

The White City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, 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, Haines, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, and Wright; Schwartz was delayed in arrival. Aryn Looyenga representing the Tri-City Star, Jackie Schultz, Arlene Madsen, Charlotte Mickleson, and Terry Wright were the evening's guests. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

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

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve the agenda.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Haines to approve the bills as presented.

Claimant	Amount Due	Invoice/Description
Bizzy Bees	\$ 350.00	Sept.2022 cleaning of McKnight Hall 5th,12th, 19th, 26th
Brookings County Sheriff Office	\$ 1,595.65	Oct. 2022 Contract Law 8-21-22 to 9-17-22 62.25 hours
Brookings -Deuel RWS	\$ 3,612.75	Sept. 2022 water. 1,395,000 gallons of water
City of White	\$ 987.30	Sept 2022 Utilities for City accounts 31.25,121.11,6.50,1
Maguire Iron, INC	\$ 1,707.75	INVOICE # 2447 SA_0090 SA-YR 9 50 MG 1633.50, SA_0
Office Peeps	\$ 130.42	INVOICE 999259-0 8-19-22 TO 9-19-22 toses3055czz
Prussman Contracting Inc	\$ 864.45	INVOICE 31430 Sept 21, 22 Jet Sewer Mains 3.75 vacu
Runnings	\$ 31.73	Shop supplies charge Bar Oil Stihl, caulk gun composite,
South Dakota Dept of Health	\$ 15.00	INVOICE 10606487 White city water Coliform PA test 8-

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. Arlene Madsen expressed thanks to Maintenance Superintendent Chad Landmark for his assistance in cleaning out the closet in the back of the Hall for use by the Community Club in supporting the Annual Festival of Trees. She also offered a reminder that Santa Day is scheduled for December 3rd, starting at 10:00AM, and that all area children and their families are invited to attend. No other public comments were given.

Mayor Gladis led a discussion on building permit fees for the City. The current structure is all permits have a "\$15 minimum up to \$15,000 value; anything over \$15,000 value is \$1.00 per \$1000 thereafter with a maximum cost of \$50.00". The significant challenge is that the \$50 cap does not cover the expenses that the city incurs supporting the permit with the necessary inspections and filings required to the County. Discussion around the table focused on communities of comparable size along with other regional city fees. After coming to the conclusion that adjustment of the current fee schedule would be prudent, but that more research is needed, Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to table this topic until November's regular meeting; Alderman Wright provided the second and the concept of building permit fees will be further discussed at the November meeting.

Mayor Gladis then changed topics to Code Enforcement. Dave Miller had previously been contracted to assist the City with Code Enforcement services, however, due to a confluence of factors including May 12 Storm Recovery, Dave's full-time employment and family needs he has been unable to keep up with the demands of the position and has asked to resign. Mayor Gladis has been looking into other options as well as people in the local area and the result of that search is local resident Terry Wright would be a very good fit for the position.

At 7:15PM, Alderman Schwartz arrived.

Resuming discussion on the Code Enforcement Officer, Alderman Arlen Wright recused himself from the conversation. Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to move further discussion on Terry Wright's terms of employment to executive session at the end of the meeting, with a second by Sunderland the topic was tabled to later in the meeting.

Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom led a discussion on the City's Utility Policy in response to some questions that were raised at the last meeting concerning Utility deposits. Some clarifications were provided concerning how the disconnect process works for City residents who are delinquent on their payments. Temporary Finance Officer Christi Wilts provided background information that "all delinquencies are caught up, except one who we do not expect to pay and are investigating other methods of recovering their owed fees." The Council thanked Wilts for her work on getting our citizens into a firm financial position. Further discussion on the topic focused on Utility Deposit retention timeframe. Current policy allows for refund of the deposit after 24 months of faithful payment, though most of the local cities do not refund deposits until the resident has departed that address. Motion by Lagerstrom to accept the current policy as it is written with further study on how we manage deposits; seconded by Cutler.

Maintenance Superintendent Chad Landmark shared his monthly report with the Council. He has completed video survey of the trouble spots within the City's sewer system and found that the sewer cleaning jet had done a good job of cleaning most of the problems up. The Council will need to review the tapes to determine and verify which pieces will need to be replaced during next summer's sewer project. He is also working with Bauman electric to perform some updates to the Hall's electrical outlets to better support events hosted by the facility. His main focus now is getting things ready in the City for winter and will be working on flushing fire hydrants during the next week or two.

Finally, Chad asked the Council about the status of the fencing that was removed by the School from the City's ballfields during their athletic complex upgrade. The fences are in "serviceable" condition, but were not removed or stored well and have suffered some damage which would preclude them from use in a "public" setting but would be serviceable in a "not-publicly viewed area". There was discussion on the amount of material present, which Chad was unable to provide beyond "two softball fields worth and the northern boundary fence." Motion by Sunderland and seconded by Wright to surplus and sell the fencing materials; all members except Cutler supported the motion.

Gretchen Weible arrived at 7:35PM and was invited by Mayor Gladis to provide comments. She lives in Elkton is running for County Commission and provided her platform of service to the County should she be elected in November.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Sunderland to enter executive session for personal matters at 7:45PM. The Council came out of executive session at 8:40PM.

Motion by Sunderland with a second by Schwartz to approve the hire of Terry Wright as the new City Code Enforcement Officer with a wage of \$20 per hour, with a mileage and expense allowance provided; Alderman Arlen Wright abstained from the vote, and the motion passed.

With no further business, Alderman Wright made the motion to adjourn at 8:47PM, Sunderland provided the second and the meeting was ended.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor