from Mt. Vernon that they don't use. They said we could have them since we went over and helped move that pole for them. They have more if we want them, just have to find a time to get them. Dan worked on getting drain holes drilled in, holes in the lids, etc. Stocked up on all the necessities out there, paper towels, soap, TP, ETC. I climbed to the top of the water tower to replace the bulbs and photo eye as I noticed that had quit working. Quite a climb, but the view is pretty awesome. I did run the sweeper a couple of times on main street and some other areas where there are curbs to clean out. We took the mini and skidloader out to dig out for the playground as they are going to pour a concrete foundation around it. We were pricing out posts to block that area off, which it was way cheaper to go with wood posts through the lumber yard. Those are ordered, we ordered nice plastic covers with reflectors to slide off the top of them as well. I have TJ's (Scott Construction) post hole digger for skidloader lined up to

start digging holes. He is letting us rent it for \$100/Day and should be able to get most of them done in 1 or 2 days. I'm hoping to be able to get it done this week if they would come in. We set our tamper from the digger truck to be able to use with the mini or skidloader now as well. Barry and I went up to the pool and pumped out and got it cleaned out over a couple of days. I painted it over a couple of hours shortly after that. We started to fill it about a week after it was painted. A couple of toilets were leaking at the flushing valves, so I had the girls order the parts and have replaced them. Dan has been mowing trying his best to get everything done, but there is a lot of water standing some places and is only able to get what he can. We have helped out as much as we can to keep up at the ballfields as well. He has been getting some grass seed out at the soccer field, poolside, and some of our trenches from this last summer. We were able to get the box off the 2014 F-350 last week. We dry fit the flatbed to see what we all needed to do and have started to get the pickup ready for that. we are working on that as we have time, and during some of these rainy days. I helped Darin and Barry get cylinders on the payloader and little dump truck off/on as they were leaking and had them repaired down in Stickney. Payloader is up and running again, waiting for the cylinder on dump truck to get back. The packer for the mini showed up on Thursday. They got it plumbed into the mini and are able to use quick disconnects on it and should work pretty well. used it on a couple of trenches from the fall and earlier this year and should work very well. I plan on getting some spraying done at the parks and ballfields this week if the weather will cooperate.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

This month has been busy with small things here and there. We have done our monthly reports, bills, payments, checks, minutes and more. I have finished up getting everything I need to over to Betsy for our annual report, the audit will be coming shortly after. I am getting some stuff prepared for this as well. I have also been helping with lifeguard interviews and summer help interviews. I have also been getting things figured out for the pool scheduling and swimming lesson scheduling along with helping lifeguards get training sessions figured out. We will be doing lifeguard training here at the pool on May 16th and 17th. Then we will do WSI/ lifeguard/ticket taker scheduling on May 20th and the lifeguards will do CPR/first aid training shortly after at the pool. I have got dates set up for swimming lessons.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Kehn informed city employees and council that he was asked to provide animal feces bag stations at the parks. He also said he would like Deputy Finance Officer Cindy to go back and find who has donated what to the city, that way we can start keeping a log and if anything donated is being taken out then we can offer the items back to the original donors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Mayor Kehn entertained a motion to enter executive session-personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Nielsen made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. Mayor Kehn declared the council into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 8:51 p.m. No action taken.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Popek-Hurst asked if we can add building cleaning and maintenance to the next agenda?

Nielsen wanted to let the council know that he did push mesh wire over the culverts for the jailpond and he'd like to get cameras out there so we can avoid littering and damage. He also informed the council that he has been asked about domestic animals-including mandarin ducks. The council let him know that they should come to a meeting and ask about this.

Schuldt wanted to inform the council that he doesn't know all the details yet, but Brent Jones and the VFW are looking into seeing if they can get a well near the jailpond operational for pond and fire truck use if needed. They are going to look into what all needs to be done and what the cost will be and try to get this done without any cost to the city.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Brad Kehn,
Mayor

Attest:

Kylee Urban,
Finance Officer