

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the conference room of City Hall; Mayor Randy Santema presiding. Members present: Ken Fideler, Bev Cotton, Nichole Hofer, Kelly VanderWal. Members absent: Matt Jaquet and Doug Wermedal Also present: City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Administrator Michael Schulte, Finance Officer Krista Larson, Fire Chief Jamie Russell, Park and Recreation Director Carissa Hageman, Pat Carey with Banner Associates, Brookings County Sheriff Marty Stanwick, Deputy Mark Brueggeman, Sam Algood with the Volga Tribune, Meadow Creek Golf Broad President Aimee Bastian and Treasurer Jeff Gruntmeir, and Jackie Bjerke.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, motion by VanderWal, seconded by Fideler, to approve the March 7, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4 – 0. The following items were on the consent agenda: Approval of the March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and Resolution #2022-09 Blend & Consume License – Westendorf.

RESOLUTION #2022-09 APPROVING BLEND & CONSUME LICENSE CITY OF VOLGA, SD BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with SDCL 35-1-5.5, prior authorization for persons to consume or blend alcoholic beverages on April 16, 2022 at the Volga Community Center under the name of Westendorf is hereby given. All such consumption or blending shall occur during the said event. 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 16, 2022 and shall conclude at 11:59 PM on April 16, 2022. Dated this 4th day of April 2022. CITY OF VOLGA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer.

Visitors, Timed Items, and/or Public Hearings

Brookings County Sheriff Marty Stanwick introduced Deputy Mark Brueggema. In addition, Stanwick noted that Community Outreach Officer Jeremy Kriese will plan to attend noon council meetings in the future for city updates or concerns.

Public Safety

Fire Chief Jamie Russell reported there were 9 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 ditch fire call, and 1 fuel spill call for a total of 12 calls in March and 40 calls year-to-date. In 2021 at this time, the fire department had 27 calls year-to-date.

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Meadow Creek Golf Broad President Aimee Bastian and Board Treasurer Jeff Gruntmeir presented their 2021 financial report. Gruntmier noted an increase in course memberships, bar income, and a net income of \$90,662 before the \$27,000 City contribution. The board plans to utilize profits for needed clubhouse improvements, updated equipment, and rising employment costs. Bastian shared planned updates and improvements for the 2022 year and expressed gratitude for the City's contribution toward their land payment. An intentional focus on

advertising the clubhouse restaurant and bar were discussed. The Council expressed their support of the golf course and thanked the board members for their efforts.

Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

Larson led discussion on pool employment wages and the challenge of finding enough employees for the pool. Council discussed increasing the starting wage for lifeguards, WSI certified guards, and supervisors. Park and Recreation Director Carissa Hageman noted the need for more lifeguards to cover the pools swimming lesson and open swim hours. The pool is open for approximately 12 hours a day during the week and 7 hours on both Saturday and Sunday. The hope is to attract more applicants with a more competitive wage range in comparison to surrounding towns. Staff was advised to advertise starting wages for lifeguards at \$13.50.

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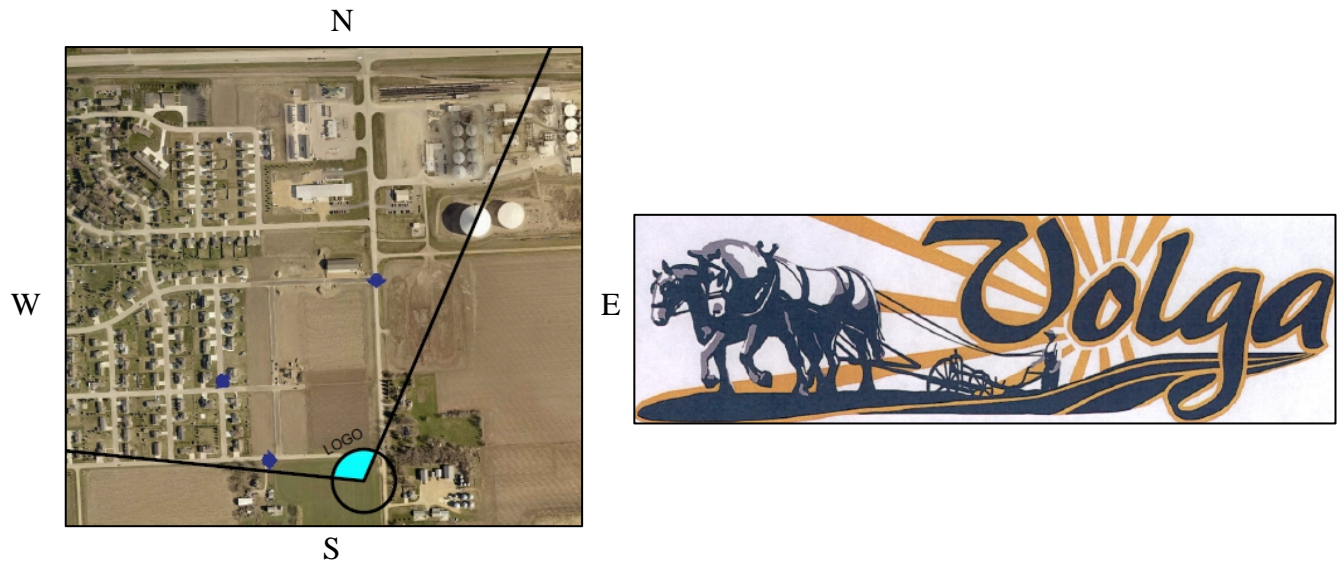
Motion by Fideler, seconded by VanderWal, to deny the package (off-sale) liquor license application from Casey's store #3810. A public hearing was held. Council reiterated the plan to retain the final off-sale liquor license for a future grocery store. Two of the three available off-sale liquor licenses have already been issued. On roll call to deny the package (off-sale) liquor license application from Casey's store #3810 : Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to approve the retail (on-sale) liquor license application from Los Tapatios Restaurant. A public hearing was held. Schulte noted that two of four available on-sale liquor licenses have been issued making this the third. The restaurant plans to open in June. Outdoor or patio alcohol sales were also discussed and may be served in the future. Britzman noted that such sales would be allowed if the original license includes the entire property's legal description. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Fideler, Yes. Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Public Works

Motion by VanderWal, seconded by Hofer, to approve engineering services contract with Banner Associates. Pat Carey with Banner Associates updated the council on the well field expansion, chemical feed building addition, and outlined the contract. The current state water application does not include the additional chemical feed building. Carey suggested proceeding with the current application and to submit another later for the additional building. Schulte updated council on the current state of the well drilling and testing. Delays to testing for new wells has delayed collecting data needed for the state well permit. Obtaining pipes to connect to the current system may also create delays for the completion of this project. On roll call: Hofer, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes. Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Cotton, to approve the water tower logo as presented. The logo will be placed once on the tower facing northwest to be seen at an optimal angle. Several photos of the proposed angel were presented. On roll call: VanderWal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes. Motion Carried 4 – 0.



Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to approve pay request #8 to Caldwell Tanks for \$105,360.12. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Hofer, Yes; VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Parks, Recreation, and Buildings

Larson noted that the park and recreation sign up day went well, and office staff are actively organizing upcoming activities. Spot On Printing is providing shirts for the ball teams again this year. Lacrosse and Variety World Games did not have enough participants, so the activities were cancelled, and those individuals are receiving refunds.

Public Safety

Schulte noted the Homeland Security Grant was indirectly approved and will cover approximately \$5,900 of the Auditorium and Community Center security upgrades. A notification letter is anticipated to formally approve the application. These funds will be used for electronic keypads.

Electric

The Heartland Consumer Power District annual conference will be held April 14, 2022. An AMI demonstration will be conducted on April 11, 2022. Schulte also noted some potential WAPA rate increases in 2023. A document created by WAPA was sent to the council outlining the changes.

Finance and Economic Development

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to approve claims as presented. All in favor. Motion carried 4 – 0.

VENDOR	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
ARAMARK	\$597.15	Cleaning/Rugs

ARGUS DENTAL/VISION	\$125.60	Vision Premiums
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$22.62	Time System Fees
BARB BORTNEM	\$200.00	Water Heater Rebate
BILL SANTEMA	\$50.00	Garden Plot Refund
BROOKINGS CO SHERIFF'S	\$9,571.48	Contract Law/Animal Control
BROOKINGS EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$121.72	Mower Blades
BROOKINGS POWERSPORTS	\$148.97	4-Wheeler Repairs
BSN SPORTS, LLC	\$168.99	Ball Travel Screen
CALDWELL TANKS	\$105,360.12	Water Tower Pay Request #8
CASSIE RIDGEWAY	\$15.00	Park & Rec Refund
CHAD STEFFENSEN	\$200.00	Water Heater Rebate
CORE & MAIN	\$11,703.14	Hydrants/Parts
DAKOTA LAND DESIGN, LLC	\$400.00	Water Heater Rebate
DAN ORTON	\$1,010.14	VFD Training Reimbursement
EFTPS	\$3,255.75	Payroll Taxes
ERIN SCHWAB	\$90.00	Park & Rec Refund
HAWKINS INC.	\$1,869.97	Mini-Bulk
HEALTH POOL OF SD	\$12,006.11	Premiums
JON OR RHONDA KOTTKE	\$200.00	Water Heater Rebate
KATELYNN SHEEHAN	\$250.00	VFD Training Reimbursement
MASON SHEEHAN	\$705.54	VFD Training Reimbursement
MATT SCHMIDT	\$268.04	VFD Training Reimbursement
MICHAEL SCHULTE	\$3,720.00	Archery Range Supplies
MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS,	\$60.00	Printer Repair
MMUA	\$1,806.25	Q1 Safety Programs
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$3,828.85	Natural Gas
OFFICE PEEPS INC.	\$286.88	Office Supplies
OLD TIMERS DAY COMMITTEE	\$200.00	Donation Reimbursement
OMNI-PRO SOFTWARE, INC.	\$3,449.60	Load Management
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$89.00	Water and WW Testing
RC FIRST AID	\$250.00	Park & Rec First Aid Kits
SDRS	\$4,594.70	March Retirement
SPEED CONNECT, LLC	\$24.34	SDSP Metering
SPENCER DEGEN	\$400.00	Water Heater Rebate
STEVEN J. BRITZMAN, ATTORNEY	\$3,932.00	Professional Legal Fees
TIANNA STOKELY	\$22.68	Office Supply Reimbursement
TONYA STEFFENSEN	\$1,200.00	March Cleaning
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	\$307.99	Global Search
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$644.56	Cell Services

VOLGA ACE HARDWARE	\$270.12	Parts/Supplies
VOLGA TRIBUNE	\$49.98	Annual Subscription
W.W. TIRE	\$194.20	Payloader Repairs
Wage Works	\$1,000.00	Pre-Tax Payments
GENERAL FUND	\$15,362.03	March Payroll
WATER FUND	\$5,118.81	March Payroll
ELECTRIC FUND	\$14,977.19	March Payroll
WASTEWATER FUND	\$3,958.28	March Payroll

Schulte provided an update on the Volga Committee which is under the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to have 1 event a month for Volga businesses or for the community. Any Volga businesses interested in serving on the committee can contact Schulte or the Chamber.

Topics for Future Discussion

Residents of Ward II interested in the open council position should reach out to Schulte for more information and provide a brief interest letter or email for council consideration.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022 following Easter Monday.

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Hofer, to adjourn at 6:58 PM. All in favor. Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Randy Santema, Mayor, City of Volga

Krista Larson, Finance Officer