**Elkton City Council Minutes**

**April 4, 2024**

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Remund at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Jordan Beck, David Bierman, Tal Farnham, Bill Kuehl, Scott Stuefen and Rick Weible.

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

Motion by Weible, second by Farnham to approve the March 6th regular meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

Motion by Farnham, second by Bierman to approve the March 18th Equalization meeting minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

During citizen comments Legion Commander, Jeff Brunsting was in attendance and requested the city pass a proclamation to become a Purple Heart City. A Purple Heart City honors veterans for their service and sacrifice to our nation. The council agreed to prepare the proclamation to become a Purple Heart City.

Steve Jensen, Public Works Director, was on hand to give his report. Installation of the new water meter batteries is complete except a few where residents are not home, or the house is unoccupied. Worked to move snow after the snow event last week. The water will be turned on in the concession stands next week.

Bar Manager, Jennifer McBrien was not in attendance, but provide the council with a financial report. Finance Officer Schuurman reported that the ordinance previously passed to restrict bar patrons to 21 and over was never included in the new ordinance book so is no longer in force for the city.

Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman was on hand for her report. The May council meeting needs to be moved due to conflict with school concerts. Motion by Weible, second by Beck to move the May meeting to Wednesday, May 8th at 6 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

The Fire Department reports a good turn out for the Fish Fry.

The Ambulance will hold a Breakfast Fundraiser on May 19th.

Sherry Bauman, City Librarian was not in attendance, but left her report. Story hour will have it’s last session on May 6th, breaking for summer break. Daycare deliveries are being done every two weeks. National Library week is April 7-13th, the library will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 10th from 4-5 PM for staff and Elkton residents. Summer Reading Program plans are coming along. Pre-registration will be open in May. The theme for this summer is Adventure Begins at Your Library. The library will conduct the annual inventory starting Monday, April 22nd. The next library board meeting is Wednesday, May 13th at 5 PM.

There was no report for the park & rec.

The council reviewed the budget overview for February.

Schuurman presented the council with a letter from Cook’s Wastepaper and Recycling requesting a 4% increase in rates. The city absorbed the last increase but will need to increase residential rates to cover the costs going forward. The increase will be $1.00 bringing the total to $16.00 per month starting on the June bill. Resolution 2024-04.01 was presented to the council for the increase. Moton by Weible, second by Beck to approve resolution 2024-04.01. All in favor – motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-04.01**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING ESTABLISHED RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE PICKUP.**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of Elkton has determined that the public health, and welfare is promoted by passing certain resolutions regarding the continued self-sufficiency of the Sanitation Department.

**WHEREAS,** the solid waste rate currently charged is becoming inadequate to cover the actual cost of providing the service.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA:**

That the solid waste rate schedule be set in the following manner and that rates become effective as of the 15th day of April 2024:

Residential rate $16.00/month

Residential rate for 2nd tote $ 6.49/month

Dated this 4th day of April 2024.

Charles Remund

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Schuurman

Finance Officer

In old business, Infrastructure improvements update. The Contractor anticipates beginning in April. Work will include construction on Antelope from 5th to 7th street and punch list items from 2023. SPN provided the city with an estimate of $92,000 for additional street improvements on Elk Street S, this work does not include water or sewer improvements and therefore are not eligible for funding and will be a local expense. Motion by Bierman, second by Stuefen to approve the additional street improvements on Elk Street. All in favor – motion carried. Jensen and Schuurman attended the DANR meeting via Zoom to learn how the Phase III project would be funded. Drinking water funding application was awarded with a 22.2% construction grant contingent upon a $12.15 surcharge, increasing rate for 5,000 gallon usage to $70.00. Sanitary sewer funding application was awarded with a 50.0% construction grant contingent upon a $15.05 surcharge, increasing rate for 5,000 gallon usage to $70.15.

Cleaning in the community center is unsatisfactory. The council has decided to seek further cleaning options, including hiring new staff or using a cleaning company for either once in a while deep clean or more regular cleaning.

The council was presented with an agreement for new owners of 205 W 3rd Street. Motion by Weible second by Farnham to accept the agreement with the change of “future owner” to actual name of the purchasing owner. All in favor – motion carried.

In new business the council discussed supporting efforts to bring back a carnival to the town festival. Motion by Weible, second by Beck to set aside $10,000 for support of the effort. All in favor – motion carried.

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

With no further business before the council. Motion by Farnham, second by Weible to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

**April 2024 payments**

Aflac 27.04 insurance; A-OX welding 38.11 shop supplies; Aramark 854.59 bar, c-ctr mats, supplies; AT&T 170.07 cell service; Avid Hawk 70.00 website monthly fee, domain fee; Beal Distributing 3823.80 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 139.90 shop maintenance; Br. Co. Sheriff’s Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 4898.80 water purchased; Century Business Products 71.57 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 358.30 pop purchased; CHS 2551.60 propane, diesel; City of Elkton 385.06 utility fees; Colonial Life 306.94 insurance; Cook’s Wastepaper 4136.07 contract garbage; Dakota Beverage Co 5053.70 beer purchases; Dept of Revenue 2489.26 sales tax remittance; EFTPS 2706.15 federal tax payments; Elkton Locker 9.88 c-ctr supplies; Elkton Plumbing 1359.71 pump for park; Harry’s Frozen Food 1027.75 pizzas for bar; Heiman 548.36 fire dept supplies; Heldt, Holly 14.12 utility deposit refund; Henry’s 2094.23 bar supplies; Hillyard 536.42 c-ctr supplies; Innovative Office Solutions 376.22 receipt books; ITC 790.99 phone & internet service; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; Johnson Bros 4099.58 liquor purchases; LEAF 41.00 finance office copier lease; Lowes 227.02 c-ctr supplies; McBrien, Jennifer 61.86 phone, class reimbursement; Mid-American research 1234.55 west nile supplies; Minnesota Paving & Materials 1200.48 aglime for the park; Nelson, Terry 30.00 phone reimbursement; One Office Solution 17.53 copier maintenance, copies; Ottertail 2225.82 electricity; Pepsi 240.00 pop purchased; Postmaster 174.00 postage; Republic Beverage Company 999.88 liquor purchases; RFD Newspapers 269.05 publications; Runnings 101.89 shop, fire dept supplies; Schuurman, Susan 72.84 phone, mileage reimbursement; SD Dept of Health 88.00 sewer tests; SD Retirement 1101.80 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 64.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 141.00 fuel purchases; Southern Glazer’s 1186.00 liquor purchases; Team Lab Chem 3010.00 sewer, west nile supplies; Two Way Solutions 1046.82 fire dept supplies; United Lab 1632.13 street, sewer, park supplies; US Bank 6258.31 SRF lagoon payment; US Bank 22,942.04 SRF Phase I payment; US Bank 9,163.26 SRF Phase II payment; Visa 1681.35 library, finance, park, c-ctr supplies; Visa – Street 19.38 travel expenses; Visa – Bar 121.46 bar supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 3339.91 health insurance; Wex 207.82 fuel purchases; WW Tire 254.00 lawnmower tires; Young Door Service 167.79 garage door maintenance.

**\*denotes already pd. \*Payroll:** Mayor/Council 1270.90; Finance 4101.83; C-ctr 163.81; Street 2930.84; Library 1432.00; Bar 7926.02; Water 3218.32; Sewer 2930.82.