

The White City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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, Schwartz, Haines, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, and Wright. Aryn Looyenga representing the Tri-City Star was the sole guest. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

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

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Haines to approve the agenda.

Motion by Cutler, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2022 meeting.

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

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East River	\$ 4,644.05
Efraimson Electric	\$ 13,217.85
Heartland	\$ 32,385.70
Heartland	\$ 34,323.21
Hendricks Farmers Lumber	\$ 9,987.53
Infotech	\$ 192.00
Infotech	\$ 194.05
Landmark, Chad	\$ 280.00
LYLE HOWEY	\$ 133.90
Lowes	\$ 2,173.15
Office Peeps	\$ 72.76
Pat's Welding	\$ 106.50
Pest's B Dead LLC	\$ 95.00
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RFD Newspapers, Inc	\$ 7.00
Ribstein & Hogan, LLC	\$ 1,026.68
Riteway	\$ 201.13
Runnings	\$ 53.43
Service Master of Watertown	\$ 275.00
South Dakota 811	\$ 2.10
South Dakota Municipal League	\$ 150.00
The Tri-City Star	\$ 54.98
Western Area	\$ 1,341.04
Winwater	\$ 170.98
Young Door Service	\$ 3,501.93

The Floor was opened for Public Comment. Matt Lagerstrom discussed upcoming events in Remembrance of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. On September 10th, the Volga American Legion is hosting a “2.2 For Veterans March” with proceeds going to support Mental Health Care for our Veterans. On September 11, 2022, the Brookings County Veterans Organizations in conjunction with the 152nd CSSB of the South Dakota Army National Guard are hosting the Annual Brookings County Veterans Memorial Pork Feed at the Dakota Nature Park. All are encouraged to attend both events. No other public comments were given.

Alderman Lagerstrom led a discussion on rental rates for McKnight Hall. Members of the community had approached him about making improvements to the building to aid in attracting rental contracts. The primary challenge the City has is the rental rate structure is designed to support those improvements are currently inadequate to the task. A motion was made by Sunderland and seconded by Wright to change the building rental contract so that:

1. Rental of the whole building (Hall, Legion Room & Kitchen) is \$500.
2. Rental of the Hall and Kitchen is \$400.
3. Rental of only the Hall is \$200.
4. Rental of the Legion Room is \$100, with an option for the kitchen for an additional \$50.
5. All rentals will be subject to 6.5% state and local sales tax.
6. With coordination the City will allow set-up and clean-up times to be flexible if no other rentals are on the books for the desired time.
7. The Rental Contract will be updated to explicitly state that any damage beyond normal "wear and tear" or excessive cleaning costs will be billed to the renter with no further collection of a cleaning deposit.
8. All contracts currently made for rental of the facility will be honored, the new rates will only apply to new rentals.
9. The additional fees collected will be reinvested into McKnight Hall building improvements.

Mayor Gladis presented the 2023 budget for its first reading. Finance Supervisor Lagerstrom noted that the budget is essentially the same as last year, except that there was a \$1000 increase to the Community Library Budget to support the Summer Reading Program which has seen significant growth over the last few years; and that there is money budgeted for a potential raise for the City's Full Time Staff. The first reading of the 2023 budget was approved through a motion by Sunderland and seconded by Schwartz.

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Lagerstrom provided a follow up report on the Baseball Field. He had met with Julie Westberg and discussed some of the Softball Association's concerns with the current field, to include dugout configuration and the status of the current bases. After discussion with the Council, the next step is to host a Stakeholder meeting hosted by the City with the leaders of the Softball Association, the Baseball Association, and the Youth League. Following this meeting to determine exact needs, planning and development of the ballfield(s) in town will move forward.

Mayor Gladis reported that a vacancy had opened on the City's Fire Department and that there is a qualified applicant who is interested in joining. The applicant is working on collecting their credentials and filling out their application for approval at an upcoming Council Meeting.

The Maintenance Report was given by Supervisor Schwartz as Superintendent Chad Landmark had other engagements to attend to. The Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System will be assisting with 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. Chad is otherwise working on street light maintenance and following up on storm damage repairs.

The Finance Officers report was given by Kristi Wilts. Building permits were submitted by Kenneth Goens to build a storage building on his residential lot to support building a new house this coming year;

Matt Lagerstrom to demolish the house at 301 West 5th Street in preparation of building a new house; and by Mark Peterson to build a new house by the golf course. Mayor Gladis reported that all the lots along the east side town on Goens Avenue have been sold and there are plans to have houses built within the next 18 months.

Motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sunderland to enter Executive Session at 8:10PM for discussion of legal matters.

The Council exited executive session at 8:40PM.

The next meeting date was set for Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM for the Second Reading of the 2023 Budget.

With no further business, motion was made by Sunderland and seconded by Wright to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Scott Gladis, Mayor

Matt Lagerstrom, Finance Supervisor