

MINUTES OF LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

The City Council serving as the local board of equalization of the City of Volga, SD, met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:03 PM at the Volga Community Center; Mayor Randy Santema presiding. Members present: Ken Fideler, Nichole Hofer, Kelly VanderWal, Matt Jaquet, and Doug Wermedal. Members absent: Jody Havrevold and Sioux Valley School Board representative Gene Bjorklund. Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Administrator Jameson Berreth, Finance Officer Krista Larson, Deputy Finance Officer Brooke Johnson, Gracie Nelson with the Volga Tribune, and Brookings County Sheriff Marty Stanwick.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the board reviewed the assessor books and met to hear all appeals filed. Mayor Santema and Berreth stated that no appeals had been filed before the board of equalization.

Fideler made a motion to adjourn at 12:04 PM. Wermedal seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

/s/Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

/s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer, City of Volga

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM at the Volga Community Center; Mayor Randy Santema presiding. Members present: Ken Fideler, Nichole Hofer, Kelly VanderWal, Matt Jaquet, and Doug Wermedal. Member absent: Jody Havrevold. Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Administrator Jameson Berreth, Finance Officer Krista Larson, Deputy Finance Officer Brooke Johnson, Gracie Nelson with the Volga Tribune, and Brookings County Sheriff Marty Stanwick.

The council welcomed new Deputy Finance Officer Brooke Johnson and Johnson introduced herself.

Fideler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jaquet seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda: Approval of March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda, Approval of March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, Resolution 2021-05 – Blending and Consumption – Cunningham, and Resolution 2021-06 – Blending and Consumption – Landmark.

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with SDCL 35-1-5.5, prior authorization for persons to consume or blend alcoholic beverages on Friday, March 26, 2021 at the Volga Community Center is hereby given. All such consumption or blending shall occur during the party Cunningham. Said property shall be considered for purposes of the Resolution to be the location of a special license and shall not constitute a public place as defined by Ordinance 145 of the City of Volga. Sale of alcohol beverages shall not be permitted at any time at the above described location. There shall be no consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any individual who is under twenty-one years of age. This permit shall commence at 12:00 AM on March 26, 2021 and shall conclude at 11:59 PM on March 26, 2021. Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.

/s/Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

/s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer, City of Volga

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with SDCL 35-1-5.5, prior authorization for persons to consume or blend alcoholic beverages on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at the Volga Auditorium is hereby given. All such consumption or blending shall occur during the party Landmark. Said property shall be considered for purposes of the Resolution to be the location of a special license and shall not constitute a public place as defined by Ordinance 145 of the City of Volga. Sale of alcohol beverages shall not be permitted at any time at the above described location. There shall be no consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any individual who is under twenty-one years of age. This permit shall commence at 12:00 AM on April 3, 2021 and shall conclude at 11:59 PM on April 3, 2021. Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.

/s/Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

/s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer, City of Volga

Visitors, Timed Items, and/or Public Hearings

Sheriff Marty Stanwick shared an update on patrolling services contracted with the city. An update was also given on the jail expansion project in Brookings, addition of two safe rooms and the departments efforts to prepare for the legalization of marijuana. Sheriff Stanwick expressed his gratitude for the council's support of the jail expansion and contracted services. VanderWal requested to have an opportunity for the council and the deputies to meet in the near future.

Community Development

VanderWal made motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 – Plats of Lots 1-9 and Watts Street R.O.W. in Industrial Park Fourth Addition. Hofer seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth stated that easements were updated since the preliminary plat to cover existing city and gas utilities. The name for Watts Street comes from Watson “Watts” Elgie, a past owner of the property and former Volga Fire Chief. The zoning board unanimously recommended approval of the final plat and also recommended that parking be prohibited on Watts Street due to expected truck traffic and sufficient off-street parking availability. Berreth stated that an Ordinance will be drafted and brought to Council to address the parking.

Public Safety

No Report.

Electric

No Report.

Public Works

Wermedal made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 – Water On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion carried. Tower Bond Issuance. VanderWal seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Wermedal and Berreth explained the Resolution is required to secure revenue bonds to finance the upcoming Water Tower project. On roll call: Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes. Motion carried. The published resolution will appear separately in the Volga Tribune. The full resolution is also available at City Hall upon request.

Wermedal made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 – Water Tower Surcharge. Hofer seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth stated that the water surcharge will not be an additional charge to residents but will be split off from existing rates to pay for the project. The surcharge is \$0.87/1,000 gallons for customers in city and \$1.33/1,000 gallons for customers out of city, and it is scheduled to begin May 1st, 2022. On roll call: Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Hofer,

Yes. Motion carried. The published resolution will appear separately in the Volga Tribune. The full resolution is also available at City Hall upon request.

Wermedal made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 – CIPP Improvements Bond Issuance. Jaquet seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Wermedal and Berreth explained the Resolution is required to secure revenue bonds to finance the upcoming CIPP Improvements project. Bids came in significantly lower than expected for the relining project. On roll call: VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes. Motion carried. The published resolution will appear separately in the Volga Tribune. The full resolution is also available at City Hall upon request.

Wermedal made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 – CIPP Improvements Surcharge. Fideler seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth stated that the sewer surcharge will not be an additional charge to residents but will be split off from existing rates to pay for the project. The surcharge is \$1.28/1,000 gallons for customers in city and \$1.89/1,000 gallons for customers out of city, and it is scheduled to begin July 1st, 2021. Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes. Motion carried. The published resolution will appear separately in the Volga Tribune. The full resolution is also available at City Hall upon request.

Wermedal made a motion to award bid for sanitary sewer system CIPP improvements to Hydro-Klean, LLC, of Des Moines, Iowa contingent on DENR approval. Jaquet seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Berreth stated that two bids were received and Hydro-Klean is deemed to be the low, responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,084,822.45. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

Hofer noted that Park and Rec Sign up was March 10th and requested that staff research the possibility of an online sign-up arrangement for next year.

Finance and Economic Development

Fideler made a motion to hire Brooke Johnson as Deputy Finance Officer.

Recording of wage for Brooke Johnson; City of Volga Deputy Finance Officer at \$17.00/hour.

Fideler led a discussion regarding an increase in annual compensation for elected officials. All present members contributed their thoughts on compensation changes. Santema and Berreth will create a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Seasonal Wage Update: Park and Rec Director Carissa Hageman, \$15.60; Park and Rec Intern Austin Eppard, \$11.90; Park and Rec Intern Tanner Johnson, \$11.90; Pool Supervisor Rylee Honomichl, \$11.90; Pool Supervisor Sara Duncan, \$11.90; and Pool Supervisor Charlotte League, \$11.90.

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

Check Name	Check Amt	Comment
PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK	\$148.15	CC Fees
WAGE WORKS	\$25.00	Payments
SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$3,786.94	02.21 Retirement
EFTPS	\$57.61	Payroll Taxes

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WAGE WORKS	\$25.00	Payments
HEARTLAND CONSUMERS POWER DIS.	\$5,834.00	Loan Principal PMT (17)
EFTPS	\$785.07	Payroll Taxes
ABBY LEITE	\$64.02	Deposit Refund
AGFIRST FARMER COOP	\$2,797.76	Fuel and Parts
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	\$76.01	Cylinder Rental
Aramark	\$750.12	Cleaning Supplies
Banner Associates, Inc.	\$47,285.51	Engineering Fees
BETTY KNUTSON	\$50.00	Deposit Refund
BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS, INC.	\$79.18	Rental
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$1,011.84	Elec Supplies
BROOKINGS AREA UNITED WAY	\$90.00	Contributions
BROOKINGS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$57.96	Animal Control
BROOKINGS DUMPSTER SERVICE	\$8,852.54	February Trash Services
CITY OF VOLGA	\$14,250.99	Utilities
CORE & MAIN	\$43.81	Water Supplies
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$1,886.49	Elec Supplies, Switch
DAKOTALAND FEDERAL CR. UNION	\$605.90	CC Purchases
DARYL HEFFNER	\$157.97	Deposit Refund
DAVES WINDOW CLEANING, INC.	\$52.00	Window Cleaning
DELTA DENTAL	\$502.80	Monthly Payments
EAST RIVER	\$9,372.72	02.21 Electric
EDMAN ENTERPRISES INC.	\$434.99	Fuel and Supplies
FIRST BANK & TRUST	\$26,212.64	Storage Building Loan PMT
HAWKINS INC.	\$10.00	Chlorine Cylinder
HEARTLAND CONSUMERS POWER DIS.	\$350,437.98	02.21 Electric
ISAAC SALFER	\$103.30	Deposit Refund
JOSEPH KOVACH	\$152.89	Deposit Refund
LOWES	\$269.50	Supplies & Parts
MAKENNA BUCHER	\$159.68	Deposit Refund
MARLA COREY	\$13.07	Deposit Refund
MARY RIES	\$125.00	Wage Works Refund
MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.	\$90.00	Tech Services
MIDWEST DESIGN	\$967.98	VFD Lights and rack install
OFFICE PEEPS INC.	\$154.06	Office Supplies
RFD NEWS GROUP INC.	\$386.50	Publishing & Legal
RUNNINGS	\$650.39	Supplies & Parts
SHARON HARVEY	\$192.10	Deposit Refund
SPEED CONNECT, LLC	\$59.46	SDSP Metering
STURDEVANT'S AUTO SUPPLY	\$296.60	Supplies & Parts
TONYA STEFFENSEN	\$1,200.00	02.21 Cleaning
TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPER	\$224.00	Employment Ads

TRACY MANZANARES	\$24.05	Deposit Refund
VALLEY FIBERCOM	\$349.07	Internet & Phone
VALLEY FITNESS	\$158.00	Monthly Memberships
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$3,203.00	Elect. Supplies
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	\$17,376.13	02.21 Electric
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$25,181.00	Sales Tax

Topics for Future Discussion

Fideler noted the SDML District online meeting will be held March 17, 2021.

Berreth noted that Governor Noem declared Good Friday and Easter Monday state holidays this year and City Hall will be closed April 2 & 5, 2021. We will have our first April meeting on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 5:30 PM at the Community Center.

Hofer inquired about upcoming Old Timers Day activities, and the council noted that they hope to have the event.

Fideler made a motion to adjourn at 1:15PM. All in favor; motion carried.