

City Council Proceedings

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Mayor John J Staller called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call recorded the following members present: Pam Vissia, Susan Steele, Jim Hinckley. Member Terry Schuldt arrived at 7:00 pm. Member Brad Kehn was absent. City employees present were Jeanette Smith, Darin Cranny & Chance Boyd. Visitors present were Jason Schurz, Dave Merrill, Larry Edinger & Don Scott. Representing South Dakota Mail was JP Studeny.

Vissia moved to approve the amended agenda to add the appointment of Ward II Alderperson, Jason Schurz. Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Vissia moved to approve appointment of Jason Schurz as a Ward II Alderperson, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Dave Merrill, Larry Edinger & Don Scott were recognized & spoke of various items during the public comments section.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular meeting, with a second from Hinckley. All voted aye, motion carried.

Steele moved to approve payment of the following:

SD Dept of Revenue-June amended sales tax-201.58; August Bi-Weekly payroll-14,974.33; August Pool payroll-5376.51; Cem/parks August payroll-1008.52; August 941 taxes-6414.26; SDRS-August retirement-2211.38; AFLAC-employee voluntary ins-165.15; City of Plankinton-meter deposit applied-201.00; The Guardian Life Ins Co-employee ins-359.92; Heartland Cons Power Dist-July power purchase-26,527.09; East River Electric-July wheeling fees-3492.30; Delta Dental of SD-emp ins-274.80; Verizon Wireless-tower cell charges-45.51; City of Plankinton-meter dep applied-100.00; Central Electric-ramp lighting-143.00; Avera Health Plan-employee ins-5429.70; SD Dept of Revenue-July sales tax-4952.40; Abelino Cu Caal-meter dep refund-49.00; A&B Business-copier contract-115.27; Mallory Bohr-2nd ½ of lifeguard cert-95.00; Lauren Bruinsma-2nd ½ of lifeguard cert-76.00; Kylee Guindon-2nd ½ of lifeguard certs-165.92; AmeriPride-rug contract-33.15; Barnes & Noble-library books-314.48; Border States-elec project supplies/mat-4816.45; C&B Operations-supp/mat-83.46; CHS Farmers All.-supp/mat-298.65; Central Electric-August billing-526.77; Colonial Research-supp/mat-199.82; Core & Main-project mgmt. fee-7000.00; DGR Engineering-prof svcs-2225.02; Great Plains Lumber-supp/mat-107.97; Horizon Health Clinic-prof svcs-156.00; JP Cooke Co-supp/mat-47.85; Jerry's Electric-supp/mat-3500.00; Locators & Supplies-supp/mat-166.63; Menards-supp/mat-50.97; Mike's Const-prof svcs-120.00; Mitchell Concrete-supp/mat-76.00; Overweg Auto-supp/mat-1026.19; Ron's Market-supp/mat-123.55; SPN & Assoc-prof svcs-728.75; SD DOT-supp/mat-60.08; SD Dept of Health-water testing-240.00; South Dakota Mail-August legal publishing-323.57; SD One Call-message fees-22.05; Spencer Quarries-supp/mat-544.00; VISA-supp/mat-228.91; Fink Plumbing-rep/maint-92.00; Jeanette Smith-travel-18.48; Tech Solutions-Sept charges-690.00; Central Electric-rep/maint-95.00; Aurora/Brule Rural Water-Aug water purchase & loan payment-8035.30; Topkote-chip & fog seal-49,999.80; Golden West Tele-August billing-406.01; City of Plankinton-meter dep applied-250.00.

Hinckley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

City wide Fall clean up days were set for Monday, September 30 & Tuesday, October 1, 2019

The Mayor shared information of a mosquito spraying contract in which the city would also spray Aurora Plains Academy, Fish Lake Golf Course & the Coffee Cup. He will get with these entities & propose the contract for their approval/disapproval.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed excavator/skid loader lease for the maintenance & electrical departments.

Kehn had approved the following building permits prior to the meeting: Hershell Page @ 307 E 1st for a driveway addition; James Nielsen @ 402 N Duff to replace roof with steel; Tammy Meidinger @ 211 E Road to install property line fence/chain; Cory Tobin – Roadside Service @ 707 S Main to remodel of restaurant & c-store; Carol & Ron Berens @ 405 N Duff to replace garage.

Vissia moved to approve second reading & adoption of Ordinance No. 247 – 2020 Appropriations Ordinance, with all changes discussed. Schuldts seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. The Ordinance is published elsewhere in this edition.

The mayor shared information of the upcoming SDML Conference in Aberdeen next month. If anyone is interested in going please contact Jeanette before Sept 16 for early registration rates.

Vissia shared information of receiving complaints of landlords having unkempt properties. Discussion was held regarding all unkempt properties, whether rented or owned. No action taken.

Vissia also led a discussion regarding mass communication when there would be a planned/unplanned interruption of electrical or water services. The finance officer will check into options available.

The Mayor's report included due to the extreme wet weather that Schaeffer Memorial would probably not be able to work on cemetery stones this year; the Railroad is trying to sell sections of their line; information was reviewed for a Salvation Army Heat Share program; there were more than expected Cemetery mowings this season; he gave permission for kids to play soccer at the little baseball field; there was a good turnout for the Pheasantfest; the 2nd Summer study for municipal & rural electric entities was held last week; the revised garbage ordinance should be ready for next meeting; he commends all of the city employees on doing a great job in each of their capacities.

The Maintenance Sup't report included chip sealing; mosquito fogging; the pool is closed; the playground is being built; preparing for Pheasantfest; are in the process of repairing a flagpole; discussion regarding the possibility of leasing a excavator/skid loader; asking permission to look at an oil mix heater at a surplus auction; taking water samples for the feds, has been legally discharging from the lagoon since the end of March; attended training on water tower valves, maintenance & safety; weed spraying.

After discussion, Vissia moved to permit Darin to bid up to \$2000.00 for the oil mix heater at the surplus auction. Steele seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Darin & Chance will travel to Sioux Falls on Friday to view excavator/skid loader options.

The Utility Sup't report included that the electrical project is complete for this phase; there were 3 outages outside of the project; ordered more supplies to replace outdated items; the new bucket truck from ABM Equipment will be here on Sept 13; would like rid of 75 old load management controllers; the old water & electric meters will be taken to a salvage yard soon; has overhead school coming up again soon; would like to purchase phasing sticks, hi-pot cable tester & a primary voltage tester Golden West has started doing fiber optics to Navigant; he would like to get a new locator to replace an aging one.

After discussion, it was determined that Chance could use the current voltage tester & phasing sticks until next year.

The Finance Officer's report included bank withholdings information; expenditure & revenue guidelines; attending the District III meeting last week & sharing information received there; only about one half of the meter reading system was received last month into the batch file, but they were able to get the correct readings so she is still working with Sensus & Banyon to resolve this issue.

The Mayor reported receiving a complaint regarding junk cars that are causing a concern for their business. This issue will be turned over to the city attorney.

At 10:17 pm, the Mayor asked for a motion to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) & SDCL 1-25-2(3). Chance Boyd was retained for executive session. Hinckley moved, with a second from Vissia. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chance left executive session at 10:27 pm.

At 10:47 pm, the Mayor declared to enter back into regular session, with no action taken.

The Mayor executed the oath of office to Jason Schurz as Ward II Alderperson.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm.