

The White City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 7:00PM at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Gladis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present were Cutler, Schwartz, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, Haines, and Wright. Don Weigel representing Banner Engineering and Doug Wermedal representing Tri-City Star were present at the meeting. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Gladis began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Haines to approve the agenda.

Motion by Haines, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from December 16th, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve the bills as presented.

Claimant	Check Amount	Description
Bioag Energy Service	\$379.88	Fuel
Brookings CO Sheriff Office	\$1,595.65	Dec 2024 Contract Law
Catalis Public Works LLC	\$1400.00	Website Contract
Pests B Dead	\$120.00	Pest Control
SD Retailers Association	\$295.00	Dues
SD Retirement System	\$1,432.90	Retirement
Banner Associates	\$11,673.32	Water/Sewer Project
AFLAC	\$635.88	Dec 2024 Aflac
EFTPS	\$1,363.82	Payroll Taxes
Century Business Products	\$106.63	Copier Contract
First Bank & Trust	\$12.00	Safe Deposit Box
Prunty Construction	\$116,190.41	Water/Sewer Project
SD Dept of Health	\$15.00	Water Testing
Appeara	\$66.55	Cleaning Cloths
ITC	\$398.88	Phone/Internet
City of White	\$2,394.90	Utilities
First Bank & Trust CC	\$550.93	Shovels/Batteries/Tp/Papertowels
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$525.00	Dec 2024 Cleaning
Maguire Iron	\$60,560.00	2025 Water Tower Payment
Riteway	\$205.57	Utility Bills
Payroll	\$9,003.18	PP26,27,28
Foerster Testing	\$3,657.50	Soil Testing
United States Treasury	\$1,754.60	2021&2023 Back Taxes
Board Payroll	\$3,324.59	Quarter 4
Chad Landmark	\$280.00	Health Stipend/Phone
Chad Landmark	\$71.16	Aflac Over Payment
Kayla Cooper	\$250.00	Health Stipend
DANR	\$550.00	NPDES Fees
Total	\$217,366.63	

Don Weigel spoke on behalf of Banner for the Public Hearing. He let the Board know that applications for Clean Water and Drinking Water replacement were turned in on December 31st, 2024. These applications will be brought to the Board of Natural Resources in March 2025. At this time, we will know more about the funding package that will be offered to the City. After the funding package is known then the Board will need to decide on if the City will move forward with the second phase of construction. Don did put together some numbers on possible surcharge amount if the City was granted a 25% grant. Both the drinking and sewer water would run around \$30.00 each. This amount would be added to the surcharge that is currently being charged. Nothing is set to happen until the Board knows for sure what funding package is offered to the City. Don did want to note that Lake Preston's surcharges for drinking water are \$93.00, and sewer is at \$66.00. He just wanted the Board to know that other cities do have to charge higher surcharges to fix the water sewer pipes. Don also wanted to talk about the change order that will be complete for the February meeting. This will need to be approved in February to be able to move forward with the current project. He also said that the actual estimate came in lower than the original estimate of \$700,000. Rounds Construction asked Don to talk to the Board about the asphalt and gravel for the next phase of the project. Rounds would like to haul all of the gravel and asphalt to Brookings to be milled there. They would then haul all of the product back that the City requests to be stored at the sewer ponds for future City use. Don also said that he has been talking with Prunty Construction on potential start dates for 2025 construction. Prunty would like to start as soon as the weather allows them. They are hoping to keep road closures to after school is out and before school starts back up. This schedule is yet to be determined.

There was a motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Wright to approve the 2025-01 wage resolution.

The 2025 election date is set for April 8th, 2025. A notice of vacancy will be advertised in the paper.

There was a motion by Sunderland, seconded by Lagerstrom to order more picnic tables for the City. The City will purchase 3 8ft tables and 1 ADA compliant table in the amount of \$5,150.99.

There was a motion by Sunderland, seconded by Lagerstrom to approve to order more black chairs for the Mcknight Hall up to the amount of \$3,500.00. Kayla will find the best rate and order.

Councilman Matt talked to the Board about switching the City over to electric meter readers. The City budgeted \$60,000.00 for new meters. Matt did get a bid of \$58,876.00 from Dakota Supply Group.

Mayor Gladis asked if we should maybe open this up for bids. Matt said that there wasn't a need since it is a City improvement for under \$100,000. The Board did ask for some answers to their questions before they move forward with their approval of this. This is tabled until the February meeting.

Kayla gave the Finance Report. Jeff Fossum from SDARWS stopped by her office to chat. He did point out that since we have new construction there are a few things he feels we should have done. He suggested we ask Banner to make sure that there was video of the pipes after they were installed and that we receive new maps of the project. Mayor Gladis did say that we will receive new maps. He isn't for sure if they did any imaging to confirm everything is placed correctly. Kayla will reach out to Don from Banner to see if anything was done. Matt did talk on behalf of the Energy Management System. The had one but it is 20 years old. Councilman Matt has looked into replacing it as it can save the City a lot of money on demand electric. He did note that we cant force people to utilize this feature but even if 150 residents choose to enroll it would still be cost effective for the City. It could help to keep our rates down. The Board did discuss that maybe we should send out a survey asking residents if they would be willing to enroll in this program. There will be more to come on this at a later date. Kayla also discussed a few things that came to her attention on Monday. The City received a letter from Cooks Wastepaper saying that they are raising their monthly charge by 4%. Kayla talked to the Board saying that we may need to raise the garbage rate to cover these fees. Our current rate is \$14.00. If we raised it 4% it would be around \$14.56 plus tax. This will be tabled until a later date. Donna Wilson from the single dance

contacted Kayla to let the City know they will no longer be using the McKnight Hall to host their dances. Kayla brought to the board that maybe we should start advertising and utilizing the Hall more. It is a nice place to host several different types of events. The board agreed to look into advertising costs. Kayla will bring those to the February meeting.

Chad gave the maintenance report. There has been a lot of questions on how to get a new garbage can if it is damaged. Chad does have some available at his shop to replace the damaged ones. The proper protocol is to call Kayla at the office and she will then let Chad know who needs one.

Motion to adjourn by Wright, Seconded by Haines to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Next meeting is February 3rd, 2025 7pm McKnight Hall Legion Room