

Elkton City Council Minutes

January 6, 2020

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Christina Wiemer at 7:12 PM. Council members present were John Miraglia, Greg Nelson, Scott Stuefen, Nieema Thasing, and Aaron Thompson. Also in attendance was Randy Broyles, Natalie Hagen, and Jessica Jensen with the Elkton Record.

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

Motion by Miraglia, second by Thasing to approve the December 2, 2019 meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

During citizen comments concerns were brought up for snow removal on sidewalks, cars on the road causing snow removal problems and cats running at large around town.

Motion by Thasing, second by Stuefen to go into executive session at 7:24 PM pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1). All in favor – motion carried. The council came out of executive session at 7:28 PM. Motion by Thompson, second by Thasing to appoint Natalie Hagen to the vacant Ward 2 council seat. Roll call vote was taken; those voting for: Miraglia, Nelson, Stuefen, Thasing, Thompson. Motion carried. Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman administered the Oath of Office to Hagen.

Motion by Thasing, second by Miraglia to approve a temporary liquor permit for the Community Club Banquet. All in favor – motion carried.

Steve Jensen, Public Works Director was on hand with his report. The Transient vendor signs were posted at the entrances to Elkton. New signs were ordered for the lagoon, these are required by law. The sewer jetter is almost ready for pick up. Hydro Klean was in town and helped jet out 5500 feet of line. A lot of sediment was pushed out and is now sitting on the surface of the lagoon; this could cause problems, so Jensen got a boat so they could push it away from the lagoon pipe. Jensen discussed decisions that will need to be made with the impending construction work. He was given the authority to make decisions that best worked with our system, unless the cost was substantial to the project cost.

Bar Manager, Jason Soren was not in attendance, but left his report. He is working to plan a few events, such as trivia, poker and maybe a board game night in the next couple of months. The bar will have a superbowl potluck on Feb 2nd and will continue to be open on Sundays through January for playoff football.

Susan Schuurman, Finance Officer gave her report to the council. The auditor has been in and is working on our City audit. A letter was received from Cooks about a price increase of 3%, it was determined that the city would absorb this increase and not raise the rates to residents. Schuurman reminded the council of the Community Club Banquet on January 16th. The city would pay for those wanting to attend. Also reminder of the Council Training on January 28th, from 5:30-9:30 PM. A bill was finally received for the demolition of a nuisance property in June. The cost was quite a bit more than the original bid. The contractor stated there was far more stuff in the house than they had anticipated which is why the cost was more. At the time of the bid, they were not able to enter the property as they did not have permission from the family.

Schuurman presented the change of dates for the council meetings, the council decided to go with the 2nd Monday if the date of the first Monday was early in the month. Motion by Miraglia, second by Thompson to make these dates the dates for the council meetings: February 10th, March 9th, April 6th, May 4th, June 8th, July 6th, August 10th, September 8th, October 5th, November 9th, December 7th. All in favor – motion carried.

There was no report from the Fire Department or Ambulance.

City Librarian, Sherry Bauman was not in attendance, but left her report. Story hour is going well with a small group attending. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program is also going well. Deliveries are being made to 3 daycares in town. Work on the plan for the summer reading program has started, the program is titled: Imagine Your Story, which focuses on fairy tales, mythology and fantasy. The next library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th at 5:00 PM.

Park & Rec report including information presented by Natalie Bumsted, she would like to bring some nature classes, but indoor and outdoor to Elkton. Kristie Thielen plans to have a survey and the wants and interest for people in Elkton, the ESL class will resume Jan 13th and there will be another Sew to Share work session on January 18th.

The council reviewed Resolution 2020-01.01. Motion by Thasing, second by Stuefen to approve the salary resolution. All in favor – motion carried.

The council reviewed Resolution 2020-01.02. Motion by Nelson, second by Thasing to approve the fees resolution. All in favor – motion carried.

The council reviewed Resolution 2020-01.03. Motion by Stuefen, second by Nelson to approve to convey property. All in favor – motion carried.

The council reviewed Resolution 2020-01.04. Motion by Miraglia, second by Nelson to approve the Brookings PDM. All in favor – motion carried.

