

**MOBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2024**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Mobridge, South Dakota was held in City Hall in said City on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM. Mayor Gene Cox, City Administrator/Finance Officer Heather Beck and the following council was present: Mound (by phone), Cerney, Reichert, Jensen, Kemnitz and Carlson.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved on a motion by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 regular meeting. Moved by Reichert, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024 special meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water/Wastewater Department

BID FOR WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT – Michael Gorder with Moore Engineering, was present to discuss the bids and options with the Council. Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to award the Water Storage Tank project to Preload, LLC in the amount of \$2,822,000.00; pending approval of the funding agency.

BIDS FOR WATER TRANSMISSION LINE – Options were discussed for this project and recommendations made. Moved by Jensen, second by Reichert and carried, to award the Water Transmission Line project Alternate B to Crow River Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,749,485.00. There was no award for Alternate A or C.

SKID STEER EQUIPMENT – Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve the budgeted purchase of a skid-steer loader Bobcat S770 T4 in the amount of \$62,212.64 from Premier Equipment. The pricing is off of the State procurement contract.

WAGE INCREASE – Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve a wage increase for Aaron Vogel, Wastewater Department, increasing his hourly wage from \$18.11 to \$19.87 effective March 11, 2024. Vogel has completed one year of service.

Police Department

NEW HIRE – Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve hiring police officer Madeline DeWit at \$21.20 per hour effective on March 21, 2024.

STEP INCREASE – Moved by Cerney, second by Reichert and carried, to approve a step increase for Officer Emily KillsBack, increasing her hourly wage from \$21.20 to \$22.05 effective February 26, 2024. Officer KillsBack completed her officer certification.

STEP INCREASE – Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve a step increase for Dispatcher Teylor Talley, increasing her hourly wage from \$21.88 to \$22.76 effective March 11, 2024. Talley completed her dispatch certification.

STEP INCREASE – Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve a step increase for Dispatcher Katelyn Keller, increasing her hourly wage from \$20.17 to \$21.88 effective March 11, 2024. Keller completed her dispatch certification.

AGREEMENT FOR ANSWERING SERVICES – Moved by Cerney, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the agreements for answering services for the following counties: Potter, Dewey and Corson. The amounts of contracts are calculated based on population.

Street Department

CHIP SEAL BID – Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the chip seal bid to Jensen Rock and Sand in the amount of \$121,780 for 2024. Jensen abstained. There was one bid received.

SURPLUS – Moved by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried, to surplus the street department 1990 Chevy truck, VIN ending in 2599.

STEP INCREASE – Moved by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried, to approve a step increase for street department Josh Fischer, increasing his hourly wage from \$22.38 to \$22.64 effective February 26, 2024.

Fire Department

LADDER TRUCK AT AIRPORT – Moved by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried, to approve hosting a ladder fire truck in the old hangar at the airport. Beck informed the Council that she did get the approval from the FAA and they stated it was a good match to have a fire truck located at the airport.

DEFER LOAN PAYMENT – Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to defer the fire department loan payment of \$29,474 one year. Chief Delaroi explained to the Council that this will allow them to purchase a used ladder truck from the City of Spearfish.

Misc.

CEMETERY DEED – Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve cemetery deed transfer from Linda Perez, PR of Donna B Johnson Estate to Donna Keller, Graves No. 5 & 6, Lot 42 in Block P in Greenwood Cemetery.

TAX ABATEMENT – Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve an Application for Abatement for Property Taxes for Irene & Luray Biederstedt in the amount of \$967.97 due to an error made in valuation by assessor’s office.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES – Moved by Kemnitz, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the following 2024 seasonal employees: POOL ~ Phoebe Schmaltz - \$13.50, Jolaine Bain - \$13.25, Sophia Overland - \$13.25, Grace Overland - \$13.25, Bryson Vetch - \$13.00, Naomie Wessel - \$13.25, Paige Ross-Meyer - \$13.00, Logan Vetch - \$13.00, Brooke Schlomer - \$12.75, Selena Arpan - \$12.75, Amber Vetch - \$12.75, Kaitlynn Perman - \$12.75, Gavin Silbernagel - \$12.50, Kale Knutson - \$12.50, Tatum Silbernagel - \$12.50, Peter Fried - \$12.50, Mack Saxon - \$12.50, Claire Heil - \$12.50, Becca Cox - \$12.50, Sarah Lopez - \$11.20, Noelia Leon Leon - \$11.20, Pacey Konold - \$11.20, Devin Mound - \$11.20, Cruz Dietterle - \$11.20 and Corbon Stoick - \$12.75; PARK ~ Otto Oster - \$16.48, Jeff Anderson - \$16.48, Gordon Hintz - \$16.48, Lyle Walth - \$16.48, Bob Meyer - \$16.48, and Dale Oster - \$16.48; STREETS ~ Taylor Madden - \$16.48.

INCREASE PARK EXPENDITURE BUDGET – Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve increase the park expenditure budget in the amount of \$12,330 for an insurance payment. The insurance payment was for the sign at the south end of the City Park that was hit by a car.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR TRAIL OVERLAY PROJECT – Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve an application to the Recreational Trails Grant, 70/30 split. Jensen abstained. This project will place an overlay on the existing trail and correct a sharp turn.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Beck presented a financial statement to the Council.

AUDIT APPROVAL – Beck submitted a letter to the Council from the SD Dept of Legislative Audit stating they have accepted the City’s 2022 audit.

BUILDING PERMITS - The following building permit was approved by the Zoning Officer for the month of February: Ron McCall, 818 8th Street West, 6’ foot chain link fence; Allen Bau, 1019 2nd Ave West, Moving carport, build dog kennel, replace back yard fence with 6’ fence; Brett Obritsch, 12804 Thunder

Road, Replaced windows, flooring, removed walls & 2 windows; Janice Anderson, 20 5th Ave East, Extension for Demo Trailer House; Jack Hollinsworth, 410 12th Street West, Adding 6x10 bathroom

EVENTS FUN UPDATE – An update of the event activities and pool was presented to the Council.

EQUALIZATION MEETING – The equalization meeting will be held March 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM. A quorum must be present.

DISTRICT 7 MEETING – The District 7 meeting with SDML will be held in Mobridge on March 19 at the Great Plains restaurant. A quorum of the Council will be present, however; no business will be conducted.

PUBLIC FORUM & VISITORS – No one wished to address the Council.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the following bills for payment: Accounts Management Inc., garnishment 341.10; Aflac, insurance 896.34; Aqua-Pure, chemicals 2,198.02; AT&T Mobility, utilities/telephone 580.83; Badger Meter, prof. services 1,307.40; Bantz, Gosch, & Cremer, LLC, attorney services 259.59; Beadle's Chevrolet, truck maintenance 302.57; Book Systems, computer hardware & software 795.00; Cain Law Office, attorney services 214.00; Cam Wal Electric, street lights/utilities 631.98; CNA Surety, liability insurance 1,132.00; Capital Trophy, furniture 112.95; Cardmember Services, computer software & hardware/prof. services 388.96; Carlson Services, prof. services 265.00; CDW Government, computer software & hardware 3,515.40; Center Point Large Print, books 49.14; Central Diesel, repair & maintenance 247.38; Century Business Products, supplies 89.32; Chamber of Commerce, other 10,214.16; Colliers Securities, prof. services 300.00; Corson/Sioux News Messenger, other services 40.00; Credit Collections Bureau, garnishment 1,380.06; Dady Drug, office supplies/supplies 184.29; Dakota Glass & Alignment, truck maintenance/vehicle maintenance 2,333.39; Dakota Pump & Control, repair maintenance/prof. services 1,285.72; Dana Safety Supply, vehicle maintenance 3,465.00; Delta Dental of SD, dental 343.00; Dents 2 Darkness, equipment maintenance 800.00; Deputy Finance, postage 52.66; Dish TV, utilities 58.35; Econo Signs, supplies 226.95; Eggers Electric Motor Co., repair & maintenance 532.82; First Interstate Bank, HSA contributions/payroll taxes 57,932.47; Fisher Scientific, chemicals 270.49; Fleet Services, gasoline/vehicle maintenance 2,054.03; Gannett South Dakota LocalIQ, publishing 78.44; Gas-N-Goodies, gasoline/supplies 79.99; Grand Central, vehicle maintenance 100.50; Gregg's Drilling & Excavating, repair & maintenance/prof. services 2,599.59; GTC Auto Parts, equipment maintenance/supplies/repair & maintenance/truck maintenance/vehicle maintenance 490.99; Hach Company, chemicals 1,787.83; Hanna Instruments, supplies 367.00; Hawkins, chemicals 459.00; Heartland Waste, prof services 24,196.15; High Point Network, computer hardware & software 663.01; Homestead Building Supplies, repair & maintenance/supplies 589.71; Ingram, books 381.77; Jensen Rentals, other services 60.00; Jensen Rock & Sand, gravel & oil 592.64; KCL, insurance 489.80; Kiesler Police Supply, uniform/equipment 537.90; KR Building Products, repair & maintenance 43.96; Language Line Services, prof. services 90.00; M&M Electric, repair & maintenance 253.51; Marco Inc, prof. services 1,200.00; Mastercard, other services/supplies/small tools/vehicle maintenance/training/travel & conference 1,751.44; Matheson, prof. services 63.89; MDU, utilities/street lights 20,463.26; Merkel's Foods, supplies 222.89; Midco, utilities 213.15; Mobridge Candy, supplies 121.12; Mobridge Hardware, supplies/building maintenance/office supplies/janitorial supplies/improve other than buildings/repair & maintenance/machinery & equipment 1,592.01; Mobridge Manufacturing, repair & maintenance 1,461.00; Mobridge Rodeo Inc., refund 643.80; Mobridge Tribune, publishing 517.33; Mobridge Youth Organization, refund 456.20; Monica Weninger, travel & conference 102.00; Moore Engineering, prof. services 10,322.50; Oahe Vet, prof. services 280.00; ODP Business Solutions, supplies/computer hardware & software 957.55; Paylessfoods, supplies 230.08; Payment Service Networks, credit card fees 54.95; Pleasant Valley Properties, refund 1,607.38; Plunkett, prof. services 69.05; Postmaster, postage 320.00; Premier Equipment, oil & grease 401.50; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, supplies 255.46; Rich Hearing, prof. services 75.00; Rodenburg Law firm, garnishment 862.86; Runnings Supplies, equipment maintenance/small tools/building maintenance/buildings/sup. for inhouse repairs/supplies/office supplies/repair & maintenance 1,428.61; SD Child Support Payment Center, garnishment 839.07; SD Dept. of Health, prof. services/water samples 625.00; SD Dept. of Public Safety,

prof. services 5,400.00; SD Municipal League, travel & conference 330.00; SD One Call, prof. services 6.30; SD Retirement System, retirement 18,198.12; SD State Historical Society, other services 55.00; SD State Treasurer, sales tax 1,789.45; SDRS Supplemental Retirement, retirement 525.00; Skid-Lift, buildings/machinery & equipment 18,813.00; Slater Oil & LP Gas, lp gas/diesel/gasoline 6,300.45; Smee School, refund 430.00; Tri-State Water, supplies 29.05; Uline, supplies 393.55; US Postal Service, postage 387.73; US Postal Service, postage/supplies 387.73; USA Blue Book, small tools 60.95; USDA-Rural Development, loan payment 5,298.00; Valley Telecommunications, utilities 819.16; Venture Communications, utilities 424.09; Verizon Wireless, utilities 194.65; Voyager, gasoline 48.31; Walworth County Landfill, prof. services 22.08; Walworth County Register of Deeds, prof. services 3.00; Wellmark, insurance/prof. services 15,659.50; West River Telecommunications, utilities/prof. services 5,313.14

Salaries: Administration – 5454.19; City Administrator – 2156.70; Police Dept – 76621.01; Fire Dept – 700.00; Street Dept- 11791.86; Code Enforcement – 243.80; Culture & Recreation – 3373.25; Zoning – 1035.78; Library -6019.40; 24/7 -1184.90; Water Department – 20686.54; Sewer Department -10666.57; and Airport – 813.75.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM on a motion by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried.

Heather Beck, Finance Officer

Gene Cox, Mayor

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