

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council held a regular meeting Monday, August 7th, 2023 at city hall. Members present were Mayor Brad Kehn, Council people Magdalena Popek-Hurst, Carl Bode and Jason Schurz.

City employees were Finance Officer Kylee Urban and Maintenance Supt. Darin Cranny. Visitors included Gayle Van Genderen Studeny, Brian Reis, Dave Saville, Todd Karst, Jim Nielsen and Clint Bultmsa. Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

BILLS TO PAY

Bode made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SPN & ASSOC.-BRIGGS LIFT STATION-\$600.00; OVERWEG AUTO-SUPPLIES/REPAIR-\$353.32; RUNNINGS-SUPPLIES-\$586.93; NORTHWESTERN PIPE FITTINGS-MANHOLE FRAME-\$568.22; L & L SANITATION-GARBAGE-\$100.00; RINKER- SUPPLIES-\$472.81; HAWKINS-POOL CHEMICAL-\$981.00; TRUE NORTH STEEL-CULVERTS-\$6145.20; ARAMARK-RUG CONTRACT-\$33.30; KROHMER AGENCY-FIRE DEPT. INS.-\$4039.00; TODD KARST-MASON LIFEGUARD REIMB-\$200.00; CARTER DAVIS-POOL SUPPLY REIMB/LESSONS-\$86.11; CHARLES MILLER-LITTLE LIBRARY REPAIR-\$150.00; AVERA HEALTH PLANS-EMPL. INS.-\$5376.36; DELTA DENTAL-EMPLOYEE DENTAL INS.-\$366.10; BORDER STATES-ELEC. SUPPLIES-\$4307.97; GUARDIAN-EMPLOYEE LTD, STD & LIFE-\$414.98; SD GOVT. FIN. OFFICER ASSOC.-F.O. SCHOOLING-\$75.00; GWORKS-PUBLIC USERS-\$159.00; KASE BROUWER-CEMETERY MOWING-\$4200.00; SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY-\$97.50; M & L REPAIR-SUPPLIES/REPAIR-\$210.36; CROUCH RECREATIONAL-POOL BENCH-\$7822.00; SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS-WEB HOST-\$119.40; ROADSIDE-FUEL PURCHASES-\$654.13; SCHOENFELDER PORTABLES-PORTABLE TOILETS-\$480.00; RON'S MARKET-SUPPLIES-\$110.25; VANESSA HOFFMAN-POOL SUPPLY REIMB.-\$5.31; AURORA CO. REG. OF DEEDS-DEED FILE-\$90.00; VISA-SUPPLIES-\$1527.69; GOLDEN WEST-UTILITIES-\$482.53; PLANKINTON LUMBER-SUPPLIES-\$694.82; KYLEE URBAN-REAVEL REIMB.-\$109.98; BRANDT MCCALL-METER DEP. REIMB.-\$104.72; BARRY GEIMAN-TRAVEL REIMB-\$25.54; SOUTH DAKOTA MAIL-ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING-\$808.66; TECH SOLUTIONS-EQUIP. BUYOUT/IT-\$2473.00

MINUTES

Bode made a motion to approve the past meetings minutes. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Karst came to voice his concern on sewer rates. He said he doesn't understand why he is paying for something he's not using. He would just like the sewer rates to be the way they were in the past when they were averaged. Dave Saville came in to voice the same concern and asked why we had not notified the city residents of this before it happened. Mayor Kehn explained that the resolution was in the newspaper and there was time for people to come discuss this.

Brian Reis came in to discuss his concern about water restrictions. He said that we should have a different step by step plan on how to go about water restrictions. He felt we had jumped too far right away on the restrictions and should have gone about it differently.

Brian Reis also came in to discuss the possibility of using some city land to hold mud races next year for the Plankinton Service Club. The city agreed it's a great idea and they would love to see it in town, the only concern is where they would like to do this, is where we will be storing material and dirt for the upcoming sewer project. Brian said he will look for a couple of different places that may be possible. Mayor Kehn let Brian know that we will help with whatever we can and to just let us know what they need.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve and adopt the 2nd reading of the budget resolution. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 7-2023

An Ordinance Establishing a Schedule for Introduction and Adoption of the Annual Municipal Budget Ordinance of the City of Plankinton, South Dakota

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Plankinton, South Dakota, as follows:

I.

