

The White City Council hosted its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00PM due to the New Years Holiday on Monday, the 2nd, at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Gladis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present: Haines, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, and Wright; Cutler and Schwartz were absent. There were no 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 Sunderland, seconded by Wright.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Haines to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2022 special meeting.

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

Check	Check Amt.	Description
BioAg Energy Services	\$1,975.16	Home Heat and Diesel Fuel
Chad Landmark	\$280.00	Health Stipend and Cell Phone Expense
Equipment Blades, INC.	\$1,176.08	Snow Blow Blades
Matt Lagerstrom	\$271.44	Mileage Expense
Rachel Byers	\$250.00	Health Stipend
Scott Gladis	\$147.32	Mileage Expense
SD Municipal League	\$819.99	2023 Municipal Membership Dues
SDML Workers Comp	\$2,920.00	Workers Comp 2023 Dues

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. There were no comments given.

Mayor Gladis led discussion on the photocopier in the City Finance Office. It was purchased used several years ago and was starting to develop issues. Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom had contacted the local office supply companies and received word back from Office Peeps and Century Business Products on quotes for new machines sized to fit our needs. After discussion, Alderman Lagerstrom made the motion to purchase the Kyocera model submitted by Century Business Products with the maintenance plan, and to surplus the current copier; Haines provided the second and the motion passed.

Following up on discussion from the previous meeting, Mayor Gladis revisited the topic of utility rates. With the upcoming sewer & water project, the City is going to need to raise rates, however the amount of increase is still uncertain as we need to have valid bids before the loan can be issued. Once the loan is issued, the State will decide what the minimum rate we need to charge will be. Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom has been doing research with surrounding communities and noted that there are a few different strategies that are used to address payment amounts which vary from a flat rate to a per-gallon charge depending on the city. Without having enough information to make an informed decision, the Council elected to table the topic until later.

Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom presented a final draft of the plan based on research from surrounding communities for an updated Building Permit system which the City has been working on for the last few months. The new system is based on the area, or type, of the project being performed which removes the extreme variability of construction estimates in determining fees. New fees to cover the cost of new electric, sewer, and water services for properties will be imposed to cover the cost of meters and parts necessary to tap into the services. Finally a "park fee" will be imposed on all permits to help in financing improvements to the City's recreational infrastructure. After discussion, Alderman Wright made the motion to accept the new permit structure and to update City Policies relating to permitting and support of construction activities in the City; Sunderland provided the second and the motion passed.

Mayor Gladis introduced the third revision of the New Emergency Services Building that had been drafted by Alderman Lagerstrom to reflect the realities of Post-Pandemic building construction. In this version, the City will act as General Contractor and arrange for sub-contractors to carry out the various tasks needed to complete the building. Motion by Alderman Wright and seconded by Haines to move forward with the project as presented was accepted by the Council. The City will post bid requests in the local newspaper and the Building Committee will work on getting quotes.

Finance Officer Byers presented her monthly report. The Audits for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 will take place on January 25-25, 2023. She has been working on past problems and isn't expecting to see any significant issues with the report. She also mentioned that the Municipal Election Day this year is Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Alderman Sunderland is up for re-election to a two-year term. The seats held by Aldermen Haines, Wright, Cutler, and Schwartz are currently appointed and eligible for election. Interested parties may pick up a petition starting January 27, 2023 and they must be turned in no later than February 24, 2023.

There was no need for Executive Session.

The next meeting date was set for Monday February 6, 2023 at 7:00PM to hold the Regular Monthly Meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Wright and seconded by Haines to adjourn at 8:15PM.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor