

Elkton City Council Minutes

June 4, 2020

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Christina Wiemer at 7:08 PM. Council members present were Natalie Hagen, John Miralgia, Greg Nelson, Scott Stuefen, Nieema Thasing, and Aaron Thompson. Also in attendance was Jessica Jensen with the Elkton Record and several residents.

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

Motion by Thasing, second by Thompson to approve the May 4, 2020 planning and zoning meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, second by Nelson to approve the May 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

During citizen comments, Kristie Thielen stated she planned to restart the Main Street market she held in the parking lot of her Quilt Shop store. She plans to spread out the vendors using the side of the street as well as the parking area to keep with social distancing. Thielen shared the Sew to Share to date has donated 93 receiving blankets the Ronald McDonald House and 40 cot sized blankets to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Other complaints include improper use of park equipment and structures. Residents witnessing any misuse should call the sheriff's office. Also any vehicle violations, unlicensed drivers should be reported to the sheriff's office. There was discussion on what to do with the cat at large problem in the city. The council discussed different ways to deal with the issue.

The council discussed variance #047 for Timothy Schelske. Motion by Miraglia, second by Nelson to approve the variance. All in favor – motion carried.

The council discussed building permit #541 for Mike Bruns who applied for a permit to add an addition to his garage. This addition would put the size of the garage over what is allowed by ordinance. Bruns was advised he would need to apply for a variance.

Public Works Director, Steve Jensen was on hand and gave his report. Terry Nelson has been hired to fill the assistant position at \$17.00 per hour. They have been looking for water leaks and have fixed one on Buffalo and two on Antelope. In the process of these leak fixing, concrete of a residential driveway needed to be torn up to get to the curb stop. A quote for the cost of replacing the concrete was received by the homeowner. The council decided to get a couple more bids and move forward with a decision after these are received. Fuller paving will be in town to patch the road in front of new construction and Jensen requested a bid for the patch work on Antelope from the water leak repair. It would be \$500.00 to do the work, the council agreed to have the work done. Request for water and sewer hook up to homes on the north end of Beaver Street was denied due to the water table being so high, the hook ups will have to wait until the road is worked on later this summer.

Jason Soren, Bar Manager was on hand with his report. The bar reopened on June 18th. The cooler remodel has been completed, except for the doors. The bar will follow CDC guidelines with social distancing, capacity restrictions and cleaning.

Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman reported the new carpet has been installed in the finance office. Now waiting on the new furniture. David Miller the regional code enforcement officer has completed his first review of property after the letters were sent out, a good response from most of the recipients.

There was no report for the Fire Department

Ambulance Director, Scott Stuefen stated he was working on the license renewal.

Sherry Bauman, City Librarian was in attendance and gave her report. The carpet in the library had been cleaned. Curb service is underway for patrons. The summer reading program will start June 16 & 17. Mr. Twister will perform his balloon show on July 29th at 10 AM. The old book return will need to be removed when the road construction is underway.

The park and rec summer program was discussed. The council decided that yes they want to offer options for the community. The building of the new concession stand and bathrooms was discussed. Motion by Miralgia, second by Nelson to approve the building at a cost of \$22,006.04. All in favor – motion carried. Agri lime has been ordered for the south ballfield, future years the cost shouldn't need approval as it is a regular maintenance need for the fields. Soccer field use was discussed, we need a schedule and are going to request \$300.00 fee for the season.

The council reviewed the budget overviews for April and May.

The council read Resolution #2020-06.01 for water and sewer rate increases. The base rate for both water and sewer will increase \$1.00 each to \$14.00 starting in July. Surcharges to cover the cost of construction costs will begin in January of 2021; water surcharge will be \$11.30, sewer surcharge will be \$16.30. Motion by Thasing, second by Nelson to approve the Resolution #2020.60-01. All in favor – motion carried.

There were no updates for old business topics

The council canvassed the votes of the June 2 election. Motion by Thasing, second by Thompson to accept the returns for Councilperson Ward 1, 2 year term as follows: William Kuehl 29 votes, Nieema Thasing 11 votes, David Landsman 14 votes. Councilperson Ward 2, 2 year term as follows: Dwight Gullickson 21 votes, Natalie Hagen 36 votes. Councilperson Ward 3, 2 year term as follows: John Miraglia 52 votes, Sam Wiskur 36 votes, Erin Lynn 13 votes. Mayor, 2 year term as follows: Charles Remund 154 votes, Christina Wiemer 37 votes, Nancy Spiering 24 votes. All in favor – motion carried.

Schuurman requested guidance on the usage of the community center for events being booked. Renters are expected to follow CDC guidelines.

There was discussion on how to reimburse for crop damage when the city needs to access the main sewer line or other city utilities that might damage crops. Motion by Nelson, second by Hagen to approve a crop damage report that was presented to the council. All in favor – motion carried.

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

Motion by Thasing, second by Hagen to go into executive session at 9:09 PM pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1, 5). All in favor – motion carried. The council came out of executive session at 9:47 PM.

Motion by Thasing, second by Thompson to hire Kristi Thielen at \$15.00 per hour for 20 hour per week for 9 weeks, with max wages and supplies cost \$3500.00 for park and rec. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Hagen, second by Thasing to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

June 2020 payments

Aflac 33.50 insurance; A-OX welding 32.95 shop supplies; Appera 159.87 towel, linen supplies; AT&T 175.33 cell service; Austreim Excavating 150.00 gravel blading; B & H Contractors 107.82 loads of gravel; BankStar 3892.92 Main Street TIF payment; BankStar Insurance 27167.25 city, fire dept insurance; BankStar 31.95 petty cash; Beal Distributing 1772.25 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 56.48 street maintenance; Britzman, Steve 50.00 lawyer fees; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 4991.60 water purchased; CarQuest 11.98 shop maintenance; CashWa distributing 1243.45 bar supplies; Chesterman 150.00 pop purchased; CHS 1620.78 propane, weed spray, misc supplies; Cintas 176.90 bar supplies; City of Elkton 157.85 utility fees; Colonial Life 311.92 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 3697.34 contract garbage; Cook's Wastepaper 60.00 dumpster for bar; Core & Main 1935.63 water dept supplies; Dakota Beverage Co 915.40 beer purchases; Dakota Service & Control 1299.80 sewer supplies, maintenance; Dept of Revenue 1240.77 sales tax remittance; EFTPS 2685.88 federal tax payments; Elkton Lumber 110.25 bar, street supplies; Elkton Plumbing 1544.79 water, sewer maintenance; Even, Anna 152.25 election pay; Harry's Frozen Food 372.00 pizzas for bar; Hill Refrigeration 13612.27 cooler rebuild for bar; ITC 797.41 phone & internet service; Jensen, Georgi 145.00 election pay; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; Johnson Bros 1235.08 liquor purchases; JP Cooke 76.10 dog tags; Kampmann, Linda 145.00 election pay; Krogman, Norma 145.00 election pay; Liberty Septic 480.00 sewer maintenance; Lowes 146.70 park supplies; Lyle Signs 56.43 street signs; MARC 2471.71 west nile supplies; MidStates Flooring 989.03 finance office carpet; Myers, Vikkie 145.00 election pay; Napa Auto Parts 22.78 sewer supplies; Ottertail 1926.07 electricity; Postmaster 254.00 postage, PO Box fee; Quill 373.97 finance office supplies, equipment; Republic Beverage Company 517.90 liquor purchases; RFD Newspaper 490.61 publications; Runnings 116.47 shop supplies; SD Health 117.00 sewer tests; SD Retirement 1280.00 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 248.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 489.81 fuel purchases; Southern Glazer's 1512.78 liquor purchases; Specail Days Committee 300.00 fireworks; SPN 2.400.00 engineering fees; Stuefen, Lois 145.00 election pay; Team Lab Chem 1648.00 sewer, street, park supplies; Uline 75.64 street supplies; United Labs 6389.41 sewer, west nile supplies; Ust, Steve 700.00 inspection fees; USTI 128.44 ebill fess, utility postcards; Visa 415.22 library, finance, c-ctr supplies; Visa - bar 30.84 bar supplies; Visa – street dept 108.59 shop supplies; WalMart 46.16 library supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 1814.20 health insurance; WW Tire 143.00 mower parts; Young Door Service 42.60 shop maintenance.

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