

The White City Council had its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 7, 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, Schwartz and Wright. Arlene Madsen, Jacquelyn Shultz, Deanna Tolrud, and Charlotte Mickelson 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 to amend the agenda to discuss the Christmas Kids and Cops program at the end of the regular business, Lagerstrom provided the second and the agenda was approved as amended.

Motion by Cutler, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Check	Check Amt.	Description
Appearra	\$60.17	Cleaning Supplies
BioAg Energy Services	\$1,945.14	Home Heat and Fuel
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$475.00	Month of October Cleaning
Brookings County Sheriff	\$1,595.65	November 2022 Contract Law
Brookings-Deuel Rural Water	\$3,247.70	October 2022 Water
City of White	\$1,096.22	Utilities
Core and Main	\$6,995.74	Fire Hydrant Parts
Courtesy Plumbing	\$118.32	Fix Sink Drain
East River Electric Power CO.	\$4,307.55	September 2022 Wheeling Fees
Heartland Consumers Power	\$30,282.08	September 2022 Power & August SPP Transmission
Infotech Solutions	\$192.00	Software Backup
Jon Ekern	\$300.00	July-September 2022 Discharge Report
Lowes Home Centers, INC.	\$106.70	Supplies and Materials
Office Peeps, INC	\$80.04	Monthly Subscription
Pests B Dead, LLC	\$190.00	Rodent Control-Fire Hall and McKnight Hall
Prussman Contracting, INC	\$2,094.99	Replace Fire Hydrant
Runnings Supply, INC.	\$562.87	Supplies and Materials
RFD News Group, INC.	\$146.61	Publishing Fees
South Dakota One Call	\$1.05	Message Fees for September 2022
SD Department of Health	\$152.00	Water Sample Testing
Western Area Power Admin.	\$1,283.29	2022 September Power

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. Arlene Madsen thanked the City for getting the electrical plug-ins installed along the eastern pillars and wall of McKnight Hall's Big Room – they will be of great help during the upcoming Festival of Trees. She also wanted to remind the public that Santa Day will be hosted on December 3, 2022, with a visit from Santa between 10:00 and Noon. The Legion Post will be preparing pancakes cooked-to-order and sausage for all in attendance; there will be some light

entertainment for the kids; and a vendor fair will be taking place from 10:00 to 2:00PM. Due to a scheduling kerfuffle, there will be no horse-drawn hay-rides this year.

Matt Lagerstrom reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Veterans Day Observance activities in the City. The School will provide their program at 0900, and the Legion Post will be providing a Sunset Salute at 1700 to their comrades deployed around the planet working to assure our American way of life is kept safe, and bringing hope to those facing oppression from the enemies of Freedom. Following the Sunset Salute, the Annual Veterans Day dinner will take place at McKnight Hall at 1800 and all area Veterans are invited to attend. Finally, the Legion Post wants to invite everyone to their Annual Poultry Party on November 17, 2022, with the doors opening at 6:30PM, and the first round of BINGO being played at 7:00PM.

With Public Comment finished, Mayor Gladis moved onto a discussion on Liquor Fees. Historically, the City collected a percentage of monthly sales which typically netted the City between \$4000 and \$5000 a year. However, due to a confluence of factors, the management of the percentage system became a bookkeeping nightmare, and the City decided to collect a monthly fee of \$120 a month, which nets the City roughly \$3600 a year. Discussion was had on area Liquor License fees, and a consensus was built that the City wants to support our local establishments while working to improve the City with local dollars. Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to increase the monthly Liquor License fee to \$200 per month with the intent that money collected from this fee will be invested into maintenance and improvements for the local City Park and Ballfield Complex; Alderman Sunderland provided the second and the motion passed.

Discussion then moved to the annual approval of Liquor Licenses:

- 1) Lefty's Sports Pub to sell Package (Off-sale) Liquor – Motion by Sunderland, second by Schwartz.
- 2) Lefty's Sports Pub to sell Retail (On-sale) Liquor – Motion by Sunderland, second by Schwartz.
- 3) The Community Club of White to sell Retail (On-sale) Liquor – Motion by Sunderland, second by Schwartz.

The license for the Six Mile Creek Golf Course was also up for review. However, the Golf Course has not remained current on the payment of their monthly fees. Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to deny Six Mile Creek their Liquor License until all delinquent fees have been paid in full and reviewed at the next meeting following their return to satisfactory status; Alderman Wright provided the second and the motion passed.

City Project Manager Lagerstrom discussed the Fire Hall project. The project was originally opened for bidding this last April with intent to award the contract in June 2022. However, following the May 12 Storm, all of the contractors who were interested in the project found themselves very busy and unable to provide their services. The result was only one bid that came in which was incomplete and therefore rejected. The City still has need for a new Emergency Services Building, and current intent is to reissue the same plan with a bid opening at the December Regular Council Meeting. Lagerstrom then made the motion to approve the current plan as-is with updates for dates of construction occurring in 2023; Sunderland provided the second and the motion passed. Lagerstrom encouraged all in attendance to contact him if they had any questions about the new building, and especially to encourage any contractors interested in working on the project to provide a bid by the next meeting.

Finance Officer Byers discussed recent communication from WAPA about a forecast 16% increase to energy “wheeling” costs which will become effective on January 1, 2023. This represents roughly \$4000 increased fees that the City will be paying annually, and works out to about \$1.43 per month for each customer, depending on usage. Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom reminded the Council that the City is currently working on plans for Sewer and Water upgrades and repairs which will start in 2023 that will result in a significant increase to monthly utility bills, and that this increase will be on top of those. He then reminded the Council that the December meeting is when utility rates for 2023 are set, and asked that the community members in attendance to discuss with their neighbors that this discussion will be much easier if community input is provided. Residents of the community are encouraged to talk with their local Alderman and to attend the December meeting where more detailed plans will be discussed.

Mayor Gladis then discussed the recent repair of a fire hydrant near The Homestead (old nursing home). A contractor was hired by the State to repair a culvert under Highway 30 south of White and they needed a supply of water, which they received permission from the City to use one of our fire hydrants. Unfortunately, the contractor forced the valve within the hydrant that they chose and broke something which was very expensive to repair. Mayor Gladis contacted the contractor and they agreed to help pay the repair bill.

The final item of business for the evening was the Christmas Kids and Cops program which Alderman Sunderland provided background. The program asks the area schools to identify children who are in need, and this year Deubrook was allotted four children to participate. These children spend an afternoon with a local law enforcement mentor which cumulates at Walmart in Brookings where they go shopping for their needs and wants and has historically been a very positive event for all involved. Furthermore, the families participating receive a sizable donation of food to ensure a happy holiday season. This program relies on donations and the more money that is received, the more children can be served. Alderman made a motion to donate \$400 from the City; Sunderland provided the second and the motion was passed with much enthusiasm.

The next meeting date was set for Monday, December 5th at 7:00PM for a Regular Business Meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Sunderland and seconded by Schwartz to adjourn at 7:38PM.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor