

## **Elkton City Council Minutes**

**May 11, 2021**

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Remund at 7:30 PM. Council members present were David Bierman, Natalie Hagen, Bill Kuehl and John Miralgia. Councilmember Greg Nelson arrived late and Councilmember Scott Stuefen listened by phone briefly. Also in attendance was Jessica Jensen with the Elkton Record; Rick Even.

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

Motion by Kuehl, second by Bierman to approve the April 5 regular meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

During Citizen Comments, there was a request that the council resume videotaping council meetings to post on line.

Temporary Liquor permit for the Elkton Youth Sports Association on June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Dueling Duo Piano event. Motion by Miralgia, second by Kuehl to approve the temp permit. All in favor – motion carried.

Rick Even was on hand to answer any questions the council had regarding his plans to move a home into Elkton on a vacant lot he is purchasing. The council wanted to make sure that all the steps were completed in order to avoid any issues or confusion.

The council held the second reading for Ordinance No. 370, adoption of the international property code. Motion by Bierman, second by Hagen to approve Ordinance No. 370. All in favor – motion carried.

The council discussed the possibility of passing an ordinance to develop regulations that would allow for medical cannabis establishments within the community. The council agreed to move forward with the ordinance.

The council read Resolution No. 2021-05.01 to sell surplus property. Motion by Miralgia, second by Bierman to approve Resolution No. 2021-05.01. All in favor – Motion carried.

The council read Resolution No. 2021-05.02 to approve the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to finance improvements for the sewer system. Motion by Bierman, second by Kuehl to approve Resolution No. 2021-05.02. All in favor – motion carried.

The council read Resolution No. 2021-05.03 to approve the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to finance improvement for the drinking water system. Motion by Hagen, second by Miralgia to approve Resolution No. 2021-05.03. All in favor – motion carried.

In unfinished business, councilmember Hagen requested the council discuss the possibility of a dog park. The biggest hurdle for this to become a reality is finding a location to put it. As of right now the City doesn't have a place to put a dog park. Other item of concern is people respecting the facility and cleaning up after their dog, issues around town with people not cleaning up after their dogs have been a concern with residents.

Nick Zolnowsky, project engineer with SPN was on hand to update the council on the project. Asphalt was completed on the locations that had piping last fall. Ditch grading and seeding will continue this week, crews are installing sanitary sewer on 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Concrete

driveways are being installed where needed. The lift station digging will begin next week. Phase II plans are close to submission to the DANR, about 30% of the requested Grant of Access Agreements have been received.

Finance Officer Susan Schuurman presented the council with the 2020 Annual Report. Motion by Kuehl, second by Bierman to approve the 2020 Annual Report. All in favor – motion carried.

The council reviewed the 2020 budget overview.

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

Motion by Kuehl, second by Miralgia to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

The council reconvened with administering the Oath of office to returning councilmember David Bierman.

Motion by Bierman, second by Hagen, to nominate John Miraglia for the Council President. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Hagen to nominate Greg Nelson for the Council Vice President. All in favor – motion carried.

Committee appointments will remain the same.

Motion by Hagen, second by Bierman to designate the Elkton Record as the official newspaper. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Kuehl, second by Bierman to designate BankStar Financial as the official depository. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Kuehl, second by Miralgia to appoint Steve Britzman as the city attorney. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Hagen to appoint Susan Schuurman as finance officer. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Miralgia, second by Kuehl, to accept the following roster for the Fire Departments and Ambulance. Fire Department roster: Brady Alberts, Chris Alberts, Ryan Bebensee, Jeff Brunsting, Josh Crofutt, Tal Farnham, Doug Kampmann, Randy Kampmann, Bill Kuehl, Eric Lynn, Grant McGill, Peter McMahan, John Neill, Taylor Pals, Jacob Portz, Tim Schelske, Arend Schuurman, Clayton Thompson, Mike Wiskur, Sam Wiskur and Nathan Yost and Ambulance roster: Nikki Anderson, Tal Farnham, Carol Jensen, Douglas Kampmann, Mike Olson, Wendy Olson, Mark Potthast, Arend Schuurman, Berniece Stuefen and Scott Stuefen. All in favor – motion carried.

Steve Jensen, Public Works Director was on hand with his report. Nineteen new trees were planted in the tree bank. They picked up 35 loads of gravel from a construction site at a discounted rate, 20 of those loads with to the cemetery and the remaining are stored at the parking lot in the park to be spread where needed. The park bathrooms have been opened for the season and the speed bumps installed. Days are filled with mowing and contractors.

Bar Manager, Courtney Nelson was on hand to report on the bar. The Kentucky Derby event was a success. She was unable to book a band for the night after the Poker run in July, so instead booked a DJ from 6-midnight.