Introduction and Adoption of Annual Municipal Budget Ordinance.

- A. Pursuant to SDCL 9-21-34, the annual municipal budget ordinance shall be submitted to the City Council for first reading not later than the first regular meeting in November.
- B. The second reading of the annual municipal budget ordinance shall be held at least five days after the first reading.
- C. The annual municipal budget ordinance shall be published prior to December 31st following adoption.

II.

Any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

First Reading: July 20th, 2023

Second Reading: August 7th, 2023

Published: August 17th, 2023

City of PLANKINTON,
SOUTH DAKOTA

Brad Kehn,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kylee Urban,
Finance Officer

BALLFIELD FEMA REIMBURSEMENT MONEY

Maintenance Supt. Darin Cranny wanted to discuss the money we received back from FEMA for the derecho that hit Plankinton last year. He explained that we received back around \$26,000 for ballfield damage. He wants to know the council's thoughts on buying two sets of ADA compliant bleachers for the ballfields? He said it would be great for anybody disabled to feel like part of the crowd. Each bleacher set would cost around \$10,000. He suggested getting two so we could have one at each field. This discussion is tabled until the next meeting to give the council time to think.

ARPA FUNDS

Mayor Kehn reported that he had a meeting with Plankinton Fire Chief Jeff Briggs about what the ambulance and fire departments needs are. We have gotten requests from both the fire department and ambulance for equipment, and he thinks it's best to just give them both money so they can spend it as they need it. He proposed giving the ambulance \$20,000 for a motorized patient cot and the fire department \$40,000 for miscellaneous firefighting equipment. He would also like to spend some money on some Main Street beautification. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting to give the council some time to think.

COMMERCE STREET

Mayor Kehn reported that the Elevator did the calcium chloride on July 14th and then did it again recently, as the first time didn't seem to take correctly. He also reported some concerns about this among residents as well and found that the contract didn't ever get signed by both the city and Mr. Page. Mayor Kehn said it would be best if the city performs the road applications because there is traffic from a lot of businesses on that road and not just the elevator. So the city will look into different options for the street.

CEMETERY FENCE

The Finance Officer Kylee let the council know that there have been some concerns on the cemetery fence money raised by the pie social, wondering why the fence is not done yet? Supt. Darin let the council know that he has actually been working on that and trying to figure out what all is needed and pricing.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

Clint Bultsma of Bultsma Insurance Agency came in to discuss the city's commercial auto, general liability, commercial property and inland marine insurance with Continental Western Group and the changes of the renewal. The renewal went up \$6,313.00 for a total annual premium for \$31,627. Schurz made a motion to continue with CWG renewal plan. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Schurz made a motion to enter executive session at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 7:41 p.m. No action taken.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILPERSON

WARD III, JIM NIELSEN

Schurz made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SCOTT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PAY

Schurz made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract of pay to T.J. Scott Construction for the Lift Station. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COST OF LIVING RAISE

Popek-Hurst made a motion to suggest a 4% cost of living raise for city employees only to establish the budget and decide the actual cost of living raise later on. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCE OFFICER KYLEE'S RAISE

Schurz made a motion to give Kylee Urban, Finance Officer, her 50-cent per hour annual anniversary raise with her wage increasing from \$20.80 to \$21.30 per hour. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ELECTRIC SUPT. CHANCE'S RAISE

Popek-Hurst made a motion to raise Chance Boyd, Elect. Superintendent's pay from \$30.12 per hour to \$36.00 per hour for completing his schooling. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE SUPT. DARIN CRANNY'S REPORT