In new business, the council discussed the possible purchase of laptops for council members. Quotes would be gotten and a decision made at a later date. The Municipal Election will be held on April 14th. The following seats are available: Ward 1 Nieema Thasing, Ward 2 Natalie Hagen, Ward 3 John Miraglia, and Mayor Christina Wiemer. These are all 2 year terms, petitions can be circulated starting January 31st and need to be filed by 5 PM on February 28th. The council members will discuss and put together an emergency plan for the City.

Motion by Thasing, second by Hagen to approve the January bills. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, second by Thasing to go into executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1,3) at 8:40 PM. All in favor – motion carried. The council came out of executive session at 10 :04 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Thompson to approve a raise for Gary Lynn to \$14.45 and eliminate a monthly payment of \$40.00 for kitchen upkeep. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, second by Nelson to approve a 2% raise for Steve Jensen to \$25.37, Eric Lynn to \$17.11, Susan Schuurman to \$21.42. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, second by Miraglia to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

January 2020 payments

Aflac 33.50 insurance; Amazon 109.39 books for library; A-OX welding 31.75 shop supplies; Appera 209.00 towel, linen supplies; AT&T 175.79 cell service; *Aurora Auto Body 839.19 ambulance repair; BankStar 39.77 petty cash; Beal Distributing 3285.05 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 1036.18 street, snow removal supplies; Br. Area Chamber 300.00 membership; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 2821.95 water purchased; CashWa distributing 2341.72 bar supplies; Chesterman Co 190.00 pop purchases; CHS 2251.49 propane, diesel, misc supplies; Cintas 412.91 bar supplies; City of Elkton 180.77 utility fees; City of Sioux Falls 43.50 water tests; Colonial Life 344.62 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 3507.72 contract garbage; Cook's Wastepaper 465.00 dumpster charges; Dakota Beverage Co 2163.85 beer purchases; Dakota Pump & Control 1060.00 annual lift station inspections; Dakota Service & Repair 46.42 snow removal repairs; *Dave's Repair 881.57 fire dept repairs; DENR 18.00 certificate renewals; DENR 750.00 wastewater fee; Dept of Revenue 1702.71 sales tax remittance; Double D Gravel 9679.48 house demo; EFTPS 4016.40 federal tax payments; Elkton Locker 247.87 bar supplies; Harry's Frozen Food 782.25 pizzas for bar; Heiman 115.00 annual fire extinguisher inspection; Hydro Klean 3020.00 jet out sewer lines; Independent Audit Services 6000.00 audit services; ITC 676.67 phone & internet service; *Jensen, Steve 250.00 boat purchase; *Johnson Bros 1146.22 liquor purchases; Johnson Bros 4600.80 liquor purchases; *Lowe's 9.49 shop supplies; Lyle Signs 136.39 street signs; McKeever Inc 231.68 bar supplies; Napa Auto Parts 490.76 truck repairs; Ottertail 2290.50 electricity; Pollard Water 94.24 water, sewer supplies; Postmaster 125.00 postage; Quill 87.99 library supplies; *Republic Beverage Company 847.39 liquor purchases; Republic Beverage Company 1709.80 liquor purchases; RFD Newspapers 92.44 publications; Rodriguez, Luis 56.03 utility deposit refund; Runnings 224.11 shop supplies; Schuurman, Susan 17.64 mileage reimbursement; SD Health 202.00 sewer tests; SDML 964.99 membership dues; SDML Workers' Comp 5731.00 workers comp insurance; SDML 1500.00 code enforcement; SD Retailers 240.00 membership dues; SD Retirement 1666.84 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 205.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 889.25 fuel purchases; *Southern Glazer's 1098.80 liquor purchases; SPN 32160.00 engineering fees; *State Disbursement Unit 399.14 child support; Swiftel Communications 132.00 bar advertising; United Laboratories 352.95 shop supplies; US Bank 6258.31 SRF loan payment; USTI 2391.85 ebill fees, annual software support; Visa 52.26 bar supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 2955.16 health insurance.

***denotes already pd. *Payroll:** Mayor/Council 701.02; Finance 2812.65; C-ctr 202.95; Street 2515.50; Library 973.43; Bar 5175.31; Water 2851.49; Sewer 2515.47.