

Minutes for August 10, 2015 City Council Meeting

The meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on August 10, 2015, at 7:00 pm by Mayor Opp in the council room of the Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor Opp, Council members: Bertsch, Billotto, Heilman, Obenauer, Regula, Weisbeck, Assistant Finance Officer Bauer, Finance Officer Gruebele. Others present: Deb Larson, Linda Bergman, Dave Ackerman, Anita Duquette, Jaci Eberhart, and Jeff Neuharth.

Any changes or additions: Weed spraying, Helm's & Associates, Garbage bins, Skunk traps, Artesian well. Motion by Heilman, seconded by Regula to accept the changes and additions to the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bills from the July 13, 2015, City Council meeting were not listed. Bills for July 13, 2015: Michael Todd & Company, Inc., streets \$86.35; CNH Capital/Titan Machinery, streets \$340.85; A&B Business, supplies \$161.03; Dakota Cloud Recovery, computer backup \$149.43; Eureka Elevator, supplies \$217.50; Ken's, supplies \$95.32; Servall, cleaning supplies \$100.14; MTI Distributing, Inc., supplies \$512.24; McPherson Co. Register of deeds, deed \$34.50; Eureka Manufacturing, supplies \$171.86; Northern Plains, supplies \$1407.11; SD One Call, message fees \$13.65; Northwest Blade, advertising/publishing \$673.45; The Stop, gas \$321.17; Eureka Plumbing & Heating, supplies \$130.55; Paulette Bauer, SDML conf.-meals/gas \$173.26; SDML, workshop/training \$150.00; Fischer's Plumbing & Heating, repairs \$1843.89; Susan Fischer, books \$459.92; Dakota Fence, supplies \$69.50; Best Western Ramkota Hotel, SDML conference, \$191.98; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, attorney fees \$682.71; JP Lumber, supplies \$292.99; Heartland Waste, sanitation fees \$4975.50; Lyle Signs, supplies \$49.89; Dakota Supply Group, supplies \$123.07; MDU, utilities \$4345.27; Weisbeck Construction, repairs/ballpark \$14,952.52; Dakota Country Store, supplies/gas \$309.58; Kary's, tires/repairs \$611.96; Premier Equipment, LLC, streets/shop \$264.93; Valleytel, phones/utilities \$657.87; McPherson County Auditor, police contract \$3500.00; Matheson, acetylene \$9.30; Vilas Pharmacy, supplies \$42.95; Lew's Fireworks, fireworks \$4000.00; Clark Engineering, platting/labor \$1637.50; Nicole Gruebele, SDML conf.-meals \$21.77; Dennis Schwingler, refund building permit \$25.00; Austin Moser, lifeguard training \$200.00; Logan Ackerman, lifeguard training \$200.00; Wellmark, health insurance \$2187.56; Interstate Engineering, construction \$3876.06; Interstate Engineering, design project \$2250.72; Interstate Engineering, design project \$1500.48; Interstate Engineering, airport layout \$13,600.00; Interstate Engineering, airport layout \$4000.00; SD Department of Revenue, license registration \$9.00; WEB, water \$5723.22; SD Retirement System, retirement \$1349.96; FEM, utilities \$794.33; SD Department of Labor & Regulation, unemployment insurance \$26.32; Great Plains Bank, payroll \$3914.60; Great Plains Bank, utilities \$13.85; Richard Goertzen, water deposit refund \$75.00; Servall, cleaning supplies \$100.14; MDU, utilities \$239.03; Anthony Sanderson, water deposit refund \$19.04.

Correction to the July 13, 2015 minutes: the vote for motion to provide the statements to the public without any attorney/clients/executive session/litigation information. All voted aye. Obenauer-no. Motion carried.

Addition to the July 13, 2015 minutes: Carmen Weber, George Hultscher, Wayne Lutz, and Keith Kramlich with the Hospital were at the meeting for an annual update and for budgeting purposes, and spoke on ½ penny sales tax Assisted Living, \$135,000 at 8.5% pay off Dec. 2017.

Addition to the July 13, 2015 minutes: Jean Bertsch and George Hultscher spoke on behalf of the Eureka Pioneer Museum and were at the meeting for an annual update and for budgeting purposes. No action was taken.

