

July 8, 2019 Minutes

The Howard City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Don Arens presided with Aldermen Greg Dufault, Jean Thompson, Lynn Borgers, Colby Tolk, Jerry Adler and Bernard Feldhaus. Attorney Kristian Ellendorf was also present.

Mayor Arens called the meeting to order. Motion by Feldhaus, seconded by Thompson and carried to approve the amended agenda. Borgers moved, Thompson seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the June 10th regular meeting.

Borgers moved, Dufault seconded and carried to approve the following claims: Alliance, utilities, 403.42; Al's Service, repairs, 583.46; A-OX, supplies, 49.41; Appera, rental, 39.82; Avera, insurance, 2240.40; Bethany Church, power rebate, 2437.00; Katey Calmus, travel, 169.50; City of Mitchell, other, 1399.71; Dakota Pump, supplies, 26.60; Dan's Heat & Cooling, repairs, 367.35; Danko, supplies, 250.26; Dawson's, other & sanitation, 16139.08; Kody Dawson, utilities, 125.00; Dold's, repairs, 1338.93; Bernard Donahue, rental, 600.00; East River, energy, 8563.36; Casi Eliason, training, 225.00; Petty Cash, deposit returns, 699.90; Hafner Electric, repairs, 72.33; Hauff Mid-America, supplies, 268.89; Hawkins, supplies, 2239.77; Heartland Environmental, supplies, 28350.00; Homestead, supplies, 129.15; Horizon Health, other, 1261.00; HFCA, supplies, 4355.61; Infotech, prof fee, 435.00; Kieffer Oil, repairs, 260.00; Kingbrook, water, 12551.10; Klinkhammer Plumbing, supplies, 1342.69; Troy Loudenburg, utilities, 45.00; Lyle Signs, supplies, 141.18; M&T Fire, supplies, 182.00; Marc, supplies, 75.10; Kassidy Maznio, deposit return, 38.83; Medary Acres, supplies, 1458.20; Pioneer, publishing & supplies, 432.54; MC Sheriff, contract law, 7210.00; Miner Insurance, insurance, 6693.00; Protsch Law, prof fee, 730.00; Olson Consulting, prof fee, 1310.85; SD One Call, locates, 16.80; Chad Podhradsky, utilities, 45.00; Puthoff repair, supplies, 57.95; Quill, supplies, 120.04; R&R Drug, supplies, 70.58; Ramkota Hotel, travel, 288.00; Rusty's, supplies, 1132.78; SD Dept. of Health, prof fee, 322.00; SD Retirement, retirement, 2287.92; Austyn Smit, training, 90.00; Spencer Quarries, repairs, 529.23; Amy Stevens, deposit return, 11.27; Sturdevant's, supplies, 595.23; Sun Life, insurance, 85.70; Colby Tolk, supplies, 20.57; Tom's Hardware, supplies, 331.94; Ulteig, prof fee, 16075.31; WAPA, energy, 19378.65; Wesco, supplies, 1227.31; SD Dept of Labor, unemployment insurance, 7.17; Central Electric, utilities, 85.00; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax, 6381.92.

Other Claims: East River, energy, 9125.48; Heartland, energy, 39865.58; SDSRP, supplemental retirement, 150.00; EFPTS, WHSS, 9825.39; Leonard Skovly, equipment, 500.00; Sun Life, insurance, 84.95; SDPAA, property insurance, 26908.83; NorthWestern, utilities, 317.02; Delta Dental, insurance, 220.00; Child Support, child support, 600.00, Ipayment, prof fee, 919.10.

Wages: Parks, 861.60; Library, 2437.80; Electric, 4757.91; Council, 1586.14; Custodian, 423.69; Rubble Site, 547.02; Finance Office, 4345.22; Street, 3788.01; Water, 2481.41; Sewer, 671.99; Pool, 5232.13; Animal Control, 159.70; West Nile, 380.03.

Thompson moved, Tolk seconded and carried to approve the Financial and Water reports. The Electric report wasn't submitted because all the bills weren't in yet. The Sheriff's report was not submitted yet. Sheriff Eggert forgot and will drop off report later.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Children's Care Corner's board members Diane Stangoehr, Megan Gassman & Stephanie Connor and the director Jan Torkelson were present to bring back numbers and more information that was requested by the Council in May. After much discussion, the Council asked to table any decision of support to the August meeting.

Tony Stuhr was present to discuss his interest in purchasing the lot south of the Municipal building. Feldhaus moved, Dufault seconded and carried to declare Lot 3 Block 10 of the Original Plat of the City of Howard surplus. Mayor Arens appointed Larry Gauger, Mary Leary and Tim Clarke to appraise the property. Notice to receive bids will be published. Bids will be opened at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council denied Puthoff's request for additional payment when trading skid - steers.

Deputy Finance Officer Klinkhammer submitted a final bill for the demolition and clean up of Eugene Larsen's house and property. Attorney Ellendorf will present it to the court.

The Council reviewed 4 options for a city logo. A decision was tabled to the August meeting.

Attorney Ellendorf presented the Council with some changes in the snow ordinances and also the RV Ordinance. The Council will adopt the changes at the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thompson moved, Borgers seconded and carried to approve the Mayor's appointment of Colby Tolk & Greg Dufault for Ward II until next election. Dufault abstained.

Lynn Borgers Ward I, Colby Tolk & Greg Dufault Ward II and Bernard Feldhaus Ward III were sworn in as Aldermen for the City of Howard.

The following 2019 – 2020 Mayor Appointments were made:

Finance Officer – Kate Calmus	Streets & Parks – Chad Podhradsky
Deputy Officer – Donna Klinkhammer	Supt. & Elec. Foreman – Kody Dawson
Clerk – Mary K. Schlim	Water/Sewer Foreman – Troy Loudenburg
City Attorney – Kristian Ellendorf	

It was moved by Thompson seconded by Dufault to elect Lynn Borgers as Council President. All voted aye. Adler moved, Dufault seconded and carried to elect Jean Thompson as Vice President.

Dufault moved, Thompson seconded and carried to leave committees the same.
Dispatch board member & Law Enforcement – Dufault, Feldhaus & Borgers
Streets, Parks & Bldgs. – Adler, Tolk & Thompson
Utilities – Adler, Borgers & Dufault

Supt. Kody Dawson discussed fixing fence at the lagoons, rubble site and the airport.

The Hold Harmless Agreement presented by NorthWestern Energy was reviewed. Attorney Ellendorf advised the Council that they should provide an utility easement agreement with the legal description, length of agreement and rights to maintain the pole.

Borgers moved, Tolk seconded and carried to pass Resolution #1326, which would authorize Mayor Arens to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Howard for an Community Access Grant to repair Section Line Street from SD Highway 34 north to Spruce Avenue.

*see attached

Resolution #1326

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Howard to upgrade Section Line Street to better serve the Howard Farmers Coop, Howard Elementary School, and the Howard Junior/Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Howard agrees to provide a 40% local match for street construction costs, plus pay all engineering and administrative costs associated with said project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Howard will secure the required right-of-way for the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Howard agrees to maintain the street for its useful life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Howard City Council duly approves the submission of a SD Department of Transportation Community Access Grant application requesting 60% of the eligible street construction costs for the project as submitted by the Mayor of Howard on behalf of the City of Howard;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor of the City of Howard be authorized to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Howard.

Adopted and effective this 8th day of July 2019.

Dufault moved, Feldhaus seconded to deny the claim of \$2500.00 that was submitted by Miner County Historical Society. Voting aye were Feldhaus, Adler and Dufault. Voting nay were Borgers, Thompson and Tolk. Mayor Arens broke the tie by voting aye. The claim was denied.

Feldhaus moved, Borgers seconded and carried to adjourn.

Next regular meeting will be August 12, 2019.

Donald M. Arens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer
Deputy Finance Officer