

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:32 PM in the conference room of City Hall; Mayor Randy Santema presiding.

Members present: Ken Fideler, Nichole Hofer, Matt Jaquet, Doug Wermedal, Kelly VanderWal, and Bev Cotton. Members absent: None. Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Administrator Michael Schulte, and Deputy Finance Officer Brooke Johnson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, motion by Wermedal, seconded by VanderWal, to approve the February 7, 2022 agenda as presented. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0. Jaquet entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion by VanderWal, seconded by Fideler, to approve the consent agenda. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 6 – 0. The following items were on the consent agenda: Approval of the January 18 City Council Meeting Minutes, Resolution #2022-05 Blend & Consume License - Vermeden.

Visitors, Timed Items, and/or Public Comments

None.

Community Development

An application for abatement and/or refund of property taxes was submitted by William T Calmus Revocable Living Trust. A duplex was torn down on 9-28-21. The amount of the abatement being requested was \$150.62 and was recommended to approve by the County Director of Equalization. Motion by VanderWal, seconded by Fideler, to approve the abatement of property taxes of \$150.62. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

Public Safety

Fire Chief Jamie Russell reported there were 9 medical calls and 1 gas spill call for a total of 10 calls year-to-date.

Electric

Rebates offered by Heartland were discussed. Available rebates are available on Heartland's website and will be advertised on the city's website and social media to increase applications. Schulte will email the transmission line project committee to set up a time to meet. Jaquet asked if all the city street lights have been switched to LED. Schulte will check with the electric superintendent.

Public Works

A water tower construction schedule and estimated cash flow was reviewed.

Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

The Department of Public Safety has a grant program that could potentially cover the costs of the electronic key pads. Schulte is planning to talk to the city's website host, Civic Plus, to discuss online parks and recreation sign-ups.

Finance and Economic Development

Motion by Fideler, seconded by VanderWal, to approve claims as presented. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
RDF NEWS GROUP	\$956.45	LEGAL, MINUTES, REC ADS
BANNER ASSOCIATES	\$18,140.53	ENGINEERING
RDO EQUIPMENT	\$94.98	STREET SUPPLIES
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC	\$22.62	TIME & ATTENDANCE SYSTEM
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	\$99.68	MESSAGE FEES
BROOKINGS AREA CHAMBER	\$3,500.00	2022 MEMBERSHIP
SD SOUTHEAST FIREFIGHTER ASSOC	\$50.00	VFD 2022 DUES
OFFICE PEEPS, INC	\$320.10	OFFICE SUPPLIES & COPIER CHARGES
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$56.00	WATER TESTING
M & T FIRE & SAFETY	\$52.50	SERVICE LABOR
MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	\$1,806.25	SAFETY PROGRAM Q1
VERIZON	\$329.58	CELL SERVICE
BROOKINGS CO SHERRIFS OFFICE	\$9,627.34	CONTRACT LAW & ANIMAL CONTROL
BROOKINGS DUMPSTER SERVICE	\$993.32	CITY DUMPSTER SERVICE
DELTA DENTAL	\$563.30	PREMIUMS
FASTENAL	\$25.72	PAYLOADER PARTS
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP	\$1,730.75	MINI BULK & CYLINDERS
BROOKINGS CAR QUEST	\$41.02	FUEL FILTERS
KATHIE ERMAN BECKER	\$206.00	DEPOSIT REFUND
1 ST DIST. ASSOC. OF LOCAL GOV.	\$2,309.50	ANNUAL DUES
HPSD	\$12,006.11	PREMIUMS
ARAMARK	\$585.70	CLEANING
WELLMARK BC & BS OR SD	\$297.00	ANNUAL FEE
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$5164.21	UTILITES
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	\$279.99	GLOBAL SEARCH
JOHNSON GARAGE DOOR	\$105.00	SHOP DOOR REPAIR
INFINITE WELDING & MACHINE	\$3.49	PLOW REPAIR
TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPER	\$49.50	SEASONAL REC AD
CITY OF BROOKINGS	\$60.00	ANIMAL CONTROL-UNCLAIMED
DAKOTA DATA SHRED	\$140.80	PAPER SHREDDING
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO	\$80.66	CYLINDER RENTALS
EDMAN ENTERPRISES	\$725.96	FUEL & ICE
WAGE WORKS	\$1829.80	PRE-TAX PAYMENTS
EFTPS	\$7487.75	PAYROLL TAXES
SDRS	\$6305.92	CONTRIBUTIONS
BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS	\$232.95	CHAIN SHARPENING, FILTERS, PARTS
MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$90.00	SERVICE CALLS
AFLAC	\$808.17	PREMIUMS
AGFIRST	\$2211.84	FUEL, SUPPLIES & REPAIRS

Two vision insurance quotes were reviewed. Discussion ensued. The total cost to cover the monthly premium for all 8 employees through AFLAC would be \$602.88. Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to approve the employer paid vision insurance for full-time employees through AFLAC. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Jaquet, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

Topics for Future Discussion

Cotton asked a few questions of the dynamics between the City and Volga Development Corporation. Schulte replied he can provide more background of the dynamics after the meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Wermedal, to adjourn at 6:07PM. All in favor. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

Michael Schulte, City Administrator