

## **January 11, 2016 Minutes**

The Howard City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Dold presided with Aldermen Karstens, Thompson, Feldhaus, Leary and Dufault. Spader was absent. Attorney Jencks was also present.

### **2016 Salaries:**

Mayor, Andrew Dold, \$5,220.00; Aldermen, Leary, Thompson, Dufault, Thompson, Spader and Karstens, \$1,195.04; Electric Supt., Kody Dawson, \$55,016.00; Supt. of Public Works, Greg Gross, \$61,300.00; Finance Officer, Donna Klinkhammer, \$41,000.00; Office Assistant, Mary K Schlim, \$13.00/hr.; City Attorney, David Jencks, \$6,900.00; Head Librarian, Irene Colling, \$13.00/hr.; Assistant Librarians, Betty Weidler, Elaine Nelson, Marilyn Rasmussen, Mary K Schlim, Patricia Schaefer and Deborah Roden, \$10.75/hr.; Custodian Ray Eller, \$11.30 per/hr.; Animal Control, Evan Meyer, \$2,400.00 plus 50% of fines; Boulevard Attendant, Kathy Zulk, \$12.00 per/hr.; Campground Attendant, Harley Cross, \$11.30 per/hr.; and Airport Attendant, Eldon Sneesby contracted for \$1,075.00 per season. Ex officio member of Cemetery Board of Managers, Joanne Sherman, \$100/month. Mayor, Finance Officer, Office Assistant, Aldermen and City Attorney \$35 per additional meeting attended.

### **Steve Moses – Heartland – Policy for Connecting with Co-Generation & Small Power Production Facilities – Ordinance #694**

Steve Moses, Customer Relations Manager for Heartland met with the Council to discuss the regulations requiring utilities to buy and sell power from renewable energy projects. This was enacted to encourage co-generation and small power production in hopes of expanding renewable energy. Heartland knows that this can be challenging for small utility organizations. Heartland is filing a Motion for Waiver with FERC to allow them to purchase power directly from any qualifying facility in our territory that generates the energy. Since Howard operates their own facility, the Motion for Waiver request that they have the obligation to provide interconnection with a qualifying facility and sell energy to that facility as the opportunity arises at retail. Heartland feels they are better situated to evaluate and acquire bulk power purchases from a qualifying facility. In order to accomplish this, the City of Howard needs to implement an Interconnection Policy. Feldhaus moved, Dufault seconded and carried to approve the first reading of Ordinance #694, which would adopt the Interconnection Policy. Leary abstained.

### **Resolution #1300 – Re-dedicating a portion of Farmer Ave. as public right of way**

Thompson moved, Leary seconded and carried to approve Resolution #1300.

\*see attached

#### **RESOLUTION #1300**

#### **A RESOLUTION DEDICATING STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HOWARD, MINER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Howard resolves to dedicate a street describes as:

The former street lying between Lots 3 through 5, Block 14 on the North side and Lots 3 through 5, Block 11 on the South side, of the Original Plat of the City of Howard, Miner County, South Dakota; (See Exhibit "A" attached hereto);

**WHEREAS**, public notice of such resolution shall be given proved by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the only owners of the property abutting on both sides of the said street have consented to the re-dedication of public right of way and public interest will be better served by establishing such right of way.

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

That the Howard City Council, City of Howard, Miner County, South Dakota, hereby declare dedicating the portion of Farmer Avenue, which is described as follows:

The previous street lying between Lots 3 through 5, Block 14 on the North side and Lots 3 through 5, Block 11 on the South side, of the Original Plat of the City of Howard, Miner County, South Dakota; (See Exhibit "A" attached hereto);

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

### **Drainage Ditch – South of E. Howard Ave.**

A group of citizens were present to discuss the build-up over the years south of E. Farmers Ave. which stops the flow of water from city streets and snow melt flowing to Highway 34 ditch, which then runs to the creek. Supt. Gross got a quote of \$1734.70 from Dawson Construction to clean out the ditch. Dufault moved, Karstens seconded and carried to hire Dawson to clean out the ditch contingent of written approval from land owners and the Corp of Engineers.

### **Renew Energy Maintenance Agreement**

Approval of the maintenance agreement with Renew Energy was tabled until Mayor Dold can talk with them.

### **Combined Election**

Thompson moved, Dufault seconded and carried to combine the city election with the Howard School District and the Town of Canova on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Approval of Minutes, Reports and Claims**

Dufault moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the minutes, reports and following claims: A&B Business, repairs, 135.00; Banyon Data, prof fee, 129.00; Shirley Beers, rebate, 100.00; Billion Chevrolet, equip., 27490.00; Bobs Elec., repairs, 375.00; Central Business, supplies, 58.59; Central Electric, utilities, 70.00; Michael Clary, rebate, 100.00; Cross Repair, repairs, 735.00; Dakota Pump, repairs, 729.27; Danø Heating, repairs, 160.70; Danko, supplies, 183.64; Kody Dawson, utilities, 45.00; Melvin Dutt, rebate, 100.00; East River, energy, 5316.45; Fastenal, supplies, 148.09; Petty Cash, deposit return, 200.00; Greg Gross, utilities & supplies, 116.99; Heartland, energy, 59845.09; Homestead, repairs, 184.87; Howard Community Club, other, 55.00; HFCA, supplies, 870.26; Infotech, equip., 999.98; Jencks Law, prof fee, 575.00; jobsHQ, publish, 569.00; Johnson Brothers, repairs, 9427.30; Kingbrook, water, 8313.00; Klinkhammer Plumbing, repairs, 61.22; Madison Instant Printing, supplies, 97.52; Michael Todd, supplies, 183.80; Miner County Dispatch, dispatch, 19250.00; Miner County Pioneer, publish, 97.04; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 7000.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 27.77; SD One Call, locates, 3.36; Pronto, repairs, 1565.63; R & R Drug, supplies, 13.98; Schuurmans Farm Supply, repairs, 1705.63; SD Airport Asssoc., dues, 25.00; SD Assoc. of Rural Water, dues, 410.00; SD DENR, dues, 24.00; SD DENR,

permit, 1500.00; SD Govt Finance Officers, dues, 40.00; SD Human Resource Assoc., dues, 25.00; SDMEA, dues, 967.00; SDML, dues, 964.86; SD Municipal Street Assoc., dues, 35.00; SD Unemployment, tax, 10.19; SDML Work Comp., insurance, 12000.00; Servall, rental, 16.80; Alliance, utilities, 337.00; Tomø Hardware, supplies, 151.06; WAPA, energy, 20538.90; Wesco, supplies, 178.00; Winwater, supplies, 16066.91; Kathy Zulk, rebate, 100.00.

**Other Claims:** Miner County Bank, WHSS, 1966.63; SDSRP, supplemental retirement, 75.00.

**Wages:** Finance Officer, 2663.87; Streets, 4098.73; Electric, 4180.63; Library, 1151.38; Cemetery, 92.35; Council, 1608.32; Custodians, 456.67; Rubble Site, 146.10; Snow, 447.55; Animal Control, 159.70.

### **Ordinance #693 – Electric Rates**

Leary moved and Dufault seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #693 increasing electric rates by 2% but not to implement the rate increase until July 1, 2016. Voting aye were Leary, Dufault, Thompson and Karstens. Voting nay was Feldhaus. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance #695 – Sewer Rates**

Feldhaus moved, Dufault seconded and carried to approve the second reading of Ordinance #695 increasing sewer rates by 5% per year for a 5 year period.

### **2016 Electric & Plumbing License Renewals**

Leary moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the applications to renew licenses for Goth Electric, Howard Heating & Plumbing, Loyal Electric, Hattervig Electric, Klinkhammer Plumbing, Danø Heating & Cooling, S & S Contracting and Iron Wheel.

### **Appraisal of Real Property**

Real property located on 101 S. Section Line was appraised at a value of \$500. Thompson moved, Karstens seconded and carried to advertise for bids for this property.

### **February and March Meeting Dates**

February meeting date will be February 15<sup>th</sup> and March meeting date will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. The changes were made per request from Finance Officer Klinkhammer.

### **Executive Session**

Karstens moved, Leary seconded and carried to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Thompson moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to come out of executive session.

### **Reports**

Dufault moved, Leary seconded and carried that if the Council doesn't get a monthly Sheriff report, the payment will be contingent on receiving the report.

**Street & Park Maintenance Position**

Leary moved and Dufault seconded to offer the Street & Park Maintenance position to Chad Podhradsky at a wage of \$17/per hour. Thompson, Leary and Dufault were in favor. Opposed were Feldhaus and Karstens.

There being no further business, Feldhaus moved, Thompson seconded and carried to adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Andrew Dold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer  
Finance Officer