

The White City Council had a Year-End Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 28, 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: Cutler, Haines, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, and Wright; Schwartz was absent. Local residents Charles Mohler and Jessie King 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 to approve the agenda as presented by Lagerstrom, seconded by Haines.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Check	Check Amt.	Description
Automatic Building Controls	\$713.00	Annual Montior Check/Contract of Fire Alarm System
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$375.00	Month of December Cleaning
BioAg Energy Services	\$2,708.17	Fuel and Home Heat
City of White	\$1,263.23	Utilities
Cooks Wastepaper and Recycling	\$2,228.94	City Contract
East River Electric Power CO.	\$4,014.55	November 2022 Wheeling Fees
Heartland Consumers Power	\$27,635.01	November 2022 Power & October SPP Transmission
Hendricks Farmers Lumber	\$311.00	
Jon Ekern	\$300.00	October-December 2022 Discharge Report
Midwest Glass, LLC	\$1,700.00	Electric Keypad Lock on McKnight Hall
Office Peeps, INC.	\$80.04	Monthly Subscription
Runnings Supply, INC.	\$271.97	Trimmer and Blower/2.5 Gal DEF
SD Assoc of Rural Water System	\$2,000.00	6 Blocks-Sewer Camera
SD Department of Health	\$15.00	Total Coliform-PA
South Dakota One Call	\$4.20	Message Fees for November 2022
Western Area Power Admin	\$2,375.55	2022 November Power

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. Charles Mohler expressed concerns about the economic impact of local citizens of the upcoming Sewer & Water Improvement Project, in particular for those on a fixed retirement income. Mayor Gladis responded to his concern letting him know that the City is well aware of the potential impact and is doing what it can to mitigate the effect of the upcoming billing increase. The terms of our loan with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) requires that utility rates be set to an "affordable rate" that the DANR has calculated looking at all cities across the State. In the case of White, our rates are currently low compared to the DANR's judgement and an increase will need to occur. The size of that increase is still being negotiated, as we will not know what it is until the project has received a successful bid and work has started. When the City knows what we will need to charge, the City will do what it can to mitigate the effects of the cost increase.

Alderman Lagerstrom wanted to thank those that responded to clean up downed branches following the ice storms before Christmas. The City is looking into having a "Clean-up Day" at the park this spring and will be looking to work with local civic organizations to help with the effort.

With no further Public Comments, Mayor Gladis introduced Jesse King to the Council to discuss the Dolphin Foundation's plans to build a grandstand at the City Athletic Complex. The Dolphin Foundation intends to build a 1162 capacity 14 row grandstand measuring roughly 40 feet deep and 150 feet long on the west side of the football field, along with a 60 foot long press box. They are working with "Stadium Steve" of Excelsior, MN, who has done work locally at SDSU, Sioux Valley, and Mobridge. The Council and Mr. King had an informative conversation on the topic and their goals. At the end, Mayor Gladis asked Mr. King to find out some more information to help firm up the proposal. With the final proposal, the City will present the plan to the National Park Service to determine if the Foundation's plan will be acceptable with the permanent lease that the Park Service has on the land for outdoor recreational use.

Mayor Gladis then reintroduced the topic of City Attorney which was tabled at the last meeting. There were two lawyers that responded to the request – Rick Ribstein and Anthony Teesdale. After discussion, Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to accept Anthony Teesdale as the City's Attorney for 2023; Alderman Wright provide the second and the motion passed.

Six Mile Creek's Liquor License had been tabled at the last meeting due to a billing misunderstanding. They were current on their fees and fully eligible for a renewed license – Wright made the motion, and Haines seconded – motion passed.

The Operating Agreements for the Sidetrack Bar, the White Community Club, and the Six Mile Creek Golf Course were reviewed after finding some formatting issues at the last meeting. All were approved with a motion by Wright and seconded by Sunderland.

The Prairie Ridge Addition on the east edge of town had recently completed utility installation with intent to build houses there within the next two years. The developer approached the City seeking reimbursement for materials used in hooking up to the City's water supply. After discussion, Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to pay for the curb stop valves that the City would have normally supplied, but the developer had to because of lack of the City's shelf stock – the motion died due to lack of a second.

Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom then led a discussion on the City's Building Permit system. After discussion, the City decided to adopt the option presented by Lagerstrom that assigns a "per-square-foot" cost to all construction improvements done within City Limits. This option was decided the most fair by assigning uniform values to all similar construction regardless of material or labor costs. Lagerstrom was directed by the City Council to draft up a final version of the new building permit form for approval at the next meeting.

City Project Manager Lagerstrom then reintroduced the bids received from the Emergency Services Building bid opening. All bids received were well in excess of the City's budget capacity and following a motion by Sunderland, seconded by Lagerstrom all bids were rejected. Alderman Lagerstrom and Mayor Gladis will work on a revised plan for presentation in the near future.

Mayor Gladis introduced the wage resolution for 2023 which will give all full-time employees of the City a 6% increase in pay. Lagerstrom provided the motion to approve Resolution 2022-04, and Haines provided the second – motion passed.

With no further regular business, Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to discuss economic development under SDCL 9-34-19, Sunderland provided the second and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:55PM. The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:21PM with no action taken.

Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom then asked to discuss personnel under SDCL 1-25-2(1), Wright provided the second and the Council entered Executive Session at 9:22PM. The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:41PM with no action taken.

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December Year-End Special Meeting
December 28, 2022

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00PM to hold the Regular Monthly Meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Sunderland and seconded by Wright to adjourn at 9:45PM.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor