

City Council Proceedings

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2019. Mayor John J Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call recorded the following members present: Pam Vissia, Brad Kehn, Jim Hinckley & Terry Schuldt. Member Susan Steele was absent. City employees present were Jeanette Smith, Darin Cranny, Chance Boyd & Kylee Guindon. Visitors present were Alan Birmeier, Melissa Davis, Doug & Leah Vissia, Jeff & Natalie Briggs, Jason Shurz. Representing South Dakota Mail was Gayle VanGenderen.

Schuldt moved to approve the amended agenda, with a second from Kehn. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were noted.

Head lifeguard, Kylee Guindon, gave a pool update that included that two sessions of swimming lessons were now complete with an above average attendance; other issues & concerns; & that most college age lifeguards would be returning to school soon, along with the high school age lifeguards as well. A season closing date was decided to be Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 8 p.m. The council thanked Kylee & her staff for a good season & hope that all guards will return next season.

Melissa Davis, representing the Pool Improvement Committee, gave an update on monies available for the new pool house; donations that will still be received; they will sponsor a chalk contest at Pheasantfest & the Queen of Hearts fundraiser.

Visitor Alan Birmeier addressed the council as to concerns he has about certain areas of a draft of the garbage ordinance. The council reassured him that they will have everyone's best interest(s) in mind in preparing the updated ordinance.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular meeting, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 special meeting, with a second from Kehn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kehn moved to approve payment of the following:

AmeriPride-rug contract-66.30; Aurora-Brule Rural Water-July water purchase & debt retirement-10,919.50; Border States-supp/mat-1707.60; Clay Brouwer-5 cemetery mowings-6000.00; Hawkins-supp/mat-925.37; MMUA-overhead school-465.00; Menards-supp/mat-173.47; NW Pipe Fittings-supp/mat-500.59; Irby-supp/mat-1525.65; Dakota Pump-maintenance-1320.16; SD Mail-July publishing-260.68; Ron's Market-supp/mat-62.90; Banes & Noble-library books-303.32; Roadside C-Store-supp/mat-849.46; CHS Farmers Alliance-supp/mat-60.00; Golden West Tele-June billiing-398.38; Heartland Cons Power Dist-June & July loan payments-4966.72; July Bi-Weekly Payroll-14,563.61; July Pool Payroll-5716.11; July Cemetery/Parks Payroll-2645.88; Coaches-2nd half payroll-4155.75; July 941 Taxes-7371.11; Postalia TDC-postage-500.00; McLeod's Printing-supp/mat-39.99; Roadside C-Store-supp/mat-1109.55; Tech Solutions-IT Contract-690.00; Dept of Energy-June power purchase-10,693.31; Central Electric-June wheeling fees-1283.76; East River Electric Power-June wheeling fees-3410.40; Vision Service Plan-employee vision ins-815.80; SDDL UNemp Ins Div-2nd qtr taxes-144.53; Wealth Mgmt Team-2nd qtr water/sewer loan payment-19,009.17; SD Dept of Revenue-June sales tax-3524.77;

Konechne H&C-Sr Center maint-210.06; SD One Call-June message fees-31.50; SDRS-July state retirement-2182.40; A-Ox Welding Supply-supply/mat-18.25; M&L Repair-rep/maint-89.00; Santel Comm-web billing-31.19; Tech Solutions-IT contract-690.00; Plankinton Builder's Supply-supply/mat-1136.19; Bultsma Agency-2019-2020 insurance-15,794.00; Bultsma Agency-fire dept insurance-3899.00. Schuldt seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jeff & Natalie Briggs gave an update of their proposed new home development addition. They requested a public hearing to vacate streets involved. Vissia moved, with a second from Kehn to set this public hearing at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All voted aye, motion carried.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next regular meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Kehn approved the following building permits of Kourtney Schamens for a fence @ 303 E 2nd; John & Susan Steele to replace house entrance @ 110 N Vine; John & Pam VanGorp for a deck & garage @ 1000 E Meadow Dr; Leah & Doug Vissia for a 'she shed' @ 100 @ 7th; Joe & Amity Fox for a cement extended driveway @ 305 E 1st; Lyle & Amy Sutherland for a new home construction @ 507 E 3rd.

The Mayor introduced visitor Jason Shurz as showing interest in the vacant Ward II position & noted that he was here to observe.

A Contractor's Application for Payment No. Three, Change Order No. Three & certificate of Substantial Completion was presented for payment from SPN & Associates to 3-D Digging & Trucking, LLC in the amount of \$30,484.68. Hinckley moved to approve, with a second from Schuldt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Pay Estimate No. 2 for the Electric Distribution Improvements 2019 was presented for payment to Karian Peterson Power Line Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$124,796.51. Vissia moved to approve, with a second from Kehn. All voted aye, motion carried.

The SDML Annual Conference will be held on October 8 – 11, 2019 in Aberdeen. Please let Jeanette know if you will be attending.

Hinckley moved to approve a .50/cent per hour raise to Eileen Sorsen, who has now completed her 4th year as a full time employee, in accordance to the wage scale. Her new wage will be 18.56/hour, effective August 6, 2019. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Mayor & Chance shared that the new electrical bucket will be delivered on September 13, 2019. Funding for the truck was discussed, after discussion Hinckley moved to obtain a loan from Great Western Bank in Mitchell. Schuldt seconded the motion. Roll call recorded the following: Kehn, Hinckley & Schuldt, aye. Naye, none. Vissia abstained from the discussion & vote. Motion carried.

The Mayor's report included checked with the County Auditor regarding insurance of the Ag buildings; a recent storm downed a tree at the Cemetery which damaged two flag poles & knocked over a headstone; attended Heartland Cons Power District meeting; upcoming study meetings regarding SB 66; in regards to on-line sales taxes, the state can't define where sales tax is definitely coming from with the new Amazon tax guidelines; when we have meter alerts consumers are being contacted.

The Maintenance Sup't report included the new playground equipment will be installed soon; chip sealing is scheduled for August 19; mosquito fogging; working on budget; attending a FEMA meeting; getting the ballfield read for baseball tournaments; raising water valves; street work, checked into leasing a mini excavator & a skid loader. He also informed the council about the lagoon pumps, which are very old & worn. After discussion, Vissia moved to order three new lagoon pumps. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Electrical Sup't report included that the underground electrical project is coming close to the end; load management will get set up within a month; there were five outages last month; overhead school is Sept 10-13; DGR Engineering will be here to help set the settings on our new switch in the old substation; lots of locates.

The Finance Officer's report included the monthly reports; bank holdings; working once again with Core & Main to get the Sensus reading report correct; all meters were read manually once again this month; she will cook a dish for Pheasantfest & Joe will serve it; waiting on the insurance company to see if they will cover the damage at the Cemetery from a previous storm; District III committee meeting will be held in Mitchell on August 29; a thank you from Aurora County Historical Society for the purchase of their new history book.

Ordinance No. 247 - 2020 Appropriations Ordinance was given first reading. Any potential changes should be brought to the attention of the finance officer before Friday, August 30. Second reading & adoption will be during the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

At 8:40 pm, the Mayor asked for a motion to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Kehn moved, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

At 8:50 pm, the Mayor declared to enter back into regular session, with no action taken.

Vissia made a statement of concern that a local business person came into the city hall office recently & yelled obscenities regarding all city employees, mayor & council members. Let it be known that no one needs to be spoken to like that & that the Mayor & council stand behind their employees 100%. She also stated that law enforcement had been notified. The finance officer also added that law enforcement has viewed footage of the surveillance cameras.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Signed: John J Staller, Mayor

Attest: Jeanette Smith, Finance Officer