

**Castlewood City Council
December 2, 2019**

The Castlewood City Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Jeanette Bohls, Heather Schmit, Mayor Brian Ries, Ryman Dockter, Shawn Mullaney, Jeff Dahl and Michelle Barker. Also present: Sheila Gerhold, Rick Ries, Jaimie Riley, Jim & Margaret Martz, Heath Thompson, Greg Gross, LeeAnne Dufek, Donna Holman, Todd Boyd and Todd Moritz.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was presented for approval. A motion by Schmit and seconded by Barker to approve the agenda with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 4, 2019 were approved on a motion by Dockter and seconded by Bohls with all members present in favor and motion passed.

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

GENERAL FUND: Wages 323.23; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 71.91; Justin Ries, wages 166.23; Bass Sanitation, Inc., garbage haul 15.00; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; Richard Ries, cell phone 30.00; Brian Ries, cell phone 30.00; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 85.60; Hamlin County Auditor, police contract 3250.00; Ottertail, utilities 2456.66; ITC Communications, utilities 148.17; Demco, supplies 107.90; Janice Schiernbeck, books 25.55; Northwest Energy, utilities 239.22; Menard's, supplies 146.28; H-D Electric, utilities 19.18; Colonial Research Chemical, supplies 234.69; Estelline Coop, supplies 32.31; J&L Machine, snow plow repairs 664.24.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$8,196.17.

MUNICIPAL STREET FUND: Boyd Law Firm, professional fees 835.20.

WATER FUND: Wages 5080.67; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 1412.05; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1395.80; AFLAC, group ins. 87.58; Delta Dental, group ins. 82.40; SD Retirement, retirement 777.62; Postmaster, postage 320.00; Ottertail, utilities 173.32; Hawkins, Inc., chemicals 2105.60; SD Public Health Laboratory, water testing 15.00; SD One Call, locates 5.25; Rural Development, payment 1237.00.

TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$12,692.29.

SEWER FUND: Ottertail, utilities 576.98; ITC Communications, auto dialer 39.00.

TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$615.98.

SOLID WASTE FUND: Bass Sanitation, excess garbage 2019 3232.00; Bass Sanitation, contract 3950.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 270.77.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$7452.77.

GOLF FUND: Wages 3238.39; ITC Communications. Utilities 4.86; Green Apple Septic Service, septic tanks, 270.00; Sturdevant's, repairs 72.49; Estelline Coop, supplies 246.55; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 491.72; Delta Dental, group ins. 41.20; SD Health Pool, group ins 583.98; Electronic Federal

Tax Payment, ss & wh 926.95; H-D Electric, utilities 354.02; TSYS Merchant Solutions, credit card fees 34.45.

TOTAL GOLF FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$6264.61.

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No one appeared for public comments.

Mayor's report. He would like to remind residents to clean their sidewalks of snow.

Finance Officer's report. A letter was sent to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the city to be reimbursed \$8000 for the water study grant. The Lake Poinsett Sanitary District stated in their minutes they were going to talk to the city about pump repair bill they received.

No building permits were issued in November.

Jaimie Riley attended the meeting to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer the city hired. She had a few ideas for clean up days stating if people aren't able to clean up their yards, they should form a group of volunteers to help them. She also felt there could have been a different approach used for cleaning up the yards. The mayor stated they used an outside source to take care of it because he doesn't know anyone. A lengthy discussion followed.

The water study was discussed. Greg Gross from SD Association of Rural Water Systems and Heath Thompson from Sioux Rural water were in attendance. Some of the following items were discussed; New regulations are coming for manganese in the water. It is unknown at this time as to what they are. A suggestion of running two pressure pumps, one below the hill and one above the hill. Sioux Rural Water is installing a new filtration system in the next 2-3 years. Any water purchased from Sioux Rural water at that time would be approximately \$4.35 per thousand. Discussion was held on the growth of the city and the condition of the water tower. The council would like the engineers to attend the next meeting.

A special event license for Tables to do a wine tasting at the Santa Day festivities on December 14th was presented. A motion by Dockter and seconded by Dahl to approve the license with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The second reading for Supplemental Budget 19-5 was approved on a motion by Dockter and seconded by Barker with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The 2020 Election agreement for the city and school to hold a joint election was presented. A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Dahl to approve the agreement and have Mayor Ries sign it. All in favor and motion passed.

The group insurance for the city has an increase from \$695.80 to \$733.37 for a single rate. A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Bohls to continue group insurance with the SD Health Pool. All in favor and motion passed.

The terms of Ruth Fodness and Kristie Sikkink are up in January for the Economic Development. The finance officer is to advertise in the paper for anyone interested in sitting on the board and also ask the incumbents if they are still interested in remaining on the board.

A motion by Dockter and seconded by Bohls to enter in executive session at 8:00 p.m. with legal counsel SDCL 1-25-2(3). Sheila Gerhold and Rick Ries stayed for the executive session. A motion by Schmit and seconded by Dahl to return to regular session at 8:53 p.m. All in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Bohls and seconded by Barker to approve the November general journal entries. All members present in favor and motion passed.

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

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer