

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Volga, SD met for a regular meeting Monday, February 21, 2023 at 12:00 PM in the conference room of City Hall; Mayor Randy presiding. Members present: Ken Fideler, Bev Cotton, Stacy Sahr, Kelly VanderWal, and Doug Wermedal. Members absent: Matt Jaquet. Also present: City Administrator Michael Schulte, Finance Officer Krista Larson, City Attorney Steve Britzman, Deputy Finance Officer Ashley Van Maanen, Community Engagement Coordinator Lindsey Grabow, Community Outreach Officer Jeremy Kriese, and Sam Algood with the Volga Tribune.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Motion by Wermedal, seconded by Fideler to approve the February 21, 2023 agenda and consent agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried 5 – 0. The consent agenda included the February 6, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, and approval of Resolution #2023-09 Blend & Consume License – Gomez.

**RESOLUTION #2023-09 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 February 25, 2023 at the Volga Community Center under the name of Gomez 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 February 25, 2023 and shall conclude at 11:59 PM on February 25, 2023. Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023. CITY OF VOLGA, SOUTH DAKOTA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer.

### **Public Safety**

Motion by Cotton, seconded by VanderWal, to approve the second reading and passage of Ordinance #2023-01 Adding Violation of Using and Electronic Device While Driving. Schulte noted that no changes had been made since the first reading. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Sahr, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

**ORDINANCE #2023-01 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE CITY OF VOLGA, SOUTH DAKOTA.** The City Council of the City of Volga ordains:

#### **I. Sec. 11.3-28. Mobile electronic communication device regulations—Definitions.**

*Electronic communication device* means wireless or cellular phones and any other mobile communication device that uses shortwave analog or digital radio transmission between the device and a transmitter to permit wireless communications to and from the user of the device.

*Electronic message* means a self-contained piece of digital communication that is designed or intended to be transmitted between two electronic communication devices. An electronic message includes, but is not limited to, email, a text message, an instant message, a command or request to access a web page, or other data that uses a commonly recognized electronic communications protocol. An electronic message does not include the use of global positioning or navigation systems or voice or other data transmitted as a result of making a phone call or data

transmitted automatically by a wireless communication device without direct initiation by a person.

**Sec. 11.3-29. Prohibited use of mobile electronic device.** No person may operate or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device.

**Sec. 11.3-30. Exceptions to prohibited use of electronic communication devices and electronic message.** Section 11.3-29 shall not apply if the mobile electronic device is being used as follows: (1) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, or similarly engaged paid or volunteer public safety first responder during the performance of that person's official duties, and a public utility employee or contractor acting within the scope of that person's employment; (2) The use of a mobile electronic device for emergency purposes, including a text messaging device to contact a 911 system, an emergency call to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency services agency or entity, or to report to appropriate authorities a fire, traffic accident, serious road hazard, or medical or hazardous materials emergency, or to report the operator of another motor vehicle who is driving in a reckless or otherwise unsafe manner or who appears to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or to report a crime; (3) The use of a global positioning or navigation system feature of a mobile electronic device, but this exception does apply to manually entering information into the global positioning or navigation system feature of the device; (4) Reading, selecting, or entering a telephone number or name in a mobile electronic device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call and using the device for the call, or if a person otherwise activates or deactivates a feature or function of a mobile electronic device; or (5) The use of a mobile electronic device in a voice-operated or hands-free mode if the operator of the motor vehicle does not use the operator's hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device.

**Sec. 11.3-31. Social networking sites – Prohibition.** No person may access, read or post to a social networking site while operating a motor vehicle.

II. Any or all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. CITY OF VOLGA, SOUTH DAKOTA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer.

### **Community Development**

Motion by VanderWal, seconded by Cotton, to appoint City Administrator Schulte to the Brookings County Region Railroad Authority Board. Schulte and VanderWal explained the board works with the railroad companies on development projects, has taxing authority, and noted Craig Howell is the other representative for Volga. VanderWal served as the city representative but will now serve for the County on the board. On roll call: Cotton, Yes; Sahr, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

### **Public Works**

Motion by Wermedal, seconded by Fideler, to approve Resolution 2023-10 – SRF DW-02 Issuer Resolution. Wermedal and Schulte noted the need for the drinking water issuer resolution. The SRF loan funding provided through the DANR will be used to complete the additional wells and water loop projects. On roll call: Sahr, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

**RESOLUTION #2023-10 RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN DRINKING WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES;**

**APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND AND PLEDGING PROJECT REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND; AND CREATING SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND AND PROVIDING FOR A SEGREGATED SPECIAL CHARGE OR SURCHARGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.**

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of SDCL Chapter 9-40 (the “Act”) as found and determined by the Legislature is to provide for financing the acquisition, maintenance, operation, extension or improvement of any system or part of any system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, together with extensions, additions, and necessary appurtenances; and, **WHEREAS**, a municipality is authorized by Section 6 of the Act to issue revenue bonds to defray the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to any utility previously owned without pledging its credit and is authorized to pledge the net income or revenues from the Project in accordance with Section 15 of the Act; and, **WHEREAS**, the City of Volga (the “City”) currently operates a water distribution system to supply municipal, industrial and domestic water to its inhabitants and has determined that improvements to the drinking water facilities are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement, extension or addition to its drinking water system; and, **WHEREAS**, the City has determined to issue its revenue bonds to finance the improvements to its system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes (the “System”) and has applied to the South Dakota Conservancy District (the “District”) for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to finance the improvements; **WHEREAS**, the City shall adopt special rates or surcharges for the improvements to be pledged, segregated and used for the payment of the Bonds. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City as follows:

**SECTION 1. Definitions.** The terms when used in this Resolution shall have the following meanings set forth in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise. All terms used in this Resolution which are not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Loan Agreement unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

“Act” means South Dakota Codified Laws Chapter 9-40.

“Loan” means the Loan made by the South Dakota Conservancy District to the City pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and as evidenced by the Revenue Bond.

“Project” means the City of Volga Drinking Water System Improvements Project.

“Revenue Bond” means the revenue bond or bonds issued the date of the Loan Agreement by the City to the South Dakota Conservancy District to evidence the City’s obligation to repay the principal of and pay interest and Administrative Expense Surcharge on the Loan.

“System” means the City’s system of waterworks used for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Necessity and Findings.**

**2.1 Declaration of Necessity.** The City hereby declares and determines it is necessary to construct and finance improvements to its drinking water facilities within its System described as the Project.

**2.2 Findings.** The City does hereby find as follows:

**2.3.** The City hereby expressly finds that if the Project is not undertaken, the System will pose a health hazard to the City and its inhabitants, and will make the City unable to comply with state and federal law.

**2.4** Because of the functional interdependence of the various portions of the System, the fact that the System may not lawfully operate unless it complies with State and federal laws, including SDCL Chapter 34A-3A, and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and the nature of the improvements financed, the City hereby finds and determines that the Project will substantially benefit the entire System and all of its users within the meaning of Sections 15 and 17 of the Act.

**2.5** The City hereby determines and finds that for the purposes of the Act, including, in particular, Sections 15 and 17 of the Act, that only the net income from the Project financed by the Revenue Bond be pledged for its payment.

**SECTION 3. Authorization of Loan, Pledge of Revenue and Security.**

**3.1. Authorization of Loan.** The City hereby determines and declares it necessary to finance up to \$1,259,776 of the costs of the Project through the issuance of bonds payable from the revenue of the Project and other funds secured by the City. The City hereby determines that because the Revenue Bond is

issued in connection with a financing agreement described in SDCL 46A-1-49, pursuant to Section 15 of the Act no election is required to issue the Revenue Bond.

**3.2. Approval of Loan Agreement.** The execution and delivery of the Revenue Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), the form of which is on file with the City Finance Officer (the "Finance Officer") and open to public inspection, between the City as Borrower and the District, is hereby in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement in the form and content attached hereto, with such changes as the Attorney for the City deems appropriate and approves, for and on behalf of the City. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby further authorized and directed to implement and perform the covenants and obligations of the City set forth in or required by the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement herein referred to and made a part of this Resolution is on file in the office of the Finance Officer and is available for inspection by any interested party.

