

The White City Council held a special meeting on Monday, September 19, 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, and Wright; Alderman Schwartz was absent. Aryn Looyenga representing the Tri-City Star and Arlene Madsen 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 Cutler, seconded by Sunderland to approve the agenda.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Haines to approve the bills as presented except for one utility deposit which needed a clarification of policy from the Council. After discussion, the Council Agreed to return the utility deposit as the customer had performed their duty of reliable payment for 24 consecutive months. With that decision, all bills were approved. Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom will work on a policy for managing utility deposits to be discussed at the next council meeting.

	Amount	Description
Claimant		
Anderson, Josh	\$ 200.00	Deposit return
Branden Texley	\$ 444.96	Dugout on Ballfield 8/21/22
BROOKINGS LANDFILL/CITY OF BKGS	\$ 25.08	REFRIG 8/11/22 @ 2
Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling, Inc	\$ 2,229.69	City Contract - Waste Removal 9/1/22 - 9/30/22 invoice # 3696812T032 statement # 41450
East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc	\$ 5,132.20	Invoice # 72178 Transmission Service for Aug 2022
Eframson Electric Inc	\$ 2,824.41	Invoice#14406 Basement for single phase transformer @2 Electric hookup 300 W Main St
Heartland Energy	\$ 35,867.37	Wholesale power billing for August 2022
Infotech Solutions LLC	\$ 384.00	invoice #18234, 18070 07/31/22 08/31/22 office maintenance plan
Lowes	\$ 410.48	City CC monthly Statement 9/2/22 Shop Bathroom supplies, water fund supplies
RFD Newspaper, Inc	\$ 162.88	Invoice # 135163 8/11 \$146.24 proceedings and Invoice # 135165 Legal 2073 8/18public notice \$ 16.64
South Dakota 811	\$ 13.65	Invoice # SD22-02287 8/31/22 message fees for August 2022
Western Area Power Administration	\$ 1,412.64	Invoice # BFPB002700822 AUGUST ELECTRIC SERVICE START READING 08-01-22 STOP READING 09-01-22

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. Arlene Madsen discussed upcoming plans for the upcoming Santa Day on December 3, 2022, to be held at McKnight Hall. The Community Club has coordinated with The Legion Post to supply a pancake brunch in support of the day's activities which include some kids' games and activities; the ever-popular tree display; a vendor fair; and a visit from Santa himself. She added that the horse-drawn carriage rides are in flux right now as the gentleman that normally does it has another engagement; the Community Club is looking into options for that very popular part of the day. Arlene also mentioned that the Club was wondering if it would be possible to get some more outlets installed on the east side of the Hall. Mayor Gladis agreed that the City would get that done and will coordinate with Maintenance Superintendent Landmark to get them installed.

Mayor Gladis then moved to discussion on the budget for the 2023 Fiscal Year. Alderman Lagerstrom made a motion to approve the second reading of the budget as presented with the maximum increase of tax levies allowed by law; Alderman Sunderland provided the second and the motion passed after a brief discussion.

The Maintenance Report was given by Superintendent Chad Landmark. His recent focus has been working with the South Dakota Rural Water System in cleaning and inspecting several sewer lines which the City needs to verify their condition as preparations are made for next year's start of the Sewer & Water Project. During their investigation they discovered that one of the lines which we had been told was bad was in serviceable condition which was good news. The bad news is that the verification of problem spots indicated that there are some serious issues which need to be addressed. Chad mentioned that some of the serious issues could be remedied through a simple cleaning, while others will require replacement during next year's project. Alderman Lagerstrom discussed with the council that the budget we currently have will allow for approximately ten blocks worth sewer and water to be repaired this coming summer. Chad said that Rural Water is planning to come back to verify some other trouble areas, and following that report the Council can make a decision on which blocks need to be addressed this coming year, and which will be addressed in the next phase of the project.

The Finance Officers report was given by Christi Wilts. She has been working very hard on getting utility billing caught up and was proud to report that the city has all of the accounts that we expect to pay current, though there are a few accounts that the landowner has been non-responsive and will be forwarded to the City Attorney for further action. The Council thanked her for her tireless efforts in getting our City's residents onto a positive financial track. Christi also mentioned that there have been some anomalies with bill delivery; in August three residents did not get their bill through the mail, and in September there were another six residents who did not receive their bill. She said that bills are usually prepared by the 20th of each month for mailing and that residents should have them shortly thereafter, if they do not, they really need to contact the City Finance Office so they stay current on their bill.

In closing comments Mayor Gladis and Alderman Lagerstrom provided an update on the Baseball Complex. They had met with the lead stakeholders of the baseball and softball teams and determined that there is strong need to get a second field built for softball at the athletic complex to replace the one that was lost with the recent football field project. Alderman Lagerstrom was directed to work on some options for field placement along with research on financing options which will be discussed with the stakeholder committee in October.

The next meeting date was set for Monday, October 3rd at 7:00PM for a Regular Business Meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Wright and seconded by Haines to adjourn at 7:28PM.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor