

Castlewood City Council
March 3, 2014

The Castlewood City Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Paul Friske, Jeff Shepherd, Lucas Mack, LeeAnne Dufek, Tom McEldowney, Roy Wiersma and Greg Dobbs. Also present: Sheila Gerhold, Rick Ries, Monte McCuen, Ryan & Ashley Ruesink, Lonny Junker, Cliff Ruesink, Shawn Mullaney and Ron White.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The minutes of February 3, 2014, were approved on a motion by McEldowney and seconded by Dufek with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on a motion by McEldowney and seconded by Dobbs with all members present voting aye:

GENERAL FUND: Wages 300.14; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh, 49.71; Craig Bass Sanitation, garbage haul 13.75; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; Paul Friske, cell phone 30.00; Northwest Energy, natural gas 657.58; H-D Electric, street lighting 8.60; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 83.36; Gunderson, Evenson & Boyd, professional fees 390.00; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., supplies 123.12; Hamlin Highway Department, sand-salt, 1250.52; Richard Ries, cell phone & supplies 92.87; Castlewood Corner Market, supplies 7.33; Menard's, supplies 271.36; Brown & Saenger, election supplies 21.03; ITC Communications, telephone 138.08; Hamlin County Auditor, police contract 2545.83; Office Peeps, supplies 72.38; Rhapsody Book Club, books 64.94; Janice Schiernbeck, books 64.20. Estelline Coop Oil, gas 522.14.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$6,856.94.

WATER FUND: Wages 3663.03; Rural Development 1237.00; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 1072.72 SD Health Pool, group ins. 1893.76; AFLAC, group ins. 96.68; Delta Dental, group ins. 75.60; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 670.34; SD One Call, locates 2.10; Department of Revenue, water testing 39.00; Dakota Supply Group, supplies 311.75.

TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$9061.98.

SEWER FUND: Justin Ries, labor 286.28; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 47.44; Schmucker, Paul, Nohr & Associates, engineering fees 2000.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$2333.72

SOLID WASTE FUND: Craig Bass Sanitation, contract 3450.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 217.01.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3667.01.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$21,919.65.

Discussion was held on the Baseball/Football field lights. East River Electric will donate their equipment and labor to set the poles but the city must purchase 8 poles at a cost of \$17,894.00. A motion by Lucas and seconded by Shepherd to accept the proposal from East River Electric. Discussion was also held on an electrician writing specs for the wiring and placing of lights on the new poles. The council plans on looking at the specs at the March 17th equalization meeting.

Cliff Ruesink, representing the Development Corp, approached the Council about selling an acre of land in the Industrial Park to Ryan & Ashley Ruesink for a welding shop. The

purchase price of the land is \$3750. Ryan discussed his business with the council. He plans on having a 50 x 80 building and employing 3 people. He already has contracts for his business in place. A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Wiersma to approve the selling of the property. All in favor and motion passed.

The finance officer presented the 2013 Annual Report. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mack to approve the Annual Report with all members present in favor and motion passed.

The Investment Policy was changed concerning the interest being applied to the General Fund. A motion by McEldowney and seconded by Mack to approve the change with all members present in favor and motion passed.

The local Ducks Unlimited will be hosting a banquet April 5, 2014, in the Community Building so they are asking to allow the Castlewood Golf Course to serve alcoholic beverages at the event. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mack to transfer the license for the banquet. All in favor and motion passed.

The City Equalization meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014, at 7:00.

A letter from Jeff and Lori Flinn's lawyer was read to the council. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

A city map with the proposed 2014 chip sealing of the city roads was presented. A motion by Wiersma and seconded by Dufek to approve the chip sealing with all members present in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on water lines freezing. The city has not received the bills from Harry's Sewer & Septic Service for opening the water lines. Discussion followed.

A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Shepherd to approve the General Journal entries with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

Councilwoman Dufek asked to get quotes for aluminum welcome to Castlewood signs and replace the wishing wells. A motion by Wiersma and seconded by Dobbs to allow her to do this. All in favor and motion passed.

Mayor Friske informed the councilman that they may not contact others and represent themselves as a member of the city council unless authorized by the council to do so. Also, if there is an emergency the city has a chain of command that needs to be followed.

Ron White approached the council concerning sidewalks in town that need to be replaced and also properties without sidewalks. He also discussed a generator for the lift station. No action was taken.

A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Mack to approve \$15,000 for crack sealing this spring. All in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Mack to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer