

The White City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Gladis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken, council members present were: Wright, Schwartz, Lagerstrom and Haines. Members absent: Cutler and Sunderland. Others present were, Charlotte Mickelson, Jacquelyn Schulz, JoAnn Mathis, Charles Mohler and Chad Landmark. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

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

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

Motion by Haines, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Haines to approve the following claims:

Check	Check Amt.	Description
Appeara	\$55.93	Cleaning Supplies
Banner Associates, Inc.	\$13,995.90	Fire Hall Lot Survey and Water Dist System Improvements
Banyon Data Systems, Inc.	\$2,915.00	UB/Fund/ Payroll Support
BioAg Energy Services	\$610.35	Fuel
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$475.00	Month of July Cleaning
Brookings County Sheriff	\$135.66	Animal Control- Set/Picked Up Live Traps
Brookings-Deuel Rural Water	\$3,608.40	July 2023 Water
Brookings Municipal Utilities	\$387.76	De-Energize House for Demo. Energize New House Service
Cooks Wastepaper and Recycling	\$2,318.03	July 2023 Contract
City of White	\$1,213.68	Utilities
Infotech Solutions	\$192.00	Software Backup
Pests B Dead, LLC	\$105.00	Rodent Controll-McKnight Hall
Prussman Contracting Inc	\$16,327.70	Install Water Valves
RFD News Group, Inc.	\$599.06	Publishing Fees
Runnings Supply, Inc.	\$183.88	Supplies and Materials
South Dakota One Call	\$11.55	Message Fees for June 2023
Willmott Gravel	\$612.00	Hauled Gravel to the Pit
Winwater	\$1,432.01	Materials for Water Meters

Public Comments: JoAnn Mathis had asked the council how things were going on putting a step or railing outside the east door of the hall. Councilman Lagerstrom had informed her once the concrete company comes to pour for the fire hall, they will also be pouring a step outside of that door.

Charlotte Mickelson wanted to thank the council for the use of the hall for the museum anniversary. They had around 50-60 people show up for the movie on Saturday night. She also informed the council that the basement in the museum is wet. They have 2 dehumidifiers going at all times and it doesn't seem to be helping. As a city building, she thought the council should know to be able to fix the problem.

Mayor Gladis has spoke with the city's insurance company (SDPAA) as they look at our personnel policy and they had made a few changes to the FMLA and the Disciplinary Action and Termination of

Employment Policies. They had typed up the new policies and Mayor Gladis thought it would be helpful to incorporate the new policies into the city's personnel policies handbook.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Lagerstrom to accept the changes to the policies.

Deubrook Schools had brought in a building permit application to pour cement under the existing concession stand. The plan is to move the building to pour the cement and then move the building back to where it was before. The permit was approved on the condition that it must be completed in 30 days. There was also some discussion among the council members that there were no sidewalks coming from the parking lot to the seating area or the concession stand. Sidewalks would be really helpful to make it handicap and wheelchair accessible.

The 2020/2021 audit done by Schoenfish & Co. from Parkston, SD was done in January 2023. The council reviewed the audit report that was sent. Mayor Gladis discussed a few things that the city would need to improve on. Most of the items that the auditing firm had recommended that the city fix had been fixed already.

Councilman Lagerstrom informed the council of what is happening with the current city projects. In July Prussmans started replacing the first set of valves. They came again in early August to replace another valve and sometime next week another set of valves will be replaced by First Bank and Trust. This valve will isolate the school and 5th street to the west of Railroad and 6th street. It may also affect 4th street, but that is unclear at this time. As far as the water tower project, the interior of the water tower was supposed to take place this fall, but instead the restoration of the tower will take place in the fall of 2024. The tower restoration will take up to 50 days without service from the tower, but the city will still be getting water from BDRW.

The Fire hall project: the foundation is poured and packed. The materials for the building have been ordered. They are hoping to have concrete in the next few weeks. The completion date for the fire hall is mid-October 2023.

The council had a lengthy discussion about upcoming water/sewer rate changes. These rate increases need to happen in order to help pay for the loan of the water/sewer project that will be taking place in the summer of 2024. The state requires that the rates are at the target level six months before the repayment period starts. First District strongly suggests that the city start increasing the rates with a "Sewer & Water Project Fee" line on the bill as soon as possible. The rates increase will be discussed more in the September meeting. Geotech had also submitted a proposed estimate cost to do sampling for the water/sewer project.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Wright to approve the Geotech Proposal for sampling for the water/sewer project.

Finance report: Byers informed the council that she would be contacting the county office within the week to get the tax levy, CPI and Growth to complete the budget for 2024. That will be complete in the middle of August. She gave a revenue and expenditure report for the year so far. Revenue is about 62% of the way through the budget and expenditure is about 66% of the way through the budget.

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Maintenance Report: Landmark informed the council that the new controls for the water tower are installed. Skinner Striping will not be able to come and repair some of the roads until September. Prussmans will be replacing a valve by First Bank and Trust, along with replacing the hydrant on the corner of 5th and Railroad next week.

Councilman Lagerstrom noted that there have been some items at the city dump site that shouldn't be there. Tree materials and clean wood should be the only things out there. If it continues to be an issue where there are items out there that shouldn't be, the city will have to limit access to the dump site as the city would be in violation of their permit.

The next meeting will be September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Schwartz to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Scott Gladis-Mayor

Rachel Byers-Finance Officer