**Elkton City Council Minutes**

**June 3, 2024**

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Remund at 7:03 PM. Council members present were David Bierman, Tal Farnham, Brooke Greve and Scott Stuefen. Council member Jordan Beck was not in attendance.

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

Council appointment for the vacant Ward 3 seat was the next item on the agenda. Rick Weible and Andrew Erickson were the 2 residents that had submitted a letter of interest by the deadline. Mr. Erickson stated he wasn’t interested in competing with Rick, but wanted to express interest in the position. Mr. Weible stated he had enjoyed his year on the council and would be happy to continue to serve the community. Motion by Stuefen, second by Farnham to appoint Rick Weible to the vacant seat, for a 1 year term. All in favor – motion carried. The Oath of Office was administered to Weible at this time.

Motion by Bierman, second by Farnham to approve the May 8th regular meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

During citizen comments, council member, Greve’s had a complaint on a property about a unlicensed vehicle. Schuurman will contact the code enforcement officer to discuss the issue. A complaint was made about the inability to hear the civil defense siren very well around and east of the park. Schuurman will call the appropriate county agency to see what our options are.

A temporary liquor permit has been requested to allow beer to be sold at the amateur baseball games this season. Motion by Farnham, second by Weible to approve the permit. All in favor – motion carried.

Steve Jensen, Public Works Director was not in attendance, but left his report. They started spraying mosquitos on May 24th. Continue to mow and spray weeds. There was a water leak on Antelope Street that was fixed. The case tractor that we lease for the summer will be ready the 2nd week of June. Continue to help with the construction as needed.

Bar Manager, Jennifer McBrien was on hand to give the council her report. Things are going good. Was going to present the council with a quote to purchase new bar stools, but the upright freezer is not working properly. So it is being defrosted to make sure it continues to work. The old ice machine blows a fuse when it is plugged in. The council decided to surplus it.

Finance Officer, Susan Schuurman was on hand for her report. First was to request the July meeting date be moved. Motin by Weible, second by Bierman to move the meeting to July 2nd at 7:00 PM. All in favor – motion carried. Schuurman will be gone from training June 11-14th. The office will be open 4 hours a day while she is gone. The annual Dept of Health Mosquito Grant has been applied for.

There was no report from the Fire Department.

Ambulance Director, Scott Stuefen reported that the State EMS office has 7.5 million in funds and the ambulance will be applying for some of these funds to purchase needed equipment.

Sherry Bauman, City Librarian was not in attendance, but left her report. Daycare deliveries continue every other week. The 2024 Summer Reading Program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library” kicks off on Wednesday, June 12th with Mr. Twister’s Comedy Balloon Show at 10:30 am. The show is free to all ages. Fifty nine kids are registered for the summer program. The library will host a book discussion through the South Dakota Humanities Council’s One Book South Dakota program. This year’s selection is “Little and Often” by Trent Preszler. The date of the discussion is Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00 PM. The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th at 5:00 PM.

The Park and Rec reports included that the soccer field lights were up and working. Letters will be sent to those businesses that had stated they would donate to the fund.

The council reviewed the budget overview for May.

During committee reports there was discussion on needed work for the community center. This included flooring and bathroom stalls. There was also discussion on the need of a cleaning and inventory check list to make sure renters are doing what is expected of them and that items are not being taken from the center.

Resolution 2024-06.01 to designate an official representative was read.

# RESOLUTION 2024-06.01

**A Resolution Authorizing the City of Elkton to**

**Join the Brookings County Regional Railroad Authority**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Elkton, South Dakota, hereby joins the Brookings County Regional Railroad Authority pursuant to an Agreement establishing the Brookings County Regional Railroad Authority, all as authorized by the provisions of SDCL Chapter 49-17A, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement referred to above and any and all other necessary documents to join the Brookings County Regional Railroad Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chris Alberts is hereby designated as the official representative of the City of Elkton to the Brookings County Regional Railroad Authority.

Passed and approved on the 3rd day of June, 2024.

CITY OF ELKTON:

Charles Remund

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Schuurman, City Clerk

Motion by Farnham, second by Stuefen to approve Resolution 2024-06.01. All in favor – motion carried.

In unfinished business, update for the City Infrastructure projects include, J & J Earthworks completed installation of the utilities on Antelope Street, they are working to prep the streets for paving and then will work on punch list items. Contractor’s application for payment no. 17 in the amount of $197,694.58 has been presented to the council for approval. SPN will continue to work on finalizing the plans and specifications for the Phase III/IV improvements. SPN has also begun the engineering report for the SDDOT community access grant application for Elk Street north of the railroad tracks. Motion by Weible, second by Stuefen to approve payment no 17 for $197,694.58. All in favor – motion carried.

