

Castlewood City Council
April 7, 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, Tom McEldowney, LeeAnne Dufek, Jeff Shepherd, Lucas Mack and Roy Wiersma. Absent: Greg Dobbs.

Also present: Lonny Junker, Rick Ries, Ron Gleysteen, Paul Davis, Harry Boner, Chris Lather, Ron White, Julie Kirwan, Doug Ruesink, Dan Haug, Jason Tvedt, Shawn Mullaney and Shane Mack.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mack to approve the minutes from March 3 and March 17, 2014, with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

A motion by McEldowney and seconded by Wiersma to approve the following bills with all members present voting aye and motion passed:
GENERAL FUND: Wages: 1446.60; Janice Schiernbeck, wages 300.14; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 410.87; Justin Ries, wages 187.01; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1336.40; AFLAC, group ins. 96.68; Delta Dental, group ins. 37.80; SD Retirement, retirement 285.60; Paul Friske, cell phone 30.00; Craig Bass Sanitation, garbage haul 13.75; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; ITC Communications, telephone 140.03; Janice Schiernbeck, books 69.48; Doubleday Bookclub, books 154.79; Schneider Electric, services & fees 750.00; Sheila Gerhold, postage & supplies 73.62; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 214.76; H-D Electric, street light 8.60; Office Peeps, supplies 47.37 Ottetail, utilities 3761.10; Gunderson, Evenson & Boyd, professional fees 150.00; Hamlin County Auditor, police contract, 2545.83; McLeod's, election supplies 92.65; Northwest Energy, natural gas 589.08; Estelline Coop Oil, gas 1097.20.
TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$13,689.20.

WATER FUND: Rural Development, payment 1237.00; Postmaster, postage 238.00; Ottetail, utilities 252.68; Menards, supplies 221.89; Richard Ries, postage & supplies 36.26; Department of Revenue, water testing, 26.00; Metering & Technology, water meters 1262.15.
TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3273.98.

SEWER FUND: Wages, 2516.56; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 742.55; SD One Call, locates 3.15; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 384.76; Delta Dental, group ins. 37.80; SD Health Pool, group ins. 557.36; Schmucker, Paul, Nohr & Associates, engineer fees 6000.00; Ottetail, utilities 204.60.
TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$10446.78

SOLID WASTE FUND: Craig Bass Sanitation, contract 3450.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 217.12.
TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3667.12

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$31,077.08.

The football/baseball field committee asked if they could use the \$7500 in

donations to put a new fence on a portion of the baseball field. Ron Gleysteen approached the council concerning their decision on the lights. There was a lengthy discussion held on the football/baseball field lights.

Clean up days are scheduled for Monday April 28th through Saturday May 3rd. The rubble sight will be open Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Discussion was held on asphaltting the alley between Main Street and Merrill Street from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue. The City is going to obtain quotes for an approximate cost.

A motion by Wiersma and seconded by Mack to hire Popham Construction to sweep the streets. All members present in favor and motion passed.

A moving permit and water & sewer permit for Ryan Ruesink for his welding shop that will be located on Oak Avenue was presented for approval. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Shepherd to approve all permits. All in favor and motion passed.

The City computer is due for an upgrade. Updated software for the accounting is approximately \$620.00 and Applied Software will take care of the transfer and new windows update at approximately \$250.00 plus mileage. A motion by Wiersma and seconded by Mack to have the city computer upgraded. All in favor and motion passed.

The finance officer reported there are disaster mitigation grants available for a generator to run the lift station and water tower in case of power outage. The finance officer is to inquire about a generator for the community building also.

The finance officer updated the council on the bridge repair. The Department of Transportation awarded the bid to Dakota Contracting, Sioux Falls, SD in the amount of \$218,402.98. The bridge repair will be done this year.

Sheryl Ward asked for a moving permit for an 8 x 10 storage shed. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mack to approve the moving permit. All in favor and motion passed.

Discussion on the baseball field concession stand. A motion by Wiersma and seconded by McEldowney to allow the band students to run it for the 2014 baseball season. All in favor and motion passed.

The Agri-Business grant was sent in for the Oak Avenue project. The City requested \$200,000 for the project.

An agreement from Maguire Iron to have an inspection done every three years at a cost \$1750 per year. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Wiersma to allow Mayor Friske to enter into the agreement with Maguire Iron. All members present in favor and motion passed.

The General Journal entries for March were presented. A motion by Wiersma and seconded by McEldowney to approve them. All members present in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on the water running at residents that were having issues with water being frozen and the billings for having the water unfroze from Harry's Septic Service. A motion by Dufek and seconded by McEldowney to table the discussion until more information can be obtained. All in favor and motion passed.

The sewer line repair from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue was discussed. It is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for May 1, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. The bids will be presented to the city council at the May 5th meeting.

The city council will canvass the election on Monday, April 14, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

The Investment Quarterly Report was presented. The CD at First Premier Bank comes due May 7, 2014, so therefore on a motion by McEldowney and seconded by Dufek to invest the \$250,000 with First Premier Bank a 12 month CD at an interest rate of .55%. All members present in favor and motion passed.

The football/baseball field committee will be getting quotes to replace a portion of the fencing at the baseball field.

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

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer