

Elkton City Council Minutes
September 8, 2020

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

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Miraglia to approve the August 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

During citizen comments, it was complimented about how Buffalo Street looked after the construction. There were a few question raised on about the sidewalk on the church side that would be addressed or looked at. Complaints had been fielded about the appearance of property on the north end of Elk Street. Also there were questions raised about there being no office space available for rent in Elkton.

The council reviewed building permit #548 for the Elkton School. The permit would allow for an addition to the south east area of the school. After some discussion the council approved the permit. Motion by Stuefen, second by Kuehl to approve the permit and waive the fee. All in favor – motion carried.

Steve Jensen, Public Works Director was on hand with his report. Signs have been placed or ordered for the park restricting motorized vehicles, and parking lot signs; also a sign for the lagoon area restricting the items allowed to be brought in. New drain tile was dug in from Buffalo through Beaver Street. Several driveways and road areas need overlay for various reasons. Council agreed to get quotes for 2 driveways for fixing this fall, other areas can wait as they are scheduled for maintenance down the road. Jensen inquired about replacing the lawnmower, we've had it 2 years and it has 500 hours runtime on it. Council agreed to get quotes on the trade of the mower.

Bar Manager, Jason Soren was on hand with his report. The bar had a good month. Soren, provided the council with his 2 week resignation, his last day will be September 16th. He will compile a list of information for the next manager.

Susan Schuurman, Finance Officer was on hand with her report. Business as usual in the office.

There was no news to report from the Fire Department.

The Ambulance Director, Scott Stuefen was contacted by the state to offer all Fire Dept and Ambulance members a free COVID test if they chose to take it.

City Librarian, Sherry Bauman was not in attendance, but left her report. The community library remains closed to the public, but will finalize reopening plans with the board. The new outdoor book return has been installed and ready to use. Curbside service will continue until further notice. No final plans set for story hour, the board will discuss this at the next meeting. The next library meeting will by Wednesday, September 9th at 5 PM.

There was no report for the Park and Rec.

The council reviewed the budget overview.

The council held the first reading of the 2021 Appropriations Ordinance No. 369. The second reading will be October 5th.

The council discussed the necessity of the safety of the Cornell Ave. railroad crossing. The council was approached by the Highway – Rail Safety Engineer about if the city would in support of a lights and arms upgrade to the crossing. The cost would be \$250,000.00-275,000.00 at the federal level. The city would be responsible for 10% of the cost, \$25,000.00-27,500.00. Motion by Kuehl, second by Miraglia to support the upgrade, with a pledge of 10% cost. All in favor – motion carried.

In unfinished business the council reviewed pay request one for the water tower in the amount of \$104,632.20 and pay request two for the utility project in the amount of \$1,005,974.55. Motion by Miraglia, second by Hagen to approve the requests. All in favor – motion carried.

City Engineer, Jeff McCormick discussed the need to replace the 3rd street lift station, it has been worked hard the last couple of years with all the water the system has pumped out. The estimated cost is \$313,500.00 which is within the awarded amount for the project. This portion will have to go out for bid. Motion by Kuehl, second by Nelson to move forward with the design and bid of the lift station upgrade. All in favor – motion carried.

The manholes that are in the line of the main sewer line out to the lagoon need to be relined. The current contractor is able to do this for the city as a change order. By relining the manholes it will stop the infiltration of water into the line.

With the use of the well by the park to help with dewatering it was noted that the electrical needed to be upgraded. Two quotes were received to upgrade the electrical; one from Eframson Electric for \$1912.94 and one from Elkton Electric for \$1080.00. Motion by Kuehl, second by Nelson to approve the quote from Elkton Electric to do the upgrade. All in favor – motion carried.

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

Motion by Miraglia, second by Nelson to go into executive session at 8:47 PM pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1). All in favor – motion carried.

The council came out of executive session at 8:52 PM. Motion by Kuehl, second by Stuefen to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

September 2020 payments

Aflac 33.50 insurance; Amazon 407.99 supplies for library; A-OX welding 33.85 shop supplies; Appera 218.22 towel, linen supplies; AT&T 172.07 cell service; Austreim Excavating 150.00 south road maintenance; B & H Contractors 768.60 street, water, park supplies; Beal Distributing 3950.57 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 377.50 street maintenance; Britzman, Steve 288.00 lawyer fees; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 4811.20 water purchased; Buffalo Ridge Concrete 2025.28 drain tile; Century Business Products 67.81 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 225.00 pop purchased; CHS 1756.77 propane, weed spray, diesel; Cintas 125.90 bar supplies; City of Brookings 1109.68 city clean up fees; City of Elkton 264.26 utility fees; Colonial Life 311.92 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 3722.10 contract garbage; Cook's Wastepaper 2082.50

city clean up fees; Core & Main 2055.25 water dept supplies; Dakota Beverage Co 2136.00 beer purchases; Dakota Pump & Control 636.48 sewer repairs; DEMCO 4213.85 outdoor book return, library supplies; Dept of Revenue 1776.92 sales tax remittance; Double D Gravel 140.52 street supplies; EFTPS 3795.20 federal tax payments; Einspahr Auto Plaza 317.45 fire truck maintenance; Elkton Electric 1275.00 concession stand electrical; Elkton Locker 16.70 bar supplies; Elkton Plumbing 2190.41 water leak fix, drain tile installation, bar – c-ctr repairs; Elkton Volleyball 50.00 sponsorship; First District Assoc of Local Governments 4000.00 zoning work; Green Energy Solutions 1112.00 ag lime hauled; Harry’s Frozen Food 929.00 pizzas for bar; Henry’s 2371.25 bar supplies; Hillyard 788.32 c-ctr supplies; InGage It 59.99 splashtop fee; ITC 772.58 phone & internet service; Jensen, Steve 86.80 phone, mileage reimbursement; Johnson Bros 4115.52 liquor purchases; Lowes 76.58 water dept supplies; Lyle Signs 116.54 park signs; Office Peeps 731.50 finance office upgrade; Ottetail 2379.24 electricity; Postmaster 160.00 postage; Quill 244.95 finance, library supplies; Remund, Charles 326.04 hotel, mileage reimbursement; Republic Beverage Company 1011.98 liquor purchases; RFD Newspaper 423.08 publications; SDARWS 405.00 annual dues; SD Health 117.00 sewer tests; SD Lottery 100.00 video lottery license renewal; *SD Municipal League 50.00 elected officials workshop; SD Municipal League 24.16 code enforcement; SD Retirement 1600.08 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 152.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 354.16 fuel purchases; *Southern Glazer’s 539.01 liquor purchases; Southern Glazer’s 898.45 liquor purchases; United Laboratories 623.80 shop supplies; USTI 5.84 ebill fees; Visa 1016.40 library book shelf; Visa - bar 557.97 bar supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 1814.20 health insurance.

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