

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Members present included Mayor Brad Kehn, Councilmembers Carl Bode, Jim Nielsen and Magdalena Popek-Hurst. Absent was Terry Schuldt and Jason Schurz. City employees present were Chance Boyd, Darin Cranny and Kylee Urban. Visitors were Kathy Guindon, Tony Erpenbach, JP Studeny and Victoria Czerwinska. Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### BILLS TO PAY

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

AFLAC-EMPLOYEE VOL. INS.-\$363.10; ARAMARK-RUG CONTRACT-\$28.96; L & L SANITATION-GARBAGE SERVICES-\$100.00; STEVES WELDING-SUPPLY-\$17.30; OVERWEG AUTO-REPAIRS/SUPPLIES-\$454.04; AVERA HEALTH PLANS-EMPLOYEE INS.-\$5376.36; USA BLUE BOOK-SUPPLIES-\$2387.43; BORDER STATES-ELECTRICAL SUPPLY-\$3273.38; DARRINGTON WATER-DRINKING WATER-\$6.35; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS-SUPPLIES-\$991.62; MENARDS-SUPPLIES-\$182.43; SPN & ASSOC.-DESIGNS-\$2701.71; WESCO-ELEC. SUPPLIES-\$66.00; TITAN MACHINERY- MINI EXCAV LEASE-\$1558.48; SOUTHEAST SD TOURISM ASSOC.-ANNUAL DUES=\$265.00; SHAFER MEMORIAL-HEADSTONE REPAIR-\$300.00; HAWKINS-POOL CHEMICAL-\$1902.94; THAT MEXICAN GUY CONSTRUCTION-CEMENT WORK-\$9041.34; AURORA-BRULE WATER-WATER PURCHASE-\$11360.80; RONS MARKET-SUPPLIES-\$291.41; SD MAIL-ADVERTISING-\$1609.56; VISA-SUPPLIES-\$4658.79; KASE BROUWER-CEMETERY MOWING-\$4200.00; BARRY GEIMAN-SDRS REIMB.-\$953.54

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Guindon came in to represent Modern Woodman. She asked the council if they would be okay with doing a little library in front of city hall. The library would be made by them and placed out front and stocked with books. This library would be free for anybody to take a book and return it, take a book, or leave a donated book. She also asked if the council would be okay with doing a couple of fundraisers for the library for a new depository box. The students would do a blackout bingo game and a reverse raffle and Modern Woodman would match what they make. Nielsen made a motion to approve all 3 suggestions. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### NEW STREET NAMES

Tony Erpenbach came in to discuss the naming of the streets in the development the townhomes are being built. He wanted to continue the streets Pennington St and State St. and name the new street Maple Street. Bode made a motion to accept the new street's name as Maple Street. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## POOL GATE

Diana Spinar had come to the office with a concern of no gate between the baby pool and the big pool, she was concerned with the time it would take to get to the baby pool from the big pool for lifeguards in case of an emergency. Darin said this would not be a good idea, being the fence is so close to the deep end, he would be more worried about a small child getting into the deep end of the big pool.

## SUMMER HELP

Bode made a motion to accept the applications and hire Ali Wieczorek and Jacey Kemp for part time lifeguards at \$12.50/hr due to past lifeguard experience and hire Mason Karst at \$12.00. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Ackerman offered to do summer help when he is available to do so. Mayor Kehn suggested getting a 2-week schedule to see how the scheduling would work. Darin said he may not be needed with as little rain there has been.

Mayor Kehn entertained a motion to raise the summer ball salary to a total of \$250 per coach bringing their yearly salary budget to \$2,000.00 per year. Nielsen made a motion to accept. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Elain Schabot applied to help fill in at the RU site when and if needed. Nielsen made a motion to hire Elaine Schabot as fill in for \$12.00/hour. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Popek-Hurst made a motion to hire Elaine Schabot as fill in help for \$12.50/hour. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## GOLDEN WEST CONTRACT 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND ADOPTION

Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve and adopt the Golden West contract. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## PICKLEBALL COURT

Bode and Nielsen have been looking into options for the pickleball court and would like to go with a permanent court setup. Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve \$1500.00 in expenses for materials for the pickleball court with labor to set up being donated. Seconded by Nielsen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## DISTRICT III STATEMENT OF EXTENSION

Mayor Kehn asked for the council's approval to sign the statement of extension for District III so we can continue their assistance and services. Nielsen made a motion to allow Mayor Kehn to sign the statement of extension for 2024. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## JUNE & JULY MEETINGS

Mayor Kehn suggested the city follow the county on their holiday schedule for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the county takes it off the city will as well. The council agreed.

## ARPA MONEY

Mayor Kehn reported to the council that the city has to use the ARPA money by 2026 and we should be getting it spent or they will take it back. He told the council he did not want to give city employees a raise or bonus, as it would look bad since the city just increased water and electrical rates. He suggested maybe hiring out temporary people for other jobs around town and would like the council to consider this option and get back to him with suggestions or opinions.

#### NUISANCE PROPERTY

Mayor Kehn reported to the council that the Unruh house is in the works to be torn down as well as the other two properties that have been in progress for a while now. He also reported that letters will soon need to be sent out for mowing issues.

