

July 11, 2016 Minutes

The Howard City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11th, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Andrew Dold presided with Aldermen Greg Dufault, Jean Thompson, Mark Karstens and Bernard Feldhaus. Ryan Spader and Mary Leary were absent. City Attorney David Jencks was also present.

Mayor Dold called the meeting to order. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dufault and carried to approve the agenda. Dufault moved, Karstens seconded and carried to approve the amended minutes of the June 13th regular meeting and June 27th special meeting.

Thompson moved, Dufault seconded and carried to approve the following claims: Gerald Adler, prof fee, 350.00; Aflac, supplemental insurance, 67.80; Casey Alsaker, deposit return, 112.64; Ellie Antrim, training, 35.00; Avera, insurance, 2197.38; Bethany Church, rebate, 100.00; Bob's Electric, repairs, 4646.31; Brian Bugg, deposit return, 14.50; Central Electric, utilities & repairs, 1600.16; Dakota Pump, supplies, 2529.39; Dan's Heating, repairs, 489.06; Danko, other, 48.80; Dawson's, sanitation & repairs, 14033.96; Kody Dawson, utilities, 45.00; Andrew Dold, travel, 35.00; Empire Pipe Services, improvements, 31288.68; Fastenal, supplies, 69.05; Bernard Feldhaus, travel, 35.00; Petty Cash, deposit return, 125.00; Greg Gross, utilities, 45.00; Mid-America Sports, supplies, 45.00; Hawkins, supplies, 35009.36; Heartland, energy, 41029.93; Jerry Hodges, travel, 48.30; Holiday Inn, travel, 305.85; Homestead, repairs, 213.81; HFCA, supplies, 2227.97; Infotech, equipment, 2599.97; Ingram, books, 241.30; Jencks Law, prof fee, 575.00; Kingbrook, water, 10473.00; Klinkhammer Plumbing, repairs, 255.71; Kramer Construction, repairs, 11224.51; Adam Larsen, rebate, 100.00; Madison Hardware, supplies, 39.98; Marvin McKinney, rebate, 100.00; Medary Acres, supplies, 1339.25; Midwest Fire, repairs, 297.50; Miner County Pioneer, publish, 265.92; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 7000.00; Miner Insurance Agency, prof fee, 50.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 156.74; SD One Call, locates, 2.24; Penworthy, books, 550.89; Pitney Bowes, rental, 191.64; Chad Podhradsky, utilities, 45.00; Power Promotions, other, 99.36; Pronto, supplies, 358.80; Rusty's, supplies & candy, 686.37; Salem Special, publish, 61.20; SD Dept of Revenue, dues, 650.00; SD Unemployment, tax, 35.44; Secretary of State, prof fee, 30.00; Servall, rental, 16.80; Spencer Quarries, supplies, 81.12; Alliance, utilities, 418.00; SPN, pro fee, 1622.35; State of SD, prof fee, 115.00; T & R Electric, supplies, 721.00; Tom's Hardware, supplies, 767.09; TSA Catering, rebate, 100.00; UEMSI/HTV, supplies, 1181.96; Van Diest, supplies, 2116.90; WAPA, energy, 26909.26; Wesco, supplies, 3201.14; Winker Trenching, repairs, 3766.75; Andrew Yanish, rebate, 100.00.

Other Claims: Miner County Bank, WHSS, 9108.71; SDSRP, supplemental retirement, 150.00; Assurant, insurance, 67.00; Capital One, travel & utilities, 834.01; Petty Cash, deposit return, 322.86; Miner Insurance, insurance, 7416.00; NorthWestern, utilities, 370.48; SDML, training, 150.00; SD Retirement, retirement, 1789.70.

Wages: Parks, 2045.39; Library, 1727.99; Cemetery, 526.69; Electric, 5554.10; Council, 1361.79; Custodian, 845.28; Rubble Site, 542.65; Finance Office, 2375.44;

Street, 2763.06; Water, 1198.94; Sewer, 583.70; Pool, 5603.11; Animal Control, 205.87; Rec, 390.15.

Karstens moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to approve the Financial, Electric and Water reports. No Sheriff's report was submitted. The Council reviewed the past due accounts report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thompson moved, Dufault seconded and carried to approve the second reading of Ordinance #696 – increasing the price of cemetery plots.

Dufault moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the second reading of Ordinance #697 – reducing the garbage rates.

The Council again discussed the Emergency Service Agreement with the Howard Good Samaritan Center. Good Samaritan Center is requesting that the City provide non-drinking water in the event of an emergency. The City would have to provide tankers to haul the water. Dufault moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to deny the request because of not having the equipment needed to fulfil the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Thompson Ward I, Colby Tolk Ward II and Gerald Adler Ward III were sworn in as Aldermen and Donald M. Arens as Mayor for the City of Howard.

The council adjourned as city council and reconvened as a planning and zoning commission. Those present for the meeting were Arens, Thompson, Feldhaus, Tolk, Dufault, Adler and Randy & Deb Dawson. A variance application was presented by the Dawson's, which would allow building a storage unit closer to the lot lines. After some discussion and concerns with the proximity to the water tower, Feldhaus moved, Adler seconded and carried to table the application of Randy & Deb Dawson to build a storage unit closer to the lot line. Those in attendance were informed that the variance hearing will be continued on August 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers.

Camden Hofer, from SPN & Associates, recommended approving Empire Pipe Services application for payment #2 of \$31,288.68. A retainage of 50% of total project is still being withheld until all the televising has been reviewed. Adler moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to approve. Hofer also discussed with the Council DENR's compliance schedule for the testing of ammonia levels.

No one was present for the condemnation hearing on the property at 204 N. Vermillion St. Adler moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to condemn the above described property because the structure has been damaged by decay and/or otherwise to the extent of fifty percent of its value.

Thompson moved, Dufault seconded and carried to move forward with forming a new subdivision of Heartland by petitioning for annexation and inclusion of the City of Howard within the Heartland Consumers Power District.

Employee Chad Podhradsky met with the Council to discuss city business. First the cemetery by-laws were discussed. He understood from the cemetery board that

Donald M. Arens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer
Finance Officer