The Harvest Festival Committee has opened a checking account to pay for things, the bank requires the council to make a motion for authorized signers. Motion by Farnham, second by Greve to approve Susan Schuurman, Brandi Olson and Brittany Venekamp as authorized signers on the account. All in favor – motion carried. The Harvest Festival committee asked the council if they would be willing to make a donation to pay for some of the items that will be rented to entertain residents at the festival. Motion by Bierman, second Weible to approve a $3000.00 donation. All in favor – motion carried.

In new business, Mayor Remund proclaimed Elkton a Purple Heart Community after a proclamation was read.

**PROCLAMATION  
Purple Heart Community**

**Whereas,** the City of Elkton, South Dakota and our community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**Whereas,** Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm’s way for the good of all; and,

**Whereas,** the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**Whereas,** many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

**Whereas,** citizens of our country have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

**Whereas,** the City of Elkton seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

**Whereas,** I proclaim the City of Elkton, South Dakota to be a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation’s men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA as follows:

Now, therefore, be in resolved on this 3rd day of June 2024, I, Charles Remund, Mayor of the City of Elkton supports the City of Elkton becoming a Purple Heart Community in recognition of our communities Purple Heart Medal recipients.

Charles Remund, Mayor

Susan Schuurman, Finance Officer

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

With no further business before the council. Motion by Farnham, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

**June 2024 payments**

Anderson, Bob 275.00 entertainment for library; A-OX welding 39.15 shop supplies; AT&T 172.15 cell service; Avid Hawk 45.00 website monthly fee; B&H Construction 86.13 gravel; Bauman, Sherry 19.36 reimbursement for supplies; BankStar 3892.92 TIF payment; BankStar 15.02 petty cash; BankStar 43,235.50 insurance; Beal Distributing 3716.30 beer purchases; Br. Co. Sheriff’s Dept 2862.44 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 5198.40 water purchased; Capital One 92.28 library supplies; Century Business Products 79.88 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 352.00 pop purchased; City of Elkton 811.46 utility fees; Colonial Life 480.40 insurance; Cook’s Wastepaper 4371.10 contract garbage; Dakota Beverage Co 4785.80 beer purchases; Dakota Tom’s 50.75 sandwich purchases; DANR 260.00 drinking water fee; DANR 700.00 ground water, well fee; Dept of Revenue 2324.45 sales tax remittance; DMI 84.60 JCB maintenance; EFTPS 5040.86 federal tax payments; Elkton Harvest Festival 3000.00 donation; Elkton Lumber 19608.82 ballfield upgrades, basketball, pickleball court fence; Elkton Plumbing 131.26 bar maintenance; Elkton Snappers 100.00 donation; Harry’s Frozen Food 1551.50 pizzas for bar; Hauff Mid-America sports 13615.00 basketball court equipment; Henry’s 2620.45 bar supplies; ITC 789.49 phone & internet service; JP Cooke 80.35 dog license; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; Johnson Bros 2551.90 liquor purchases; LEAF 41.00 finance office copier lease; Lowes 313.32 park, shop supplies, maintenance; McBrien, Jennifer 30.00 phone reimbursement; Miss Elkton 100.00 donation; Minnesota Paving & Materials 1224.59 aglime purchased; Nelson, Terry 30.00 phone reimbursement; One Office Solution 27.36 copier maintenance, copies; Ottertail 2232.14 electricity; Penworthy 215.13 books for library; Pepsi 160.00 pop purchased; Perry, Doris 34.67 utility deposit refund; Postmaster 106.00 postage; Quill 636.99 bar, finance, library supplies; RFD Newspapers 157.44 publications; Schuurman, Susan 30.00 phone reimbursement; SD Retirement 2152.72 retirement payment; Sioux Valley Energy 111.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview 282.56 fuel purchases, bar supplies; Southern Glazer’s 894.08 liquor purchases; Special Days Committee 300.00 fireworks donation; TEAM Lab 2911.00 sewer, weed supplies; Vestis 893.69 bar, c-ctr mats, supplies; Visa 1856.47 bar ice machine, library books; Visa – Street 304.82 street supplies, sewer equipment; Visa – Bar 28.40 bar supplies; Wellmark BC/BS 3339.91 health insurance; Wex 269.53 fuel purchases.

**\*denotes already pd. \*Payroll:** Mayor/Council 961.52; Finance 4141.50; C-ctr 38.75; Street 3047.92; Library 1432.02; Bar 7734.10; Water 3550.78; Sewer 3047.89.