I had my normal checks for the pool every day. It is closed for the season. All in all, I think it was a good season. We had no shutdowns for mechanical or water quality reasons. The water tower draining, and maintenance went very well. It is in great shape yet, there was nothing that needed to be done to it. We did have to replace the drain valve once it was empty. I had a very hard time getting it open. Chance and I replaced it the morning before the crew showed up for maintenance. There was a mistake on grave digging this month. Gary was there to dig a grave and was told by a family member that they did not want it there. He moved it to a spot he was told it would be ok. I went out there and it was in a spot it couldn't be. I called Gary and he could not get back here to dig a different one as he had vehicle troubles. The burial was at 10 am the next day so I got everything ready late afternoon/early evening and came in at 5:30 the next morning and dug it myself in a different location that we talked to the family member about, and he decided on. It was the first time I've ever dug a full grave myself, but it went ok. I got done just in time as they were there to get it set up as I was finishing. We had some issues with the Vine St. lift station this month. That caused me to flush all the sewer lines in and around that area again not long after I had just flushed. We should not have to worry about that anymore as that has all been rebuilt. It was rebuilt on the 26th and 27th of this month. Chance got his part ready before they came that week. It went smoothly. This was part of the new sewer project and is paid for with our grant and loan money. The Briggs lift station should be done before the next meeting. I hope anyway. I spent some time investigating culverts that need to be replaced, especially in the areas where the roads will be torn up for sewer line replacement. I have talked with our engineer about this and once we have a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, we can decide how this will be done. There will be the option of just having them replace them as they come to them, or we can do it after they finish an area before the road is finished. We can also buy them ahead of time or the contractor can get them. This will all be discussed, and the best option will be used. I have bought a good number of culverts already this month. We are going to start replacing some that are not on the roads that will be torn up. This is something that has been neglected for a long time. With the equipment we have now we can do it fairly easily. I also talked with Travis about where the new bin is being built. We need to replace a culvert in that area on Commerce St. Right now, it is an old 8-inch metal culvert. I'm going to try and get a 12 inch in there, and I will probably go with a concrete one. They come in 8-foot sections; we could do this too. It will cost about \$1000 to buy this one, but with the amount of heavy truck traffic and little cover over the top it would be the smart way to go. I haven't ordered this one yet, I want to be sure it's going to work before I do. There is going to be a new driveway built over there, I discussed how I would like the water drainage to work with Travis. This is the reason I want to put the culvert in I'm talking about. Barry made 3 trips to Mitchell quarry to get 2 different sizes of rock one day. I also sent him and Anna with 2 pickups and trailers to Huron to get the culverts I wanted to start with. He also made a trip to Mitchell to pick up a manhole. We are using this to replace the storm drain across the road from the bank one that we replaced last year. This one is in terrible shape, the lid won't stay on it, and it's just an old 24-inch piece of drainpipe used as a storm drain. It will be nice when its done. We plan on doing this tomorrow. I also replaced a top of one on the northeast side of the catholic church by the alley. This used to be one of those homemade concrete tops that keeps breaking. I bought a new cast iron top and did it right this time so hopefully we don't have to worry about it anymore. There were so many chunks of concrete in the bottom of that storm drain from other tops breaking in the past, it was a pain to get all cleaned out. I used our vac and got it all cleaned. Chance and Barry worked on a storm drain that wasn't draining on Campbell St. They got that one draining. Anna and I also replaced a storm drain top on the corner of 2nd and Campbell St. That also was an old concrete one that kept getting broken. I put a cast iron piece on that one also, so it should be good. There was also a storm drain at the intersection of 1st and Vine on the southwest corner that was buried under dirt. I had no idea this was there, I happened to find it while investigating culverts. Barry and Chance had the vac out cleaning the first one I mentioned, and then they cleaned that one all out too. Anna and I replaced the concrete piece on top as it was broken and raised it up some too so it should be ok for now. We put the mower on the tractor, and I got the lagoon all mowed. I also mowed the creek. I did this

