

White City Council Minutes October 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the White City Council was called to order on Monday October 5th, 2015 in the McKnight Community Center at 7:00pm by Mayor Terry Wright. Roll Call was taken: present – Tammy Byers, Chris Wilts, Chris Willmott, Wayne Kelm and Deborah Hopfinger.

Motion was made by Hopfinger, seconded by Kelm to approve the agenda; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried.

The minutes from the September 7th regular meeting and the September 21st special meeting were read. Motion was made by Willmott, seconded by Hopfinger to approve the minutes as read; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Name	Description	Amount
Aflac	Aflac Insurance Premiums for September 2015	
Alice Rennich	2 months of mowing & spray	900.00
Anderson Oil Company, Inc.	September Fuel	271.49
Brookings County Sheriff's Office	October 2015 Contract Law	1,595.65
Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System	September Water	2,238.95
Business Forms and Accounting	Laser Utility Billing Forms	192.84
Christi Wilts	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	346.31
Christopher Willmott	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	374.02
Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling	White Clinic Garbage Service	153.70
Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling	September Garbage Pickups	1,814.55
Courtesy Plumbing	White Care Center Repair	450.23
Daniel DeYoung	Health Insurance Stipend September 2015	250.00
Daniel DeYoung	Payroll for September 2015	2,379.50
Deborah Hopfinger	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	171.61
Denae Otten	Hall Deposit Return	100.00
Dustin Murphy	Utility Balance Refund	125.69
East River Electric	August Transmission Service	4,470.84
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes September 2015	1,432.58
Federal Signal Corporation	New Siren	9,302.00
First Bank & Trust	Cash Management Service Fee	10.00
Freelogoservices.com	Letterheads	164.90
Heartland Consumers Power District	August Power	26,547.00
Hillyard	Table Mop Bucket	248.00
Hiway 30 Auto Service	New Tires	428.36
Integrated Business Solutions	Virus Support	75.00
Interstate Telecommunications Coop	Phone service for September 2015	330.03
Kayla Ovall	September 2015 Wages	196.24

Lowe's	City Supplies	34.15
Melanie Haber	Health Insurance Stipend September 2015	250.00
Melanie Haber	Payroll for September 2015	1,678.24
Midwest Glass, Inc.	Duplicate Keys	21.00
RFD News Group, Inc.	August Publishing	228.60
Robbins Construction, Inc.	Construction Management Final Billing	5,037.20
Ronald Seefeldt	Hall Deposit Return	100.00
SDRS	Retirement Contributions for September 2015	
Servall	Mop/Rag/Towel Rental	33.28
SD Department of Labor	Quarterly File Report	10.00
South Dakota Municipal League	2015 Annual Conference	165.00
South Dakota One Call	August 2015 Message Fees	5.60
South Dakota State Treasurer	September 2015 Sales Tax	2,101.21
Tammy Byers	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	374.02
Team Lab Chemical Corp.	Spray	874.50
Terry Wright	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	429.43
Town & Country Shopper	Healthcare Administrator Ad	126.00
Wayne Kelm	Payroll for Quarter 3 of 2015	374.02
Western Area Power Administration	August 2015 Power	1,882.99
GRAND TOTAL	69,013.08	

Motion was made Willmott, seconded by Kelm to approve payment of all bills; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. the Council welcomed Dawn Byers, representative with the Prom Dress Resale program. Dawn asked the Council to consider allowing the program to use the hall for their 2016 event. In 2015 there were a total of approximately 350 dresses up for sale and the amount of space needed has increased. They are also planning on hosting the event two weekends in February to accommodate buyers and sellers. Their proposed dates are February 5th – 15th in which they would need access to the facility. As of currently, there are no other events scheduled on the calendar for those dates besides meetings that will be held in the Legion Room. Motion was made by Hopfinger, seconded by Wilts to allow the program to use the facility for those 10 days in February for a total cost of \$100; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried.

The Council then welcomed hired consultant, Sally Damm, to present her findings regarding the White Care Center. The full presentation can be found online under "News". According to her research, Sally found that the physical area surrounding the town of White is fairly saturated with other nursing homes and assisted livings. She also found a high number of healthcare related job vacancies with a low number of potential employees. Damm also discussed where the states of South Dakota and Minnesota are pushing their healthcare funding towards and unfortunately it is not nursing home facilities. By the year 2035, the number of nursing homes will be minimal. In conclusion, Sally did not feel that the best business opportunity for the vacant facility would be to reopen it as a healthcare facility but to do something else with it. She suggested several ideas including apartments, offices, café, daycare facility, etc. She advised the community that money will be lost and any emergencies the city would face would send the budget over the edge very quickly. Some of the community members asked questions pertaining to her presentation, budget questions, and other ideas. Overall, Mayor Wright stated that the Council will need to take into

consideration these findings along with the budget, which will be reviewed at the next meeting on October 19th, in order to determine the future for the facility. It was also addressed that there are still currently 8 applicants for the Healthcare Administration position.

The Council proceeded to discuss a letter that was sent out to the American Legion regarding some issues that have been brought up including mowing maintenance at the Veterans Memorial, décor in Legion Room, and finding a legal contract between the City and the Legion. Mayor Wright stated that he has spoken with representatives of the Legion and has resolved these issues. Several of the community members had questions regarding when the land was given to the City and how the agreement was arranged. However, nothing was legally put on paper therefore we can only take people's word. Byers stated that the letter was sent out because members of the Council didn't know what the agreement was and they simply wanted to know. The intent of the letter was never to upset individuals. Discussion of how the Community Club was involved with the building and land as well. Unfortunately, back when the land transfer and original building was built, no formal agreements were declared. The Council felt that by assigning Mayor Wright to handle all of the American Legion concerns would resolve the issues. Motion was made by Byers, seconded by Hopfinger to approve; roll call vote taken as follows: Byers – Yes, Willmott – No, Hopfinger – Yes, Kelm – Yes, Wilts – Yes; with a 4-1 vote, motion carried.

Dan DeYoung, notified the Council that he will be preparing to winterize the buildings and equipment this month. The emergency siren has been installed, but the timer has not. DeYoung was asked to do some more tree trimming.

Finance Officer, Melanie Haber, notified the Council that she will be gone October 6 – 8 at the Annual Conference in Watertown, SD.

Upcoming meetings/dates/agenda items:

- October 16th – Fall Clean-up Day
- October 19th – Regular City Council Meeting #2 – McKnight Hall – 7pm
- November 2nd – Regular City Council Meeting – McKnight Hall – 7pm

No Old Business was brought up.

Public comments – Are residents in town required to pick up after grass clippings that are blown on the road and/or sidewalks? Byers stated that it is not an ordinance so it will not be addressed.

The Contract Law Report was read.

Nuisance report included:

- County signs put up throughout town – Some are in very inconvenient spots and need to be removed. The Council agreed that the signs are now city owned and can be taken down as needed. DeYoung will be responsible.
- The North, South, East & West letters were not placed on the new signs – This would be something that the City would need to add on if they chose since the signs have already been approved.

The delinquent utility bill statement was presented to the Council with a total of 12 accounts being delinquent. Motion was made by Willmott, seconded by Kelm to approve of disconnecting all 12 accounts; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried.

The Financial Statements were presented to the Council. Motion was made by Wilts, seconded by Kelm to approve of the financial statements.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Willmott, seconded by Hopfinger to adjourn; roll call vote taken with all present voting aye; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Terry Wright, Mayor

Melanie Haber, Finance Officer