

## **May 11, 2015 Minutes**

The Howard City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Dold presided with Aldermen Klinkhammer, Thompson, Karstens, Spader, Hageman and Dufault. City Attorney David Jencks was also present.

### **Letter from Miner County Treasurer – Delinquent Taxes**

Treasurer Debbie Eggert sent a letter to inform the Council of two parcels with delinquent taxes old enough for tax deed proceedings:

First parcel: Howard City-Hillcrest, Lot 5 of SW ¼ 2-106-56: The City has a nuisance assessment on this property that was attached to the 2012 taxes due in 2013 after a mobile home was destroyed and removed. Paul Larson of Salem was in attendance to discuss this property with the Council. He told of his interest in buying the tax certificate if the City was willing to abate the special assessments. Thompson moved, Spader seconded and carried to abate the special assessments on Howard City-Hillcrest, Lot 5 of SW ¼ 2-106-56.

Second parcel: Howard City-Acre Property, Lot 4 of replat 7-8, SE ¼ 3-106-56. This house and garage, located on Section Line St., was destroyed earlier this spring. The City's nuisance assessment will not be attached to this property until the 2015 taxes due in 2016. By that time, the county may have taken tax deed to the property, and if City agrees, turn the property over to the City, or the County could wait a year to start tax deed proceeding until the nuisance assessment is filed with the Auditor's office. The Council agreed to have Treasurer Eggert start tax deed proceedings on this property.

### **Miner County Board of Equalization Final Value**

The City Council acknowledged receiving a copy of the final value determined by the County Board of Equalization on properties that submitted an objection to real property assessment.

### **File Assessment Roll – Resolution #1296**

Hageman moved, Klinkhammer seconded and carried to approve the special assessment roll for the 2015 Street Project by passing resolution #1296.

\*see attached

#### **Resolution #1296**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Howard, South Dakota, that the Special Assessment Roll for concrete curb and approach repairs for the 2015 Street Project be accepted and filed and that the hearing on said assessment roll shall be June 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Dated this 11th day of May 2015.

### **Malt Beverage License Renewals**

Dufault moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the renewal of the following licenses:

Rusty's Food Store, Inc., Lot 1 of NE ¼, 11-106-56  
Package (off-sale) Malt Beverage

Carol Alderson, Longbranch Bar, Lot 15, Block 11, OP  
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage

David Dawson, Corner Pantry, Lots 1 & 2, of Block 1, Booth's Addition  
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage

Howard Athletic Club, all of SE ¼ North of Farmer's Ave. not platted 2-106-56 Ward's Addition and structures on Lots 4,5,7,8,9 & 10 Block 1 Ward's Addition.  
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage

Armand Dornbusch, Don's Place, W. 40' of Lots 14, 15 & 16, Block 10 OP -  
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage

William Gold, Higher Grounds Coffee, Lot 12, Block 11, OP  
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine

American Legion, Lot 1 & 2, Block 3, OP  
Temporary Malt Beverage - October 16 & 17, 2015

### **Bids – Sale of Real Property**

One bid was received for the real property offered for sale by the City of Howard described as: West Well Lot 6 E. 26' of Lot 6 & W. 74' of Lot 5 of Lot 34 SE ¼ 3-106-56. David Cross submitted a bid of \$150.00. Klinkhammer moved, Dufault seconded and carried to accept the low bid of \$150.00.

### **City Wide Cleanup**

City wide cleanup is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The 9<sup>th</sup> will be east of Main St. and the 11<sup>th</sup> will be west of Main St.

### **Pasture Rent**

Spader moved, Karstens seconded and carried to rent the pasture out by the lagoons again to Brad Neises for \$375.00.

### **Howard Industries – Colin Wunder**

Colin Wunder, new president of the Howard Industries, presented to the Council a proposed Howard Industries Incentive Package for new or expanding businesses. Howard Industries would like to implement cash incentives for new job creations. Wunder asked for the City to help fund this incentive package with Economic Development funds. After much discussion, Dufault moved, Spader seconded and carried to give \$20,000.00 to Howard Industries with the request of accountability of where the funds are being used.

### **Cemetery Board – Mary Leary**

The Cemetery Board met April 20<sup>th</sup> and asked Mary Leary to bring some of their concerns to the Council. They discussed the care and maintenance and best practices.

Leary has had a brief discussion with the City Superintendent regarding this. Improvements that the Board would like to see is to have a proper shelter and weatherproof display case installed. Long term improvements would include developing long range plans for resetting stone for families who no longer have anyone living or present in the community and to address the conditions of the roads and drainage at the cemetery. Leary will meet with the Council again next month to develop some kind of protocol.

### **Mike Clary – Car Show**

Mike Clary, representing the Howard Headers, discussed the Car Show to held June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 ó 5:00 pm. They would like the street closed from Alø Service to Farmerø Ave. and the block east and the block west of Main St. on Howard Avenue. The street would be open again sometime between 5:00 ó 6:00 pm. The group needs to have proof of insurance, ½ million in coverage adding the City as additional insurer. Spader moved, Karstens seconded and carried to authorize a consumption permit on the street during the car show.

### **Sewer Project**

Supt. Greg Gross discussed the smoke test done in 2009. The smoke test showed that the storm sewer and sanitary sewer are connected. He also discussed the breaks in the sewer line under the street where the overlay project will be. He recommended fixing before the project is started.

Also present was Camden Hofer from SPN to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. The Council would like an alternative as to reduce the loan amount to avoid raising rates as high. He will move forward in a new design to submit to DENR requesting a new loan amount. Proposal would be step 1: Installing a Venturi System; Step 2: Including population growth to 1,000 people. Step 3: Request new loan amount and a brief statement of why the change is needed to DENR by early June.

### **Reports, Minutes and Claims**

Spader moved, Klinkhammer seconded and carried to approve the reports, minutes and following claims: Aflac, supplemental insurance, 155.86; Assurant, insurance, 54.40; AMG Rural Clinics, other, 214.00; Benderø, prof fee, 2450.00; Bob Anderson, other, 250.00; Roger Bourne, deposit return, 43.42; Campbell Supply, supplies, 234.51; Center Point, books, 451.91; Central Electric, utilities, 54.00; City of Alexandria, supplies, 50.00; Clarke Machine, supplies, 8.70; Dakota Pump, equip., 5993.43; Danko, supplies, 772.74; Dawsonø, sanitation, 12547.23; Kody Dawson, utilities, 45.00; Dept. of Revenue, malt beverage due to state, 862.50; DMI, repairs, 3003.00; Andrew Dold, travel, 49.80; Greg Dufault, travel, 49.80; Fastenal, repairs, 795.80; Petty Cash, deposit return, 331.58; Gale, books, 150.00; Greg Gross, travel & utilities, 54.78; Heartland, energy, 46501.14; Homestead, supplies, 82.60; Howard Auto Clinic, repairs, 59.85; HFCA, supplies, 1342.05; Howard Industries, donation, 20000.00;

Ingram, books, 166.36; J & W Diesel, repairs, 1096.44; Jencks Law, prof fee, 575.00; Kingbrook, water, 9185.40; Camren Laible, utilities, 45.00; M & T Fire, supplies, 355.00; MARC, supplies, 6652.00; Markoø, supplies, 81.28; Miner County Pioneer, publish, 77.42; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 7000.00; Northern Truck, repairs, 5327.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 332.41; Pitney Bowes, postage, 600.00; Pitney Bowes, supplies, 122.38; Pronto, supplies, 406.54; R & R Drug, supplies, 3.99; Resykle, repairs, 203.47; Revier Pressure Washers, repairs, 1879.98; Rustyø, supplies, 15.33; SD Federal Property, supplies, 200.00; SD Human Resource Assn., travel, 50.00; SD Finance Officers Assn., 75.00; SDSRP, supplemental retirement, 75.00; SEH, prof fee, 5160.00; Servall, rental, 16.80; Alliance, utilities, 342.00; State of SD, prof fee, 147.00; Timmer Supply, repairs, 1722.94; Tomø Hardware, supplies, 266.31; WAPA, energy, 18234.85; Wesco, supplies & Improvements, 14149.01; Winker Trenching, improvements, 4956.50. **Other Claims:** Aflac, supplemental insurance, 155.86; Avera, insurance, 2674.72; Capital One, travel, 68.10; Petty Cash, deposit return, 250.00; Kelly Killgore, deposit return, 51.79; Miner County Sheriff, contract law, 7000.00; NorthWestern, utilities, 264.16; Miner County Bank, WHSS, 3072.67; SDSRP, supplemental retirement, 75.00; SD Retirement, retirement, 1883.34; Colleen Zobel, prof fee, 155.25. **Wages:** Finance Office, 2318.44; Streets, 3274.58; Water, 1571.44; Electric, 4000.52; Sewer, 550.33; Library, 1331.84; Cemetery, 92.35; Council, 1410.75; Custodian, 46.17; Rubble Site, 511.36; Animal Control, 159.70; Pool, 8.94; Parks, 93.90.

**Executive Session**

Karstens moved, Thompson seconded and carried to go into executive session for personnel matters.

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

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

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Andrew Dold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer  
Finance Officer