

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton city council met in special session on Thursday, July 20th, 2023.

Members present were Mayor Brad Kehn, Councilmembers Jason Schurz, Magdalena Popek-Hurst, Jim Nielsen and Carl Bode. The city employee present was Kylee Urban. Visitors included Sheriff Roman Briggs, Deputy Kyle Ness, Carter Davis, Skyler Kehn, Gayle Van Genderen Studeny, Attorney James Taylor and the President of Stickney's Board of Trustees Jay Bruinsma.

Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

BILLS TO PAY

Popek-Hurst made a motion to allow the finance officer to pay the bills. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

USA BLUE BOOK-SEWER SUPPLY-\$448.89; TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES-COPIER CONTRACT-\$172.90; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-WATER TESTING-\$15.00; DARRINGTON-OFFICE WATER-\$6.55; VISION SERVICE PLAN-EMPL. VISION INS.-\$167.26; PAXTON NEDVED-LIFEGUARD REIMB-\$238.25; OVERWEG AUTO-MOWER SUPPLIES/REPAIR-\$255.61; LOCATORS & SUPPLIES-SUPPLIES-\$412.75; BARNES & NOBLE-BOOK PURCHASE-\$12.00; SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION-FUEL PURCHASE-\$73.25; AFLAC-EMPL. VOL. INS.-\$181.55; NORTHWESTERN PIPE FITTING-SEWER SUPPLY-\$7396.55; SD 811-MESSAGE FEES-\$10.50; CENTRAL ELECTRIC-WHEELING FEES/RAMP LIGHTING-\$1477.26; HEARTLAND POWER-POWER PURCHASE-\$24032.32; EAST RIVER ELEC-WHEELING FEES-\$3534.30; DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-POWER PURCHASE-\$12456.56; MCLEODS-OFFICE SUPPLIES-\$95.90; TITAN MACHINERY-DAMAGE ON LEASED EQUIP.-\$2568.98; HAWKINS-POOL CHEMICAL-\$1136.30; PIONEER DESIGN-DECALS-\$170.00; CARRIE BRINK-REIMB.-\$489.78; BULTSMA AGENCY-INSURANCE-\$24.00; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF REV-STATE TAX-\$4135.18

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Skyler Kehn came in to voice his opinion on the pool. He said he thinks the pool is a really good addition to the city and we should do whatever it takes to make sure the pool stays open. Mayor Kehn let him know that we do plan to increase wages and will announce them ahead of time for the next season, so people are interested.

CONTRACT OF LAW

Sheriff Roman Briggs came in to discuss the contract of law. He wanted to start out by saying he felt disappointed with the city council for not inviting him to the meeting to discuss this. He also felt it was not right to discuss this in private in the executive session instead of publicly so the public can know what is going on.

Mayor Kehn responded by telling Sheriff Briggs that there was no reason to invite him to this meeting because the council wanted to discuss the contract with the attorney.

Sheriff Briggs again shared his concern about this not being a public discussion. He also let the council know that if there is anything they need to discuss to call him about it.

Sheriff Briggs then went on to discuss the way the cost is broken down and explained that nobody wants to work in a small community when they can go to Sioux Falls and make twice as much. That's why there has been a shortage of deputies. Also, if the city would not sign the contract, then they would no longer enforce our ordinances and we would be charged for every in-city call.

Mayor Kehn told Sherriff Briggs that it would have been nice to know that the contract was going to increase in price.

Sheriff Briggs responded by telling him that going behind his back to speak with the attorney, he opted out of his input. "It is extremely confusing when last time I told you my door was open to discuss anything", he said.

Deputy Kyle Ness also added "Before you approach your attorney, I would think you'd like to go over stuff with us first".

City of Stickney's President of the Board of Trustee's Jay Bruinsma asked Roman when they would be getting a deputy living in Stickney?

Sheriff Briggs let him know that they had one set up and was ready for him to go live there and then he quit at the last minute, so they are still trying.

Mayor Kehn ended with "I think we should go through the contract. This meeting is nothing against you guys, just what we need to do. But thank you guys for what you do."

DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER CINDY GEIMAN'S ANNIVERSARY RAISE

Finance Officer Kylee explained to the council that Cindy Geiman, Deputy Finance Officer will be eligible for her annual 50-cent raise at the end of August. Schurz made a motion to approve Cindy's annual 50-cent raise bringing her to \$18.24/hr. Seconded by Nielsen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET ORDINANCE 7-2023

Finance officer Kylee explained to the council that this ordinance will just give us more time to do our annual budget and instead of needing it done in August we will have until November.

Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve the first reading. Seconded by Nielsen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL AS PER SDCL 1-25-2(3)

Nielsen made a motion to enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. with Attorney James Taylor present. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 8:23 pm.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL AS PER SDCL 1-25-2(1)

Mayor Kehn entertained a motion to enter executive session. Nielsen made a motion to enter executive session at 8:35 p.m. with head lifeguard Carter Davis present. Seconded by Popek-Hurst

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Kehn and Carter Davis reported the last day of the pool will be August 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Brad Kehn,
Mayor

Attest:
Kylee Urban,
Finance Officer