#### MAINT. SUPT. REPORT

Darin Cranny reported: I spent some time at the Briggs development with the lift station wet well as it was being installed. The dry well still needs to be installed and will be done soon. The water mains are done along with the sewer mains. Anna and I both attended pool school this month. We both passed our tests, so now all 4 of us are qualified to run the pool. This is good for 5 years. Most of my entire month has been up at the pool. That is up and running well. My baby pool plan worked out even better than I anticipated. I'm very happy with that. We are probably closer to 15,000 dollars into the work we did instead of the 10,000 I guessed. Not a surprise after all we did. I know they had money for it, and I talked with Melissa about the additional costs. They are purchasing a new covered bench for that area. We left 2-12-inch holes in the concrete for the posts for that bench when it comes in. They are also looking at purchasing a kiddie slide to go in that pool area. The baby pool fix is a permanent fix. The big pool still needs to be done at some point. We need to be looking for grant opportunities for this as the cost will be more than we can deal with ourselves. We still have 2 old sand filters at the pool and have 2 new ones we installed this year. I'd like to get rid of the 2 old ones as soon as we can. Maybe we can buy one each of the next 2 years. They are around \$3,000 dollars each with sand. I ordered a couple of new goal posts with nets for the soccer field. They are not expensive ones compared to what some cost. I think they were around 300 bucks a piece. The grass didn't take off as good as I hoped, no rain sure doesn't help. It is mostly green though, even if it is quite weedy. Once they come in, I'm going to get them set up over there and let people play soccer on the field. It's as ready as it's going to be this year. I would like to get at least 1 if not 2 port-a-potties over there. The bathrooms there are disgusting at best. We need to have sufficient bathrooms for people until we can get new ones over there. Our generator behind city hall has not been running for a few months. It will not start. I'm not sure what is wrong with it. Seems to be getting fuel, oil level is ok, etc. However, the cooling system is BAD. I went to top off the radiator and inside the cap is more rust than metal anymore. That is for sure into the motor's cooling system. I don't know how much money we want to tie up into this after seeing that. This is not a storm shelter, so do we really need a big generator like that? We were talking about just having a smaller portable one that we could set up if necessary. Thoughts? On the generator side, we will need to purchase 2 more small ones for sure, maybe 3 if we decide on city hall. We will need to have 1 each available for our lift stations in case of a power outage. These would be under 1000 dollars each. If we don't have them and we lose power for any decent time that 1000 dollars each is not much money to keep a lift station running. I purchased some new hoses and fittings for our 3-inch trash pumps and for the water truck this month. We've had new pumps for a couple of years, but never had any good hoses

and fittings. Again, we need to be prepared, you never know when you need things like this in an emergency. (Heavy rains, flooding, lift station problems, etc).

#### ELEC. SUPT. REPORT

Chance Boyd reported: We had one outage caused by a dove this month. Only shut power down to 1 house. A lot of work at the pool. Taking the old concrete/fence out, putting in new fence, grounding new fence, and painting the big pool. Barry and I were able to go through the alley way between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sanborn to Campbell and take down all the old line and poles through that alley way. We have a couple poles to pick up but planning to use them for some streetlights. We trenched in 4 sets of streetlights along Campbell/Union street. These will need to be finished up at some point but just trying to get as much in the ground as we can right now. I will hook everything up once we get a little slower or if need something to do in between projects. Started doing underground at the Briggs Development last week. will spend most of this week out there trying to finish up what I can. Looking at just buying new poles for streetlights out there. I don't have any decent ones right now that aren't spoken for other areas. I will just buy them from Central Electric at a cost of \$690/Ea. From the Briggs development the line loops out to the West from Pam Vissia's then to Donnie Scotts. We got behind Pam's buried last week. I just got locates sent in to get to Donnie Scotts this morning. I'm hoping once done out in the development to go West until I get to our Junction box. Then that will go from there back to the Courthouse. I ordered Transformers last year and still haven't seen them. At this point we are just getting it buried and getting the pads put into place.

#### MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Kehn reported that the pool needs a new radio, as they've been using Carters personal one. He also asked the council to consider the idea of hiring out temporary workers to help better the town using the ARPA funds. Mayor Kehn also reported that people have been asking about taking trees from the dump site for wood burning and other uses. The council agreed this would not be a good idea in case of infestation or other problems with the wood. Mayor Kehn asked the council their thoughts on adding cameras to the front of city hall to face both ways on Main Street, this idea came up due to all the black marks on the streets. Kehn asked the council if they were okay with blocking part of Main Street on Alumni weekend for a Car Show. The council agreed that this would be okay. Kehn also reported that he has spoken with other towns about the Contract of Law and would like to make some changes once the contract is received.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERONNEL AS PER SDCL 1-25-2 (1)

Mayor Kehn entertained a motion to enter executive session. Nielsen made a motion to enter executive session-personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Seconded by Popek-Hurst.

Mayor Kehn declared the meeting out of executive session at 8:33pm. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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Brad Kehn, Mayor

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ATTEST: Kylee Urban, Finance Officer