with the red regular mower raised all the way up. I knew there were some rocks in the creek, but I was careful and got it all mowed. I then marked the rocks and dug them up and filled the holes with dirt. I dug up about a loader bucket full of rock. I spent a decent amount of time in the creek. There was also still a big wood beam and some metal brackets where the old bridge used to be. I cut the brackets out and removed the beam and cleaned up that area too. My intentions were to get it to a point where we can hopefully keep it mowed and not let it get 3 feet tall or more. It's rough in areas, but if you go slow with the mower raised up all the way it is now for sure possible to do this as long as it's dry. I spent some time figuring out how we can spend the Fema money we got for the ballfields. We got 26 thousand and change from them. That money was to replace the fence that the bleacher flipped over, replace the bleacher, and replace the visitor's dugout on the west field. The fence is done. I will rebuild the dugout this fall. We need to discuss the bleachers. We have no ADA bleachers there. I do not know if you think we should. We need to buy at least one bleacher since I turned one in to Fema, and we got money for it. If we just get another one like what we have now it is about 7-8000 dollars. If we decide we should have ADA compliant bleachers, we should have 2. One for the west field, one for the big field that could be moved to the east field if there is a younger kid's tournament. Those are about 10 thousand each, so that would take care of most of our money if we went that way. Other options are to chip in any extra money for a bigger water line to go out there or replace the fencing on the east field that is very old. I'm sure there are other things too, these are just a couple of options I have right now. I spent about a day total doing some work and mowing at both RU sites. Barry and I have the maintainer blade about rebuilt. I mentioned how it got bent badly. We got to looking at it and Barry said it looks built the same on both top and bottom. I looked at it also and we decided to just flip it upside down and mount the blades on the other side. We are getting the cylinder rebuilt now, once that comes back, we'll put it back together and see if our plan works. I had to drill 27 – 11/16 holes in the 7/8-inch steel to mount the blades, that took a while.

ELECT. SUPT CHANCE BOYD'S REPORT

We had 4 outages this last month. A couple happened during some of the storms we had. The others were nuisance outages from trees. We went through and trimmed trees that were in the lines and this has seemed to help so far. With these outages we did finish up some underground we had started last summer. Buried 3 more houses that had a line running through the back yard in some trees. This was on the corner of Pearl and 2nd. Everyone is cut over on that block now and the overhead is de-energized. We will work on getting the old line down in between other projects or this fall/winter. The underground along 7th street is done for now. I have a few people to cut over to the new underground still. I had to stop here to get the stuff done on pearl and 2nd. Later this month I plan to go from 7th to the courthouse still to get the loop finished up. The Governors house the Development Board bought came in a couple weeks ago. We trenched in a line for it the day it got set down. Waiting on the electrician to hook it up. I attended a bucket truck rescue training in Wessington Springs on the 27th. Our next training will be in December and will be able to have our grounds and hot sticks tested. We need to look into replacing our digger truck. Any time we use it we are replacing hydraulic lines on it and replacing/fixing different things. It is also way too big for what we really need also. I talked with Central, they are getting a new digger truck at some point and will surplus the one that is here in town. There is no set date on any of that as of now, but we should consider looking into it. They thought they usually go for \$10-\$15k. Overwegs does most of the maintenance on it and has been well cared for. We would need to keep it inside from getting weathered. We don't need an answer now, just more of a heads up. I sent out the camera quotes a month ago to all of you. Let me know what you want to do and I will get ahold of the camera company either way and let them know. Did do some drain cleaning with the vac this last month. Quite a few of them that were completely full and weren't draining very good. This month seemed to fly by. Mostly stuck with underground all month other than some rain days where we did some little things around town.

MAYOR BRAD KEHN'S REPORT

Mayor Kehn wanted to start his report by apologizing for the last meeting. He said nobody deserved that and he let inaccurate information get to him. He let the council know that he set up a meeting with Finance Officer Kylee and Sheriff Roman Briggs and he felt it went very well. He also wanted to let the council know that he is appointing Carl Bode as the Contract of Law Liaison. Mayor Kehn also reported that he has spoken with Gayle Van Genderen about the process of having the council seats at large so you wouldn't have to have two people in each ward and decided against this for now. Ms. Van Genderen said the wards are districted by population, creating equal representation across the city. It was stated all of the council seats are up for election on a regular basis. Mayor Kehn reported he has been following up on some of the nuisance properties. He also reported that he has all the employee reviews that they will go over at a later date. Finance Officer Kylee let the council know the new technology equipment should be set up within a few weeks.

CONTRACT OF LAW LIAISON

Mayor Kehn appointed Carl Bode as Contract of Law Liaison. Councilperson Bode will act as the city representative and will address any city concerns directly and meet regularly with Sheriff Roman Briggs regarding the city's contract law services.

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

Bode made a motion to enter executive session at 8:24 p.m. Seconded by Schurz.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 8:45p.m.

No action taken

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Brad Kehn,
Mayor

Attest:
Kylee Urban,
Finance Officer