Addition to the July 13, 2015 minutes: Wanda Jundt, Jaci Eberhart, Roger Rood, and Kaytlin Pelton spoke on behalf of ECDC. They were at the meeting for an annual update and for budgeting purposes. They were requesting a total of \$35,000 to be used for \$17,000 RCDI grant match for 2015, \$15,000 match for grants that will be applied for in 2016, and \$3,000 for portion of expenses. No action was taken.

Correction to the July 13, 2015 minutes: Police Report was given. The City is going to invite Jeff Neuharth, Sheriff Ackerman, and Deputy Smith to the August 10th meeting. If citizens have concerns or complaints after hours they are to contact the Mobridge Dispatcher by calling 911. Billotto will visit with Deputy Smith.

Correction to the July 13, 2015 minutes: Community Transit will be adding a second vehicle, which will be a mini van. Regula gave this information for budgeting purposes.

Motion by Billotto, seconded by Obenauer to approve the July 13, 2015 city council meeting minutes and the July 29, 2015 special city council meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Bertsch to approve the bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried. Bills for August 10, 2015: Postmaster, postage \$49.00; Cash, postage \$49.00; McPherson County Auditor, police contract \$3500.00; SD Department of Revenue, driver's licensing \$472.00; Heartland Waste, sanitation fees/roll off \$5536.20; Jensen Rock & Sand, streets \$59,393.25; Sweeney Controls, back up battery \$296.69; A&B Business, supplies \$52.14; Lyle Signs, Inc., sign \$63.05; Ken's, supplies \$79.34; SD One Call, message fees \$21.00; Dakota Supply Group, supplies \$38.81; Great Plains Insurance, airport liability \$1563.00; Eureka Sportsman Club, annual carp tournament \$350.00; Matheson, acetylene \$9.61; Northern Plains, gas \$711.88; Servall, cleaning supplies \$100.86; Eureka Plumbing & Heating, supplies/repairs \$136.32; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, attorney fees \$2181.59; High Points Networks, antivirus software \$48.00; Clark Engineering, platting \$5829.65; Banyon Data Systems, customer support \$2385.00; Consumer Reports, subscription renewal \$26.00; Susan Fischer, supplies \$180.56; Susan Fischer, books \$437.71; Business Forms & Acct. Systems, checks for bills/payroll \$232.05; Dawn Regula, conf./training-mileage \$167.16; Northwest Blade, advertising/publishing \$370.11; Fischer's Plumbing & Heating, repairs \$62.92; Valleytel, phones/utilities \$410.57; MDU, utilities \$5388.31; Call Center Products USA, Inc., wireless headsets \$790.95; WEB, water \$6133.96; FEM, utilities \$556.63; SD Retirement System, retirement \$912.94; Wellmark, health insurance \$1640.67; Postmaster, postage \$49.00; Great Plains Bank, payroll \$4326.35; SD Department of Labor & Regulation, unemployment insurance, \$30.03; Great Plains Bank, utilities \$21.15; SD State Treasurer, sales tax (June) \$478.57; SD State Treasurer, sales tax (July) \$1165.27; Dennis Heilman, traps \$132.90; SD One Call, message fees \$6.30.

Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Billotto to approve the financials. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion about Claudia Merthan's new house being moved to Eureka. Finance Officer Gruebele will contact Claudia to let her know there is a \$500 security deposit for moving a house into city limits.

There was also discussion that approved building permits are not listed individually in the meeting minutes. Only the approval of the building permits will continue to be published in the meeting minutes. Motion by Regula, seconded by Heilman to approve the building permits. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Regula to approve the payroll report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ackerman spoke on the siren project. He has applied for a grant, but highly encourages the City to budget for the sirens in 2016 in case the City is not awarded the grant. Sheriff Ackerman and Jeff Neuharth spoke on behalf of the Sheriff Department. The City has the concern of accessibility of law enforcement. The City of Eureka contracts 30 hours per week of law enforcement with the County. The non-emergency number for the Mobridge Dispatcher, #845-5000, previously published in the meeting minutes is not for parking complaints or barking dog complaints unless the City is agreeable to pay a fee up to \$200-300 per month. The Mobridge Dispatcher is for emergency calls. Discussion on alternative options the City may consider were hiring more public safety staff or consider listing a non-emergency phone number in Eureka where citizens can leave messages for Deputy Smith or when Deputy Smith is on duty it can be forwarded to his cell phone so he can answer calls. Discussion concluded that at this time if it is an emergency citizens should call 911 and if it is a non-emergency citizens should come into the City Office and complete a nuisance complaint report.

