

City of Columbia Council Meeting – April 2, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Corey Mitchell, Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints

Community: Ted Dickey (via zoom), Stockwell Engineers

Mayor Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Corey called for a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.

Minutes were handed out from the March 5 meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Minutes were handed out from the March 20 equalization meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Warrant Vouchers: Web – fire prevention – 53.80; JVT – fire prevention – 213.04; Northwestern Energy – 2105.70 – electricity; Jeremy Dosch– March wages -474.34; Jeremy Dosch – 1st Q wages – 296.46;–; Cara Dennert – . March wages– 1317.60; Scott Meints – 1st Q Wages – 296.46; Emily Eichler – 1st Q Wages – 296.46; Trevor Meints – 1st Q Wages – 255.29; Corey Mitchell – 1st Q Wages – 293.93; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies - 463.18; GDI – publishing – 9.38; Runnings – shop supplies – 33.48; Code enforcement – nuisance issues - 653.60; SD Unemployment Insurance – insurance – 34.11; SDPAA - insurance – 10,010.14; John Deere Financial – equipment parts – 712.62; McLeod’s Printing – election supplies -14.34

Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the vouchers. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: e-mails from SDPAA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Stockwell Engineers and Ted Dickey discussed the sanitary/storm application that had been submitted DANR and the funding that will come from the state. The city’s application has been approved. There was much discussion about what the next steps would be if the town decides to go forward with the project. There will be a informational special City Council meeting that the public is invited to attend. That will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Council would like as many residents as possible to attend. It is a project that needs to be addressed for the future of the community. Patti Daly gave us an update from a meeting that she (and others) had with Terry Birk last week. She is waiting for further information from Terry and Dean.

Nuisances – The council continued to discuss problems with dog issues in town & the possibility of adopting some new ordinances to handle those situations. They will look over Brown County’s dog ordinances as well as local communities.

Streets – The streets are very wet, but the city will drag them once they dry out. The north road that leads to the city dump will be closed to prevent damage to the road.

Parks – The filters that are involved with the park sprinklers were rebuilt. Scott has purchased a motion light as a permanent illumination option for the arch in the park. He will be testing it out.

Lagoon/Sewer - The city has looked into the service – **paygov.com** as an option for residents to pay their monthly sewer bill. It’s a basic service in which they can pay their monthly bill with a credit/debit card along with a 3% fee charged by paygov.com It is a free service for the city to use. Trevor Meints made a motion to go ahead with information for residents regarding paygov.com Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Residents will receive more information in the mail this month.

Rubble Site –no report

NEW BUSINESS – Cara is working on developing information sheets on each residence in town.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara mentioned Finance Officer School in Pierre in June. She will attend on the 12th. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

March 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 105,790.98; SF Money Market –\$ 152,394.93;

GF - \$ 153,273.24; GF Money Market - \$ 51,134.57; CD Money Market - \$ 41,526.40

FIT - \$ 15718.54; Cash on hand - \$0

City Council Election Canvassing Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Special City Council Meeting regarding sanitary/storm water application & state funding – **Tuesday, April 22nd – 7:00 p.m. The public is urged to attend.**

Next City Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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