Susan Schuurman, Finance Officer gave her report. She will be attending Human Resource and Finance Officer schooling hosted by the SDML in Pierre June 8-11<sup>th</sup>. She will also

be attending a Municipal Debt and Finance training hosted by the Midwest Assistance Program in Watertown on June 22. Council can attend a Budget training in Sioux Falls on July 7<sup>th</sup> and the Elected Officials workshop on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Pierre, both hosted by the SDML.

There was no report for the Fire Department or Ambulance.

City Librarian, Sherry Bauman was on hand with her report. Story hour is done for the summer. Daycare deliveries have been suspended during inventory. She will continue to offer curbside service. Summer reading plans continue, the program is for grade K-5 on Tuesdays and for ages 3 and up on Wednesday. Preregistration ends May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Finale will be Mr. Twister on Wednesday, July 21 at 10 AM. The library is hosting a virtual book discussion on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM for “The Children’s Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin. The next library board meeting is Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Kristi Thielen, Park and Rec Director was on hand for her report. Summer programs are being finalized. We now offer online registration and payment. There will be signups for June activities starting now and July activities the middle of June.

Other park business, there was a request to install lights on poles in the basketball area of the park. This would cost \$8.00/month/light. Motion by Bierman, second by Hagen to approve 2 lights to be installed on the court. All in favor – motion carried. Damage was done by a stray ball during a game to a home in the fields. The home owner is looking for reimbursement for damages.

City Economic Development was discussed; resident Jessica Jensen asked the council why Elkton could not get a Dollar General, several other communities our size have recently seen this business come to their towns. The council does not actively seek business, but would do what it can if a business was interested in moving into Elkton.

With no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM following a motion by Hagen, second by Kuehl. All in favor – motion carried.

### **May 2021 payments**

Aflac 33.50 insurance; A-OX welding 34.47 shop supplies; Aramark 431.23 c-ctr, bar mats, supplies, c-ctr mats; AT&T 150.60 cell service; Austreim Excavating 225.00 south road maintenance; B & H Contractors 850.09 loads of gravel; BankStar 28,790.65 city, fire dept insurance; Beal Distributing 4819.15 beer purchases; Br. Co. Sheriff’s Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 4084.30 water purchased; Buffalo Ridge concrete 923.89 tiling supplies; Century Business Products 71.89 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 225.00 pop purchased; CHS 1030.14 propane, misc supplies; City of Elkton 332.86 utility fees; City of Sioux Falls 43.50 water tests; Colonial Life 389.82 insurance; Colonial Research Corp 635.54 sewer, park, street supplies; Cook’s Wastepaper 3843.93 contract garbage; Dakota Beverage Co 2250.65 beer purchases; Dakota Pump & Control 558.01 sewer repairs; Dakota Service & Repair 117.75 sewer repairs; Dept of Revenue 150.00 malt beverage license; Dept of Revenue 2291.65 sales tax remittance; EFTPS 3390.50 federal tax payments; Elkton Lumber 81.05 bar, sewer, fire dept supplies; Elkton Plumbing 129.99 park repairs; Harry’s Frozen Food 1210.25 pizzas for bar; Henry’s 2810.20 bar supplies; ITC 781.37 phone & internet service; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; \*Johnson Bros 3068.44 liquor purchases; Lowes 394.81 sewer, park supplies; MARC 2484.44 mosquito spray supplies; Miss Elkton Organization 100.00 donation; Nelson, Janelle 140.79

reimbursement for supplies; Ottertail 2195.99 electricity; \*Outlaw Entertainment 350.00 bar entertainment; Penworthy 163.62 books for library; Postmaster 163.00 postage; Quill 64.75 office supplies; Republic Beverage Company 1129.13 liquor purchases; RFD News 141.47 publications; Runnings 118.90 shop, sewer, park supplies; Schuurman, Susan 348.08 reimbursement for mileage, meals, class fee; SD Dept of Labor 112.00 unemployment; SD Health 576.00 sewer tests; SD Government Finance Officers Assoc 75.00 school registration; SD Human Resource Assoc 50.00 school registration; SD One Call 2.10 locate tickets; SD Retirement 1613.00 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 109.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 471.21 fuel purchases; \*Southern Glazer's 595.60 liquor purchases; United Laboratories 1277.25 sewer, park supplies; \*Visa – Street 10.52 park supplies; Visa – Bar 579.03 bar supplies; Vadim Municipal Software 13.12 ebilling fees; \*Watertown Wholesale 48.93 bar supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 2622.31 health insurance.

**\*denotes already pd. \*Payroll:** Mayor/Council 1390.73; Finance 3649.40; C-ctr 277.98; Street 2614.84; Library 1069.84; Bar 5714.89; Water 2779.52; Sewer 2614.80.