Kaitlyn Pelton joined the meeting.

Gladys Schott was not present. Her claim was that her hydrangeas were damaged when the City sprayed. It appears her plants are now green.

Bid for the water line project was opened and read aloud from Dahme Construction. Bid was for a total of \$19,753.00. Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Obenauer to accept the bid from Dahme Construction for the water line project by the school. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no bids for the ambulance meeting room floor. There was discussion and it was decided this should be tabled until September's meeting.

Revision of zoning ordinances was tabled until the September or October meeting. Finance Officer Gruebele will check with Rick Weisbeck or Todd Hieb before the September meeting regarding this agenda item.

Motion by Regula, seconded by Obenauer to discontinue publishing Zoning Board meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Bud McCurley and his request for water outside city limits was tabled until the September meeting. Council will review the ordinance drafted by Attorney Lovrien.

Bertsch reported that the beacon at the airport is not working. Muth Electric will be checking the beacon. The City needs to update their list of contacts authorized to issue NOTAMS for the airport. All current names except for Jon Becker and Jason Engbrecht with the SDDOT Office of Aeronautics should be removed. Nicole Gruebele, Finance Officer; Paulette Bauer, Assistant Finance Officer; Jim Grossman, Chairman of the Airport Board; Eric Odenbach, Airport Boardmember should all be added. In addition, once the new Director of Public Works and Assistant Public Works Director/General Maintenance are hired they should be added to the list as well. Also, the new Director of Public Works should be listed as the Airport Manager. Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Heilman to update the list and submit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Regula, seconded by Obenauer to pay Edna Hieb \$100.00 for lodging for the Director of Public Works applicant for the City. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Bertsch to approve appointment of Yvonne Eberhart and approve re-appointment of Rosa Jundt to the Library Board for a three year term. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Bertsch to pay Brandon Duquette's remaining vacation time of 104 hours at \$17.25 per hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Regula to contract 4,000 gallons of propane from Northern Plains and prepay at \$1.00 per gallon. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion on Elmer Ottenbacher's outside sewer drain. Obenauer will check the sewer drain.

Code enforcement complaints will be reviewed at the City Council meetings. If there are any grass concerns the City Office should contact the two council members in that ward. Council reviewed the complaints brought to the meeting. Doris Town reported complaint on Brandee Hanson's back yard grass length and camper on street. City Office was unable to contact Brandee via phone. They will send Brandee a letter. Henry Straub's yard needs mowing. Council will contact him. Council discussed Floyd Obenauer's business's yard needing mowing. City will mow the yard and bill Obenauer.

Police Report was presented.

There was no Public Works Director Report.

In observance of Native American's Day the City employees are off on Monday, October 12, 2015. Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Bertsch to move the October City Council Meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2015. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Gruebele is requesting September 11, 2015, off.

The First Reading of the 2016 Budget will be at the Special City Council Meeting on August 25, 2015. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Bertsch to approve up to six hours of Banyon training at \$75.00 per hour for the Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion on amending the vacation time personnel policy. The personnel policy manual will be reviewed at the Special City Council Meeting on August 25, 2015.

An update on Walnut Rd was discussed.

Mayor Opp will visit with Glen on spraying the weeds at the ballpark, along the highway, and at the tennis court.

Mayor Opp will visit with Jay at Helm's and Associates regarding the City receiving 50% reimbursement of Duinick's final bill. Motion by Regula, seconded by Obenauer to have Mayor Opp sign the Certificate of Acceptance letter from Helm's and Associates regarding the completion of the project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Toby at Heartland Waste Management, Inc. has agreed to bring two more dumpsters for the City at no extra charge. For the months of September, October, and November the City will move the dumpster by the beach, and all three dumpsters will be put by the two picnic shelters and one by the concession stand at the park.

Dennis Heilman has purchased two skunk traps property of the City of Eureka. Citizens can contact him with any concerns on skunks, raccoons, etc. at #929-6580.

No update was given on the artesian well.

Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Heilman to go into executive session at 10:00 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 11:16 p.m. motion by Billotto, seconded by Heilman to come out of executive session. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Weisbeck to offer Gregg Arnold the Director of Public Works position. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Heilman to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark W. Opp

Finance Officer Gruebele