

## Elkton City Council Minutes

August 3, 2020

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Council President John Miraglia at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Natalie Hagen, Bill Kuehl, Greg Nelson, and Scott Stuefen. Also in attendance was Jessica Jensen with the Elkton Record, Nick Zolnowski with SPN, David Bierman and several residents.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hagen to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Stufen to approve the July 6, 2020 planning and zoning meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Hagen, second by Nelson to approve the July 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

The council considered David Bierman for the vacant council seat in Ward 1. Motion by Stuefen, second by Nelson to appoint David Bierman for the vacancy created by Aaron Thompson's resignation. All in favor – motion carried.

Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman administered the Oath of Office to Bierman.

The Council President Miraglia opened the hearing for the Special Assessments Resolution of Necessity. Members of the church were on hand to discuss the proposed the sidewalk on the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> street. They are concerned about the up keep and safety when completed.

Citizen comments included complaints of unauthorized motor vehicles driving in the grass at the park. The cameras will be checked for possible footage, signs will be ordered. A question was raised about remodeling the old bathrooms and if it is possible for the new bathrooms in the south concession stand for soccer tournaments. Some one from the soccer group would need to request the use and be responsible for the security and cleanliness of the facility.

Public Works Director, Steve Jensen was on hand and gave his report. Two water leaks were found and fixed, one by the lumber yard and one near Pelican and Cornell at a residence. The water tower project started Monday and should be completed in a couple weeks. Jensen asked the council about the extension of the drain tile across from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by Nelson, second by Hagen to move forward with the drain tile installation. All in favor – motion carried. The remaining storm drain tile on 4<sup>th</sup> street between Beaver and Buffalo Street is being replaced. Work on cleaning out the ditches on North Drive is complete. The leiferman lot is also being cleaned up. Summer help will be headed back to school soon.

Jason Soren, Bar Manager was on hand with his report. Things are going well in the bar, it has been busy.

Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman gave her report. Schuurman passed out the draft of the 2021 budget for the council to look at. A first reading will be held in September with a work meeting sometime that month. The September meeting will be on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

There were no reports from the Fire Department or Ambulance.

Sherry Bauman, City Librarian was on hand with her report. The Summer Reading program finale was July 29<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Twister's balloon show, there was almost 100 in attendance. The library will remain closed to the public until the street and sidewalk project is complete. Curbside service will continue to be offered, hours may change when school starts. Bauman ordered plexiglass for the computer stations and the checkout station. Also a hands free sanitizer station for the community entrance was ordered. The new shelf has arrived.

Kristi Thielen, Park and Rec director was on hand and stated activities were wrapping up, but was a good summer.

The council held the second reading for Ordinance No. 368. Motion by Nelson, second by Hagen to approve the ordinance. All in favor – motion carried.

The council read the Resolution of Necessity. More discussion was held with City Engineer, Jeff McCormick on the phone to answer questions. A huge concern is that if the sidewalk was not installed the area in question has a thick clay layer that will not allow the water to be absorbed, so instead it will drain toward the road and deteriorate the road from underneath. After a lengthy discussion, a motion to pass the resolution as written was made by Nelson, second by Hagen. All in favor – motion carried.

In old business, the first pay request for the project was presented in the amount of \$318,845.65. Motion by Hagen, second by Nelson to approve pay request #1. All in favor – motion carried. Council member Hagen presented the council with information received regarding splash pads. Cost highly depends on the size and design.

In new business, the council received inquiry from the Highway and Rail Safety Engineer about the possibility of an upgrade to the crossing on Cornell Ave. The city would be responsible for 10% of the cost. Motion by Nelson, second by Stuefen to support the upgrade. All in favor – motion carried.

Jon Vaske was on hand to request council input on a driveway he wished to add to 218<sup>th</sup> Street to access his irrigation control house. The council was in agreement, as long as the township had no problems with the addition.

Christina Wiemer was on hand to request the ability to close the road around the park for Hero Days on September 12<sup>th</sup> for the Fun Run and to have the bathrooms unlocked.

Elijah Wiemer requested the use of the community center to start a lego club. The council agreed that would be fine.

Motion by Stuefen, second by Nelson to approve payment of the August bills. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Hagen, second by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

### **August 2020 payments**

Aflac 33.50 insurance; \*Anderson, Bob 225.00 library end of season show; A-OX welding 32.95 shop supplies; Appera 210.65 towel, linen supplies; AT&T 172.07 cell service; BankStar 22.40 petty cash; Beal Distributing 4537.65 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 182.98 street maintenance; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 3623.20 water purchased; Br. Equip 240.15 mower maintenance; Century Business Products 82.69 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 375.00 pop purchased; CHS 1180.24 propane, weed spray, supplies; Cintas 125.90 bar supplies; City of Elkton 443.20

utility fees; City of Sioux Falls 43.50 water tests; Colonial Life 311.92 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 3734.48 contract garbage; Dakota Beverage Co 2842.45 beer purchases; Dept of Revenue 1832.30 sales tax remittance; EFTPS 3743.14 federal tax payments; Elkton Plumbing 5441.04 concession, bar maintenance; Gawerecki, Lisa 52.64 utility deposit refund; Hanson, Paul 900.00 concession stand materials; Harry's Frozen Food 461.50 pizzas for bar; Henry's 3556.24 bar supplies; Innovative Office Solutions 294.71 finance office supplies; ITC 840.17 phone & internet service; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; John Ryan Construction 2785.69 concrete replacement; \*Johnson Bros 1179.50 liquor purchases; Johnson Bros 2314.49 liquor purchases; Lowes 149.13 finance, park supplies; Minnesota Paving & Materials 446.25 aggregate for park; Napa Auto Parts 7.54 pick up maintenance; Ottertail 2567.26 electricity; Penworthy 177.84 books for library; Postmaster 160.00 postage; Quill 276.96 bar, finance supplies; \*Republic Beverage Company 387.39 liquor purchases; Republic Beverage Company 565.89 liquor purchases; RFD Newspaper 49.98 subscription; Runnings 129.99 fire dept supplies; SD Health 239.00 sewer tests; SD Retirement 1539.20 retirement payment; SD Dept of Labor 784.00 unemployment; SD One Call 7.35 locate tickets; Sioux Valley Energy 227.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 331.89 fuel purchases; Southern Glazer's 1157.55 liquor purchases; Uline 179.59 park supplies; USTI 5.84 ebill fees; Visa 157.69 library, park supplies; Visa - bar 85.48 bar supplies; WalMart 237.33 library, bar, park supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 1814.20 health insurance; WW tire 54.20 mower maintenance.

**\*denotes already pd. \*Payroll:** Mayor/Council 1146.28; Finance 3155.84; C-ctr 148.83; Street 3321.45; Park & Rec 1085.97; Library 1002.64; Bar 4370.03; Water 2385.47; Sewer 2256.91.