

## **January 12, 2015 Minutes**

The Howard City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Dold presided with Aldermen Karstens, Thompson, Hageman and Dufault. Spader, Klinkhammer and Attorney Jencks were absent.

### **2015 Salaries:**

Mayor, Andrew Dold, \$5,220.00; Aldermen, Klinkhammer, Hageman, Dufault, Thompson, Spader and Karstens, \$1,195.04; Electric Supt., Kody Dawson, \$53,414.40; Supt. of Public Works, Greg Gross, \$55,000.00; Water/Wastewater Technician, Camren Laible, \$16.50/hr.; Finance Officer, Donna Klinkhammer, \$41,000.00; Office Assistant, Jennie Shumaker, \$12.30/hr.; Account Clerk, Mary K Johnson, \$10.25/hr.; City Attorney, David Jencks, \$6,900.00; Head Librarian, Irene Colling, \$12.30/hr.; Assistant Librarians, Betty Weidler, Elaine Nelson, Marilyn Rasmussen, Mary K Schlim, Lois Perrine and Deborah Roden, \$10.25/hr.; Custodian Ray Eller, \$10.75 per/hr.; Rubble Site Attendant, Tom Poncelet, \$11.30/hr.; Animal Control, Evan Meyer, \$2,400.00 plus 50% of fines; Boulevard Attendant, Kathy Zulk, \$11.30 per/hr.; Campground Attendant, Harley Cross, \$10.75 per/hr.; and Airport Attendant, Eldon Sneesby contracted for \$1,025.00 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.

### **Graceland Cemetery – Board of Managers**

Mary Leary, representing the Board of Managers, of Graceland Cemetery submitted to the Council an amendment to Ordinance #136. The Board of Managers also recommended hiring Joanne Sherman as an ex officio of the Board of Managers for a period not to exceed one year to insure the transition of management of the cemetery back to the City of Howard. Thompson moved, Dufault seconded and carried to add Joanne Sherman to the salary resolution for 2015 as an ex officio member of Board of Managers for \$100 a month. Dufault moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the first reading of Ordinance #689, amending Ordinance #136.

### **Jerry Adler – summer help**

Adler met with the Council to discuss the hiring of summer help and providing funds for maintenance of the ball fields. The Council will consider when hiring summer help in April.

### **City Supt. of Public Works – Greg Gross**

Gross discussed with the Council a quote for hydraulics for a snow plow, tools for the shop, making a box scraper for the loader, getting a program to notify when lift station at lagoons stops working and possible projects for this summer.

**Plumbing License Renewal**

Karstens moved, Hageman seconded and carried to approve the application to renew Danø Heating & Cooling license.

**Combined Election**

Thompson moved, Karstens seconded and carried to combine the city election with the Howard School District and the Town of Canova on the third Tuesday in June.

**Approval of Minutes, Reports and Claims**

Thompson moved, Hageman seconded and carried to approve the minutes, reports and following claims: Assurant, insurance, 39.50; Banyon, prof fee, 129.00; Central Electric, utilities, 63.31; Clarke Machine, repairs, 40.45; Dakotagas, supplies, 76.00; Danø Heating, repairs, 207.49; Dawsonø, sanitation, 12090.82; Kody Dawson, utilities, 45.00; East River, energy, 8089.80; Greg Gross, insurance & utilities, 713.68; Heartland, energy, 61269.06; Homestead, supplies, 1088.51; HFCA, supplies, 1260.75; Jencks Law, prof fee, 575.00; Johnson Brothers, repairs, 1147.96; Kingbrook, water, 7684.20; Donna Klinkhammer, travel, 29.72; Camren Laible, utilities, 45.00; Michael Todd, supplies, 2660.01; Miner County Dispatch, dispatch, 19250.00; Miner County Pioneer, publish, 59.01; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 7000.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 3.28; SD One Call, locates, 3.33; Pronto, supplies, 541.08; Prostrollo Motor, repairs, 127.05; Rafferty Robins, other, 48.44; Henry Rentschler, bldg. improvements, 600.00; Resykle, supplies, 317.16; Rustyø, supplies, 38.06; SD Airport Assn, dues, 25.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water, dues, 410.00; SD Dept of Revenue, fee, 1500.00; SDDENR, dues & exam fee, 34.00; SD Govø F/O Assn, dues, 40.00; SD Human Resource Assn, dues, 25.00; SD Municipal Electric Assoc., dues, 971.00; SDML, dues, 943.12; SD Street Maintenance Assn, dues, 35.00; SD Unemployment, insurance, 14.79; SDML Work Comp, insurance, 8745.00; SDPAA, insurance, 6492.19; Servall, rental, 16.64; Alliance, utilities, 269.00; Tomø Hardware, supplies, 189.87; WAPA, energy, 20538.90; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax, 6217.03.

**Other Claims:** Capitol One, supplies, 4901.07; Petty Cash, supplies & prof fee, 224.58; Jencks Law, prof fee, 1150.00; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 12833.32.

**Wages:** Finance Officer, 3510.67; Streets, 2205.14; Water, 1423.10; Electric, 3171.25; Sewer, 474.36; Library, 1303.05; Cemetery, 60.03; Council, 1443.07; Custodians, 358.78; Waste, 233.64; Snow, 91.93; Animal Control, 159.70.

**Bond Counsel**

Hageman moved, Karstens seconded and carried to retain Douglas J. Hajek of Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith L.L.P. as bond counsel for the sewer project.

**Fuel & Gas Contract**

Dufault moved, Karstens seconded and carried to renew an escalator contract with Howard Farmers Coop beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 12th, 2015 through on or about December 31, 2015 with prices beginning as follows: Nolead, 1.74; Unleaded Plus 1.57; Roadmaster, 2.03; Road #1, 2.39; Fieldmaster, 1.80; #1 Field, 2.18.

**2015 Fire Department Roster**

Thompson moved, Hageman seconded and carried to approve the Firemen's Roster: Howard Fire Chief, Nate Ruml, Assistant Chief, Kevin Feldhaus, President, Chad Podhradsky, Vice President, Mike Sebert, Secretary, Ron Kremppges, Treasurer, Alex Protsch, Mike Clary, Training Officer, John Eulberg, Rob Eggert, Josh Esser, Jay Goldammer, Dave Hodges, Gage Goldammer, Nathan Kizer, Nick Kramer, Aaron Jeffrey, Evan Meyer, Wade Erickson, Henry Rentschler, Ken Ruml, Francis Ruml, Tim Sherman, Eric Rentschler and Rick Senner.

There being no further business, Thompson moved, Karstens seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting to February 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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Andrew Dold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer  
Finance Officer