**3.3. Approval of Revenue Bond.** The issuance of a revenue bond in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,259,776 as determined according to the Loan Agreement in the form and content set forth in Appendix B attached to the form of Loan Agreement (the "Revenue Bond") shall be and the same is, in all respects, hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed and the Mayor, Finance Officer, and other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal the Revenue Bond and deliver the Revenue Bond to the District, for and on behalf of the City, upon receipt of the purchase price, and to use the proceeds thereof in the manner set forth in the Loan Agreement. The Mayor and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to approve the final terms of the Revenue Bond and their execution and delivery thereof shall evidence that approval. The Revenue Bond shall be issued under the authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B, and the provisions of the Act are hereby expressly incorporated herein as provided in Section 19 of the Act.

**3.4. Pledge of Revenues.** The Revenue Bond together with the interest thereon, shall not constitute a charge against the City's general credit or taxing power, but shall be a limited obligation of the City payable solely out of the Project Debt Service Account, which payments, revenues and receipts are hereby and in the Loan Agreement pledged and assigned for the equal and ratable payments of the Revenue Bond and shall be used for no other purpose than to pay the principal, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond, except as may be otherwise expressly authorized in the Loan Agreement (including the purpose of securing Additional Bonds issued as permitted by the terms thereof). The City covenants and agrees to charge rates for all services from the Project or establish special charges or surcharges which will be sufficient to provide for the payments upon the Revenue Bond issued hereunder as and when the same become due, and as may be necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance and repairs of the Project, and depreciation, and the Rate Resolution shall be revised from time to time so as to produce these amounts. The City hereby reserves the right to determine on a periodic basis the appropriate allocation of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation, repair and reserves associated with the facilities financed with the Revenue Bond, provided that such determination of allocable operation and maintenance expenses shall in no event abrogate, abridge or otherwise contravene the covenant of the City set forth in this Section 3 or any other covenant or agreement in the Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 4. Special Charge or Surcharge for Revenue Bond.** The City does hereby create the Revenue Bond Special-Surcharge District (the "Surcharge District") which shall include all users which benefit from the Project. There shall be charged a special charge or surcharge pursuant to Section 15 of the Act for the services provided by Project financed by the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall be segregated from other revenues of the System and shall be used for the payment of the Revenue Bond. The special charge or surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements and shall be 110% of the debt service requirements on the Revenue Bond.

**4.1. Rates and collection.** The rate herein specific will be collected as a special charge or surcharge for the Project. This special charge or surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full.

**4.2. Initial Surcharge.** The initial special charge or surcharge shall be set by resolution and collected at the same time as other charges of the utility. All users within the Surcharge District which benefit from the Project, current and future, shall be charged the special charge or surcharge. The special charge or surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the Project. The special charge or

surcharge shall begin at such time as will produce sufficient revenue to pay principal, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due.

**4.3. Segregation.** The Finance Officer shall set up bookkeeping accounts in accordance with South Dakota Legislative Audit guidelines for the segregation of the revenue, special charges and surcharges.

**4.4. Periodic review.** The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from time to time, not less than yearly, and shall be modified in order to produce such funds as are necessary and required to comply with the Loan Agreement's rate covenant and to pay principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond when due. The surcharge may be set by resolution in accordance with this Section. The rate resolution shall be necessary for the support of government and shall be effective upon passage.

**SECTION 5. Additional Bonds.** As permitted by Sections 8 and 9 of the Act, Additional Bonds payable from revenues and income of the System or Project may be issued, as permitted in the Loan Agreement, and no provision of this Resolution shall have the effect of restricting the issuance of, or impairing the lien of, such additional parity bonds with respect to the net revenues or income from the extensions, additions or improvements. The City shall have the right to issue additional bonds secured by a lien subordinate to the lien from the Revenue Bond pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 6. Project Fund Accounts.** For the purpose of application and proper allocation of the income of the Project and to secure the payment of principal, Administrative Surcharge and interest on the Revenue Bond, the following mandatory asset segregations shall be included in the water system account of the City and shall be used solely for the following respective purposes until payment in full of the principal, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond:

**6.1. Project Revenue Account.** There shall be deposited periodically into the Project Revenue Account the net revenues as defined in Section 17 of the Act derived from the operation of the Project collected pursuant to the resolutions and ordinances of the City of Volga, South Dakota (collectively the "Rate Resolution"). Moneys from the Project Revenue Account shall be transferred periodically into separate funds and accounts as provided below.

**6.2. Project Debt Service Account.** Out of the revenues in the Project Revenue Account, there shall be set aside no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month into the account designated Project Debt Service Account, a sum sufficient to provide for the payment as the same become due of the next maturing principal of, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bonds and any reserve determined by the City's governing body to be necessary. The amount set aside monthly shall be not less than one-third of the total principal, interest, and Administrative Surcharge payable on the following February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 and if there shall be any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, then the amount of such deficiency shall be added to the current requirement.

**6.3. Depreciation Account.** There shall be established a General Depreciation Account. Out of the revenues of the Project Revenue Account there shall be set aside each month into the General Depreciation Account an amount determined by the Common Council to be a proper and adequate amount for repair and depreciation of the Project.

**6.4. Project Surplus Account.** There shall be established the Project Surplus Account. Revenues remaining in the Project Revenue Account at the end of any fiscal year after all periodic transfers have been made therefrom as above required, shall be deemed to be surplus and shall be transferred to the Project Surplus Account. If at any time there shall exist any default in making any periodic transfer to the Project Debt Service Account, the Common Council shall authorize the City Finance Officer to rectify such default so far as possible by the transfer of money from the Project Surplus Account. If any such default shall exist as to more than one account or fund at any time, then such transfer shall be made in the order such funds and accounts are listed above.

When not required to restore a current deficiency in the Project Debt Service Account, moneys in the Project Surplus Account from time to time may be used for any of the following purposes and not otherwise:

- (a) To redeem and prepay the Revenue Bond when and as such Revenue Bond becomes prepayable according to its terms;

(b) To pay for repairs of or for the construction and installation of improvements or additions to the System; and, if the balances in the Project Debt Service Account and the Project Depreciation Account are sufficient to meet all payments required or reasonably anticipated to be made there from prior to the end of the then current fiscal year, then:

(c) To be held as a reserve for redemption and prepayment of any bonds of the System which are not then but will later be prepayable according to their terms; or

(d) To be used for any other authorized municipal purpose designated by the Common Council.

(e) No moneys shall at any time be transferred from the Project Surplus Account or any other account of the Fund to any other fund of the City, nor shall such moneys at any time be loaned to other municipal funds or invested in warrants, special improvements bonds or other obligations payable from other funds, except as provided in this Section.

**SECTION 7. Approval of Paying Agent/Registrar.** The Revenue Bond shall be payable at the office of U.S. Bank National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, hereby designated as paying agent and registrar.

**SECTION 8. Approval of Bond Counsel.** Meierhenry Sargent LLP is hereby retained as Bond Counsel with respect to the Revenue Bond.

**SECTION 9. Tax Matters.** The Interest on the Revenue Bond shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“the Code”) and applicable Treasury Regulations (the “Regulations”).

**SECTION 10. Covenants.** The City hereby covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond as follows:

**10.1.** The City will punctually perform all duties with reference to the Project, the System and the Revenue Bond required by the constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota and by this Resolution.

**10.2.** The City agrees and covenants that it will promptly construct the improvements included in the Project.

**10.3.** The City covenants and agrees that pursuant to Sections 25 through 27 of the Act, the lawful holders of the Revenue Bond shall have a statutory mortgage lien upon the Project and the extensions, additions and improvements thereto acquired pursuant to the Act, until the payment in full of the principal, interest and Administrative Surcharge on the Revenue Bond, and the City agrees not to sell or otherwise dispose of the System, the Project, or any substantial part thereof, except as provided in the Loan Agreement and shall not establish, authorize or grant a franchise for the operation of any other utility supplying like products or services in competition therewith, or permit any person, firm or corporation to compete with it in the distribution of water for municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes within the City.

**10.4.** The City covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond that it will maintain the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost, so long as any portion of the Revenue Bond remains outstanding; that it will maintain insurance on the System for the benefit of the holders of the Revenue Bond in an amount which usually would be carried by private companies in a similar type of business; that it will prepare, keep and file records, statements and accounts as provided for in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement. The Revenue Bond shall refer expressly to this Resolution and the Act and shall state that it is subject to all provisions and limitations thereof pursuant to Section 19 of the Act.

**SECTION 11. Depositories.** The Finance Officer shall cause all moneys pertaining to the Funds and Accounts to be deposited as received with one or more banks which are duly qualified public depositories under the provisions of SDCL Ch. 4-6A, in a deposit account or accounts, which shall be maintained separate and apart from all other accounts of the City, so long as any of the Bonds and the interest thereon shall remain unpaid. Any of such moneys not necessary for immediate use may be deposited with such depository banks in savings or time deposits. No money shall at any time be withdrawn from such deposit accounts except for the purposes of the Funds and Accounts as authorized in this Resolution; except that moneys from time to time on hand in the Funds and Accounts may at any time, in the discretion of the City's governing body, be invested in securities permitted by the provisions of SDCL 4-5-6; provided, however, that the Depreciation Fund may be invested in such securities maturing not later than ten years from the date of the investment. Income received from the deposit or investment of moneys shall be credited to the Fund or Account from whose moneys the deposit was made or the investment was purchased, and handled and accounted for in the same manner as other moneys therein.

**SECTION 12. Consent to Appointment.** In the event of mismanagement of the Project, a default in the payment of the principal or interest of the Revenue Bond, or in any other condition thereof materially affecting the lawful holder of the Revenue Bond, or if the revenues of the Project are dissipated, wasted or diverted from their proper application as set forth in the Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or herein, the City hereby consents to the appointment of a receiver pursuant to Section 33 of the Act, and agrees that the receiver will have the powers set forth therein, and in Sections 34 and 35 of the Act to operate and administer the Project, and charge and collect rates as described therein.

**SECTION 13. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, the Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution or said Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document.

**SECTION 14. Repeal of Resolution.** At such time as the Project Revenue Bond is defeased or paid in full, this Resolution and the special charge or surcharge shall automatically be repealed without any further action of the City.

**SECTION 15. Authorization of City Officials.** The Mayor, Finance Officer, City Attorney and City officials shall be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City any and all other certificates, documents or other papers and to perform such other acts as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the actions authorized herein.

**SECTION 16. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect on the 20<sup>th</sup> day following its publication, unless suspended by a referendum.

Adopted at Volga, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023. CITY OF VOLGA, SOUTH DAKOTA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor, ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer.

Motion by Wermedal, seconded by Fideler, to approve Resolution 2023-11 – Establishing Surcharge for \$1,259,776 SRF DW-02 Loan. Wermedal and Schulte noted the resolution assigns the needed surcharge to pay for the SRF drinking water loan. The loan could be paid off early without penalty if applicable. On roll call: VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Sahr, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

**RESOLUTION #2023-11 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SURCHARGE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM FOR PAYMENT OF A BORROWER BOND, ADJUSTMENT OF CURRENT RATES, AND YEARLY REVIEW OF THE SURCHARGE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VOLGA:**

1. **Surcharge for Bond Issue.** There shall be charged a monthly surcharge for the services provided by the improvement financed by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan DW-02. The surcharge for the loan shall be segregated from other revenues of the city and shall be used for the payment of the borrower bond Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan DW-02 (the "Borrower Bond"). Provided that such surcharge shall create net income, remaining from time to time after first paying all reasonable and current expenses of maintenance, repairs, replacements, and operation, sufficient to fund interest, reserve and debt service fund annual requirements.

2. **Rates and collection.** The City does hereby establish the special charge or surcharge payable by each customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed with the Borrower Bond. Such charge or surcharge shall be set at a level which, assuming a 10% delinquency rate, will produce income at the times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Borrower Bond and the administrative expense surcharges and all other payments as may be required under the loan agreements and Borrower Bond. The collection of the Surcharge will start on January 1, 2024.
3. **Borrower Bonds.** The following initial surcharge shall be applicable to all customers served until adjusted under paragraph 5:
  - Borrower Bond Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan DW-02 Surcharge:
    - \$0.29/1,000 gallons for the In-City rate
    - \$0.42/1,000 gallons for the Out-of-City rate
    - \$0.33/1,000 gallons for the Industrial Out-of-City rate
  - The City's current general rates shall be reduced by the above surcharge of \$0.29/1,000 gallons for the In-City rate, \$0.42/1,000 gallons for the Out-of-City rate, and \$0.33/1,000 gallons for the Industrial Out-of-City rate.
  - The surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the Borrower Bond is paid in full. The surcharge shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system. The surcharge is found to be equitable for the services provided by the improvements.
4. **Segregation.** The debt service surcharge shall be segregated from other income of the system in a separate book-keeping account and is pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District for the payment of the loan payments on the Borrower Bond.
5. **Yearly review.** The amount of the surcharge shall be reviewed from year to year and may be modified in order to provide such funds as are set forth herein. The charges shall be reviewed yearly by the City Council and administratively adjusted, upwards or downwards, to such amounts as may be necessary to pay principal, interest, administrative surcharge and other charges as may become due and owing under the loan agreement or Borrower Bond.
6. **Billing and Accounting.** The surcharge shall be included in the monthly user bill. Nothing contained herein requires the surcharge be indicated on the billing, however, the surcharge segregation shall be indicated on the books of the City.
7. **Automatic Repeal.** The surcharge for the Borrower Bond shall be automatically repealed when the Borrower Bond is paid in full.
8. **Partial Invalidity.** If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023. CITY OF VOLGA, SOUTH DAKOTA BY s/Randy Santema, Mayor,  
 ATTEST: s/Krista Larson, Finance Officer.

Motion by Wermedal, seconded by Fideler, to approve the lowest responsible bids for 2023 crack filling and seal coating to TopKote, Inc of Yankton, SD in the amounts of \$17,250 and \$68,160 respectively. Wermedal noted the acceptable work of TopKote in the past and recommended approval of the bids. On roll call: Wermedal, Yes; Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Sahr, Yes; VanderWal, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Wermedal, seconded by Cotton, to approve of the seasonal streets and park maintenance job description and wage range of \$13-\$15 per hour DOQ. Discussion was held regarding the need for the position and wage range. On roll call: Fideler, Yes; Cotton, Yes; Sahr, Yes; VanderWal, Yes; Wermedal, Yes. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

### **Parks, Recreation, and Buildings**

Community Engagement Coordinator Lindsey Grabow noted the successful hiring of a Park & Recreation Intern and three Pool Supervisors. Pool lifeguard and park and recreation employee applications will be accepted for a few more weeks and can be found at volgacity.com. Grabow



and Schulte also noted the request from the Stinger baseball team of an indoor batting cage installation in the City Auditorium. Staff was directed to work with the team toward the additional batting cage solution.

Schulte noted a few suit spinning options for the swimming pool. A commercial sized option may be considered at a later date, but at this time, the city will plan to purchase a more personal use sized suit spinner for around \$150 to \$200 for lifeguard use.

**Electric**

Schulte noted a few utility billing account discrepancies and was given direction to proceed with the discussed action plan.

Schulte noted that Electrical Superintendent Chad Collins and Chris Nordquist with DGR have been discussing the price of the wood electrical poles verses steel pole alternatives for the transmission tie project. The price of the steel electrical poles may be within 5-6% of the planned and budgeted wood poles. The wooden poles would be expected to be replaced after 25 – 30 years. Schulte will review the possibility of an amendment to the construction plans for bidders with Chris Nordquist of DGR Engineering and receive comparable figures.

**Finance and Economic Development**

Motion by Fideler, seconded by Cotton, to approve claims as presented. All in favor. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Vendor	Amount	Comments
AFLAC	\$1,481.68	Premiums (Jan Delayed & Feb)
AGFIRST FARMER COOP	\$2,237.60	VFD Fuel - Jan 2023
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	\$103.75	Cylinder Rentals
Aramark	\$603.09	Cleaning & Supplies
BAN-KOE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$15.26	Time & Attendance System Fees
Banner Associates, Inc.	\$8,379.13	Engineering Fees
BLACKSTRAP, INC.	\$2,038.93	Snow- Road Salt
BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS, INC.	\$16,044.64	S770 2023 Bobcat Skid steer
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC	\$6,624.52	Meters
BROOKINGS AREA CHAMBER	\$5,000.00	Executive Level Membership
BROOKINGS AREA UNITED WAY	\$30.00	Monthly Contributions
BROOKINGS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$9,541.45	Contract Law 1/8/23-2/4/23
BROOKINGS DUMPSTER SERVICE	\$9,629.08	Jan Trash Collection Services
CITY OF VOLGA	\$10,707.44	Utilities
CULLIGAN	\$57.52	Water and Dispensers
DAKOTALAND FCU	\$2,612.85	Postage, Truck Repairs, Misc.
DELTA DENTAL	\$657.40	Dental Premiums - March 2023
EAST RIVER	\$10,922.24	01.2023 Transmission Service

EDMAN ENTERPRISES INC.	\$328.31	Fuel in Jan 2023
EFTPS	\$9,596.28	Payroll Taxes
GRAYBAR ELECT. CO. INC.	\$1,020.60	Control Wiring & Shop Fans
HEARTLAND ENERGY	\$5,834.00	Water Main Loan Principal
HEARTLAND ENERGY	\$412,550.47	01.2023 Transmission Service
KACIE METTEER	\$177.18	Customer Deposit Refund
KATHIE ERDMAN BECKER	\$124.52	Customer Deposit Refund
L&L AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$2.50	Repair Part
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	\$86.45	Safety Glasses
LOWES	\$123.32	Lights
MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.	\$1,573.50	Office 365 Payments, Repairs
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	\$3,631.78	Utilities
OFFICE PEEPS INC.	\$139.46	Staples, Paper, Supplies
PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK	\$183.70	Monthly E-Payment Fees
PERRY ELECTRIC A/C & HTG. INC	\$489.71	Auditorium Furnace Inducer Motor
RANDY SANTEMA	\$248.28	Conference Expenses
RAUSCH GRANITE	\$750.00	American Legion Memorial
SCOTT HANSEN	\$174.53	Customer Deposit Refund
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$27,338.81	Sales Tax
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	\$1,863.87	Addition - Plow Truck Insurance
SDML	\$30.00	Legislative Gov Day/Rib Dinner
SDRS	\$5,318.82	Jan 2023 Retirement Contributions
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	\$69.55	LS Tractor Supplies
THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OF SD	\$200.00	Customer Deposit Refund
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	\$22,236.89	1.2023 Transmission Service
Valley Fibercom	\$439.46	Telephone & Internet Services
VALLEY FITNESS	\$211.34	Monthly Memberships
VOLGA POSTMASTER	\$414.87	Feb 2023 Bulk Billing Postage
VOLGA POSTMASTER	\$146.00	VFD PO Box Fee
WAGE WORKS	\$427.15	Pre-Tax Payments

### **Other Business**

Fideler noted that he had heard from an individual who may be interested in selling some adjacent land to the city.

Wermedal announced that he has taken a new job opportunity located in Pierre. He will no longer be running for the Mayor position. Council members extended a big congratulations to Wermedal and thanked him for all his work on the Volga City Council. His Ward III position will be filled by appointment unless someone were to file a petition by February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.

Santema noted the upcoming District meeting on March 15, 2023.

Wermedal asked Officer Kriese for a potential update on the public safety traffic survey done on Highway 14. Kriese and VanderWal noted that Sheriff Stanwick planned to reach out to the State of SD to further pursue the matter.

Sahr and Cotton noted the continued need for an expanded recreation facility or center.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Fideler, seconded by VanderWal, to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 PM. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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