

Castlewood City Council
February 4, 2019

The Castlewood City Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Ryman Dockter, Jeff Dahl, Heather Schmit, Michelle Barker, Shawn Mullaney and Jeff Shepherd. Also present: Rick Ries, Sheila Gerhold, Breanna Beebe, Ruth Fodness, Chelly Lewandowski, Bruce Card, Joe Schroeder, Rich & Lois Wiarda, LeeAnne Dufek, Wayne Rasmussen, Jessie Ruml, Christina Kenyon, Todd Boyd and Donna Holman.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dockter and seconded by Schmit with the following items added: Mick Kirwan red eye tournament, Campground directory company, Farmer's Market and Notice put in paper concerning parking on street for snow removal. All in favor and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brian Ries.

The minutes of January 7, 2019, were approved on a motion by Schmit and seconded by Shepherd with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

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

GENERAL FUND: Wages 5407.91; H-D Electric, street lighting 19.18; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh, 1716.10; Visa, pesticide recertification, 150.00; Rick Ries, quarterly comp time, 708.31; Justin Ries, on call & snow removal, 207.79; Doug Gerhold, on call & snow removal, 317.34; Ryman Dockter, snow removal 110.82; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1395.80; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 872.10; AFLAC, group ins. 87.58; Delta Dental, group ins. 82.40; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing & supplies 417.81; Postmaster, postage 320.00; Brian Ries, cell phone 30.00; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; Bass Sanitation, garbage haul 15.00; Northern Truck repairs 54.90; Fastenal, supplies 97.62; Northwest Energy, utilities 539.42; Hamlin Co. Auditor, police contract 3250.00; Ottertail, utilities 2452.87; First District Association, dues 785.30; Christian Book Distributors, books 144.72; Janice Schiernbeck, books 31.53; Barnes & Noble, books 176.53; Office Peeps, supplies 129.55; Estelline Coop Oil, supplies 355.90. TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$20,026.48.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND: Glacial Lakes Tourism, advertising 737.00; Grow Castlewood, brochures & survey 3000.00.

TOTAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3737.00.

MUNICIPAL STREET FUND: Boyd Law Firm, professional fees 270.00; American Engineering Testing, core samples 5185.00.

TOTAL MUNICIPAL STREET FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$5455.00.

WATER FUND: Justin Ries, November wages 92.35; Rural Development, payment 1237.00; Ottertail, utilities 230.85; SD One Call, locates 1.05; SD Department of Health, water testing 328.00; Rick Ries, cell phone, postage & mileage 147.12; Thein Well, inspection 275.00; Hawkins, Inc., supplies 1694.09.

TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$4,005.46.

SEWER FUND: Wells Fargo, quarterly payment, 6490.00; Ottertail, utilities 240.53; Menard's, supplies 102.59.

TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$6834.11.

SOLID WASTE FUND: Bass Sanitation, contract 3950.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 270.70.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$4,220.70.

GOLF FUND: SD Health Pool, group ins. 583.98; H-D Electric, utilities 480.47; TSYS, credit card fees 29.99; Doug's Service & Marine, repairs 3529.75.

TOTAL GOLF FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$4,624.19.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$48,902.94.

Bruce Card, representing American Engineering Testing, and Joe Schroeder, representing SPN & Associates, were present to discuss the core samples that were taken on Oak Avenue. The testing was done to determine the faults in the road. The testing they did resulted in American Engineering Testing saying the concrete was not the problem. They feel the subgrade was not properly prepared. They would like testing of the subgrade done at an approximate cost of \$3500-\$4000. The problems with Oak Avenue are either Timmons Construction or the engineers' fault. City attorney, Todd Boyd stated that there have been problems with Oak Avenue for 4 years and he suggested a deadline and liquidated damages until the road is fixed. City attorney also stated the city has done nothing wrong so why is the city paying for any testing that needs to be done. This problem is between Timmons Construction and SPN & Associates. He suggested the council not make any decisions until after the March meeting when an executive session will be held to discuss the problems with Oak Avenue. No action was taken and it is tabled until the March 4th meeting.

Rich and Lois Wiarda, representing Grow Castlewood, were present to discuss the results of the survey that was done. The people on the steering committee are Rich and Lois Wiarda, Donna Holman, Carrie Henrichsen, Jason Tvedt, Chad Schooley and Jerry McPartland. The committee is looking to see if the City and School are willing to do these projects. They plan on having committees come up with cost estimates, location for the project, grants that are available and what it would cost to maintain these projects and any other pertinent information. The projects they are looking at pursuing at this time are a Wellness Center, football field & soccer field, pool (indoor or outdoor) and a Community Center. They asked for a \$2000-\$3000 donation to help do brochures, traveling expenses, etc. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Barker to approve a \$3000 donation to Grow Castlewood. All in favor and motion passed. Ryman Dockter, councilman, volunteered to represent the city on the steering committee.

Ruth Fodness and Breanna Beebe, representing the Economic Development Board, discussed a loan for Chelly Lewandowski to purchase the GAB hair salon. They were asking for \$22,000 for 7 years at 4.5% interest and also a new business grant in the amount of \$5,000. A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Dahl to approve the loan and grant for the new business. All members present in favor and motion passed.

A \$5,000 new business grant for Amelia Foster to purchase the steakhouse was presented for approval. A motion by Dockter and seconded by Dahl to approve the grant for the new business. All in favor and motion passed.

The recreation board terms were discussed. The city did not receive any interest from the public to sit on the recreation board. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Barker to have Brian Ries, Kelsi Langenfeld and Kyle Kooima sit on the recreation board. All members in favor and motion passed.

They are planning on having the Mick Kirwan Red Eye Tournament again this summer. The tournament will be held June 21-22nd.

A company called Roverpass contacted the city office to put the city's campground in their directory which is nationwide. There is no charge to the city but they charge the camper to use this directory. The council decided they are not interested in using this directory.

Councilman Mullaney would like to see a notice put in the paper concerning parking on the street for snow removal. The finance officer will put the ordinance in the paper.

Discussion was held on a Farmer's Market. Jessie Ruml and Christina Kenyon were present to give their input on this idea. They would set up during week nights in the summer months. The city will waive any peddler's fee for the Farmer's Market. A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Barker to approve the Farmer's Market. All in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Shepherd to approve the General Journal entries for January. All in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Dockter to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer