

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:32 PM at the Volga Community Center; Mayor Randy Santema presiding. Members present: Ken Fideler, Jody Havrevold, Nichole Hofer, Kelly VanderWal, Matt Jaquet, and Doug Wermedal. Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Administrator Jameson Berreth, Finance Officer Krista Larson, Fire Chief Jamie Russell, and Mary Ford with the Volga Tribune.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Wermedal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Havrevold seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda: Approval of March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda, and Approval of February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Wermedal presented a Vintage Volga draft to the council outlining his efforts to establish historical markers around town that highlight events and historical figures of Volga. After review, the ideas will be presented to the SV School Board in hopes of involving the historical sites into the education system.

Wermedal also presented a draft of the text for the plaque at Doc and Roma Peeke Park. Council will review and send feedback to Wermedal. More information will be presented on the Wolfe and Blase families regarding their land donation to the park as well as George Kiner Park in the future.

### Community Development

VanderWal made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-02 – Rezoning Sunrise Addition, Block 10, Lot 3 from “C-1” General Commercial to “A” Agricultural. Fideler seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth stated there were no changes from the first reading. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Havrevold, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion carried.

VanderWal made a motion to approve code enforcement agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC. Fideler seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth explained the City of Volga previously contracted code enforcement services with SDML; however, they no longer provide the service. Enforcement Specialists, LLC will provide the same services for the same hourly rate along with a \$1,500.00 retainer. VanderWal and Santema expressed their support of continued code enforcement and have seen notable improvements throughout Volga in recent years. On roll call: Havrevold, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes. Motion carried.

Wermedal and Berreth discussed a potential street name for the new northwest industrial park. The street will be named after Watson Elgie, a former longstanding owner of the property and former Volga Fire Chief. Spelling of his nickname and approval from the family will be finalized before action is taken to approve the final plat.

### Public Safety

Fire Chief Jamie Russell reported 9 calls in January consisting of 8 medical and 1 fire call. There were also 9 calls in February consisting of 7 medical and 2 fire calls. Russell noted 18 calls year-to-date. Russell stated that the Old Timers Day band has been booked.

Havrevold shared the most recent Brookings County Sheriff’s report for January 10, 2021 through February 6, 2021. This included 249.25 hours of service for the period. 240 hours per month are contracted.

### Electric

Jaquet and Berreth noted power factor adjustments will be implemented starting in 2022 if a customer's average monthly power factor falls below 95%.

### Public Works

Wermedal made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-01 – Ownership of Private Sanitary Sewer and Water Lines. Jaquet seconded the motion. Discussion was held. On roll call: Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Havrevold, Yes. Motion carried.

Berreth explained that due to delays with mail carrier companies, no bids were received on time for the construction of the new water tower. The bid opening is rescheduled for March 16 at 4 p.m. A special meeting may be held to award the bid in a timely manner.

### Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

Larson noted the 2021 Park & Rec Sign up day will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 2:00-7:00pm in the Sioux Valley Commons.

### Finance & Economic Development

Larson presented the monthly revenue and expenditure guidelines, fund considerations, a sales tax update, capital project considerations and expense report, and a year-to-date profit and loss summary. Sales tax revenues were a concern going into the new year after unknown Covid-19 impacts. 2021's sales tax revenues and have exceeded the 2020 figures by 1% overall YTD.

2021 YTD Sales Tax Revenue: \$102,496, 20.3% of the budget

2020 YTD Sales Tax Revenue: \$99,488, 19.9% of the budget

Fideler made a motion to approve the following claims and ordered them paid. Jaquet seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Name	Amount	Comment
ETHAN WIESE	\$250.00	Water Tower Design
JULIE SPERLICH	\$2,000.00	Water Tower Design
KENDAL SCHREIER	\$750.00	Water Tower Design
AFLAC	\$501.50	Monthly Payments
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$20.44	Time & Attendance Fees
BROOKINGS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$9,597.31	Contract Law & Animal Control
BROOKINGS REGISTER	\$167.79	Annual Subscription
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEM. CORP.	\$918.99	WWTF Chemical
CORE & MAIN	\$12,371.90	Hydrants
CREATIVE PRINTING	\$804.27	Park & Rec Guides
DAN HOWELL	\$20.00	VFD Training Reimbursement
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC.	\$222.00	Rate Study Fee
EAST RIVER	\$9,576.56	Electric Service
HEALTH POOL OF SOUTH DAKOTA	\$9,473.86	Premiums
STUART C. IRBY CO.	\$159.61	Electric Glove Testing
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$805.64	Gas Service
OFFICE PEEPS INC.	\$320.58	Office Supplies

OMNI-PRO SOFTWARE, INC.	\$3,584.00	Software License & Support
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$119.00	Water & WW Testing
SHEILA MONNIER	\$200.00	VFD Training
SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$242.06	Monthly Payments
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC	\$583.93	VFD Supplies
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	\$279.99	Global Search
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$382.26	Cell Service
VOLGA POSTMASTER	\$245.00	Annual Bulk Postage Fee
WELLMARK BC & BS OF SD	\$118.80	Annual Health Fee
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$2,144.00	Elec. Supplies & Materials
EFTPS	\$25.94	Payroll Taxes
EFTPS	\$2,578.15	Payroll Taxes
EFTPS	\$2.30	Payroll Taxes
EFTPS	\$785.07	Payroll Taxes
WAGE WORKS	\$25.00	Monthly Payments
GENERAL FUND	\$16,603.85	02.2021 Payroll
WATER FUND	\$1,986.40	02.2021 Payroll
ELECTRIC FUND	\$15,909.70	02.2021 Payroll
SEWER FUND	\$1,986.40	02.2021 Payroll

Topics for Future Discussion

Berreth and the council noted the potential need for additional generators in case of future emergencies. Generators would allow the city to run city wells, the wastewater treatment facility, the water tower(s), and lift stations. The city currently owns two generators.

Fideler noted that some equipment purchases may need to be shifted to fit the needs of the street department in the coming year. He also stated a request to research mayoral and council pay.

VanderWal noted the SDML meeting will be held virtually on March 17, 2021 at 5:30PM.

Berreth stated that the city will have an election this year for Ward III. Two petitions were submitted for the position from Doug Wermedal and Mary Ries. No petitions were submitted for Ward I to fill Jody Havrevold's place on the council. A resident can be appointed to serve a one-year term. Ward II councilman VanderWal and Mayor Santema submitted unopposed petitions for re-election in their current positions. The election will be held April 13, 2021.

Fideler made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 PM

s/Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga  
s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer, City of Volga