

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting Monday, June 7, 2021 at 12:02 PM in the conference room of City Hall; Mayor Randy Santema presiding. Members present: Bev Cotton, Ken Fideler, Kelly VanderWal, and Doug Wermedal. Members absent: Nichole Hofer and Matt Jaquet. Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, Finance Officer Krista Larson, Fire Chief Jamie Russell, Public Works Director Kevin Steen, Clay Bastian with Bankstar Financial, Samantha Algood with the Volga Tribune, Emily Howell with the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce, and Joel Edman.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Wermedal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. VanderWal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda: Approval of June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda, Approval of May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, Approval of May 24, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, Approval of May 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, Approval of May 27, 2021 Special Meeting A Minutes, Approval of May 27, 2021 Special Meeting B Minutes, and Approval of June 1, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

Fideler made a motion to remove Resolution 2021-27 from the table. VanderWal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fideler made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-27 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT PLAN OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN, CITY OF VOLGA WHEREAS, the City of Volga has previously created Tax Increment District Number Seven; and WHEREAS, a Project Plan for Tax Increment District Number Seven, City of Volga has been developed and considered by the governing body of the City of Volga. NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. Approval of Project Plan. Pursuant to SDCL 11-9-17, the City hereby approves the Project Plan. The City finds that the plan is feasible and in conformity with the plans of the municipality. A copy of the Project Plan for Tax Increment District Number Seven is on file at the City Office and is available for public inspection.
2. Officer Direction. The City Council hereby directs the Mayor and Finance Officer to take such action as they deem necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution and the Project Plan, including any documents necessary to effectuate the terms of the Project Plan.
3. Deposit of Tax Increments. All tax increments collected pursuant to Tax Increment District Number Seven shall be deposited into the Tax Increment District Number Seven Fund. All funds in the Tax Increment District Number Seven Fund shall be used solely for those proposed expenses as authorized in SDCL Chapter 11-9 and the Project Plan for Tax Increment District Number Seven.

CITY OF VOLGA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer. Cotton seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Clay Bastian with Bankstar Financial presented four financing rate options. He discussed variable and fixed rate alternatives. The zoning board recommended a fifteen-year fixed rate for the TIF financing at 3.9%. No early pay

off fees will be applied. Council agreed that a conservative fifteen-year loan would be ideal. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Cotton, Yes. Motion carried.

Jere Heib was not present and removed from the agenda.

Emily Howell, the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership & Marketing introduced herself and was welcomed by the council. She will lead the Volga Committee and various other groups for the chamber.

Community Development

VanderWal made a motion to approve TIF #6 Developers Agreement. Wermedal seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Edman and the council discussed changes recommended by Britzman and the zoning board. The change in paragraph number ten will allow for some homes to range from around \$260,000 to \$400,000. The previous language did not allow for the flexibility in home values. On roll call: VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Fideler, Yes. Motion carried.

Public Safety

Fire Chief Jamie Russell reported 21 calls in May consisting of 15 medical, 1 vehicle accident, and 5 fire calls. Russell noted 57 calls year-to-date. The department had been on 71 calls at this time last year.

Fideler made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-07 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND TO REVISE CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). I. Whereas, the City of Volga adopted Ordinance 2020-05, an Ordinance amending safety recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on June 22, 2020; and Whereas, the reduction of COVID-19 cases in Brookings County and the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines provide a sufficient basis to terminate Ordinance 2020-05; and Whereas, the public is encouraged to continue to operate in a manner consistent with the most recent CDC COVID-19 guidelines and any applicable recommendations from the South Dakota Department of Health. NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Volga, South Dakota that Ordinance 2020-05 is hereby repealed. II. Any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. CITY OF VOLGA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer. Wermedal seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Britzman informed the council that the ordinance still recommends following CDC guidelines but removes previous city regulations. On roll call: Wermedal, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Fideler, Yes; VanderWal, Yes. Motion carried.

Electric

Council inquired about the timeline of the electrical transmission tie projects. Steen noted that the projects are still in the planning phase but have not yet begun.

Public Works

Fideler made a motion to implement watering restrictions on residents of Volga allowing even numbered addresses can water Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while odd numbered addresses can water Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. No watering will be permitted on Sundays. Cotton seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Council and Public Works Director Kevin Steen thoroughly discussed implementing outdoor watering restrictions. Steen expressed the danger of the wells running consistently nearly 24 hours a day. In the event of a fire, the city may not have enough reserves to accommodate. All in favor. Motion carried.

Steen asked for an hourly increase on behalf of Bob Buchheim. Wage update: Bob Buchheim, seasonal mowing at \$14.00/hour. Council in agreeance effective immediately. No motion needed.

Steen inquired about a septic tank replacement project for the Volga Ag Center. Britzman noted that he was doing further research on the matter. The Volga Ag Center does not have access to the city sewer system, and attaching to the service may be unreasonable in relation to their location. Lines would have to run under Highway 14 to the north or under the railroad tracks to the south equating to extensive cost to the Volga Ag Center. This will be an administrative matter after further review by Attorney Britzman.

Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

Larson gave an update on the upcoming events of Old Timers Day. She also noted the high attendance at the city pool thus far.

Finance and Economic Development

Fideler made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 to Winter Construction for Northwest Industrial Park in the amount of \$75,236.40. Wermedal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fideler made a motion to award additional duty pay in the amount of \$5,000 to Finance Officer Krista Larson, \$1,500 to Deputy Finance Officer Brooke Johnson, and \$750 to Kevin Steen, Chad Collins, Brady Severson, and Jon Hauge. Wermedal seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Larson expressed her gratitude for the council’s consideration of her request for additional duty pay.

Fideler made a motion to amend the original award to include one week of paid time off to Larson. Wermedal seconded the motion. On roll call to approve the motion including the amendment: Cotton, Yes; Fideler, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion carried.

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
CITY OF VOLGA	\$132.00	Pool Concession Petty Cash
SD DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	\$69.61	Employment Report
EFTPS	\$2,935.02	Payroll Tax
EFTPS	\$186.37	Payroll Tax

AFLAC	\$501.50	Premiums
ALLEGRA	\$299.15	CIPP Mailers
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	\$73.75	Rental
ASSOCIATED SUPPLY COMPANY, INC	\$7,936.90	Chemicals/Supplies
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$31.34	Time & Attendance Tracking
BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS, INC.	\$250.00	Stump Grinder Rental
BOWES CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$268.80	Street Repairs
BROOKINGS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$181.05	Water Repair
BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE, INC	\$125.00	Manhole Repairs
CLIMATE CONTROL	\$1,963.50	Parking Lot Dust Control
COURTESY PLUMBING	\$184.85	Repair
CREATIVE PRINTING	\$143.27	OTD Materials
DACOTA BANK	\$35,380.80	TIF #2 Payment, Edman
DACOTA BANK	\$38,742.76	TIF #4 Payment, Edman
DAVES WINDOW CLEANING, INC.	\$52.00	Window Cleaning
DEPT OF AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	\$100.00	Fee
EDMAN DEVELOPMENT LLC.	\$23,205.23	TIF #1 Final Payment, Edman
ELKTON COMMUNITY AMBULANCE	\$1,965.00	Training
ERIK SCHLIMMER	\$60,810.18	TIF #3 Payment, Schlimmer
ERIK SCHLIMMER	\$8,846.48	TIF #5 Payment, Schlimmer
FASTENAL	\$22.71	Parts
HAWKINS INC.	\$10.00	Chlorine Cylinder
HEALTH POOL OF SOUTH DAKOTA	\$11,432.54	Premiums
INTERLAKES SPORT CENTER	\$200.00	VFD Mule Contract Fee
KERRY'S SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,308.50	Seeding
LEWS FIREWORKS INC.	\$4,524.85	OTD Fireworks
LYLE SIGNS INC.	\$124.89	Street Signage
MALORIE HANSEN	\$30.00	Rec Refund
MAY CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$9,324.00	Samara Directional Bore
MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.	\$142.98	Computer Repairs
NATALIE MURUATO	\$81.58	Hotel Reimbursement
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$956.82	Monthly Gas Charges
OFFICE PEEPS INC.	\$342.96	Office Supplies
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$193.00	WW/W Testing
RC FIRST AID	\$121.00	First Aid Kit Refills
RESCO, INC.	\$30,643.60	Electric Supplies
RIHM LEASING	\$758.65	Rescue 1 Repairs
SHEILA MONNIER	\$1,020.00	VFD CPR & First Aid Instruction
SPEED CONNECT, LLC	\$59.46	SDSP Metering

STURDEVANT'S AUTO SUPPLY	\$136.61	Supplies/Repairs
SWEENEY CONTROLS COMPANY	\$225.00	Water Repair
THE AMERICAN LEGION STATE HEAD	\$110.00	Flags
TONYA STEFFENSEN	\$1,200.00	May Cleaning
TOWNCLOUD, INC.	\$1,140.00	Annual Fee
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	\$279.99	Global Search
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$1,207.39	Monthly Charges/Shop Ipad
VOLGA AG CENTER	\$794.96	Chemicals/Supplies
VOLGA POSTMASTER	\$76.00	Annual PO Box Renewal
W.W. TIRE	\$69.00	Repairs
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$26,454.79	Electric Supplies
WINTER CONTRACTING LLC	\$17,282.12	Pay Request #1
WINTER CONTRACTING LLC	\$75,236.40	Pay Request #2
ZACHARY PRINTZ	\$25.00	Rec Refund

Future Discussion

Wermedal and Britzman noted that future discussion regarding the marijuana legalization will need to be held. New city council and staff photos will need to be taken with recent personnel changes. Council would also like to hear from any scholarship winners in the future to learn of their career and college plans. Scholarship dollars could then be presented at that time.

Fideler made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM. Cotton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

s/Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer, City of Volga