

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lemmon, South Dakota was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Matthew Barnes and the following City Council were present: Wayne Corcoran, Pat Dalzell, Gary Ericsson, and Tim Pelkofer. Absent was Christine Becker and Art Pederson. Employees in attendance were: Chad Abel, Annette Dalzell, Dave Huber, Raven Christman, and City Attorney, Shane Penfield.

Others in attendance were: Dacia Hilkemeier, LaQuita Shockley, Mike Schweitzer, Cathy Evans, and Kevin Love.

No conflict of interest was declared.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to approve the Agenda. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Ericsson moved, Corcoran second to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, Regular Meeting. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Ericsson second to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023, Special Meeting. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Abel noted the retainer fee with Code Enforcement Specialists, Joel Johnson, is due if we wish to continue services. The retainer fee is \$1,500.00 for the year and then billed at \$75.00 per hour. The money is in the budget for the services. Dalzell moved, Pelkofer second to approve the retainer fee and continue services with Joel Johnson/Mike Olson. Pelkofer noted this is money well spent and it is very difficult for a local person to do this job and it's a full-time job. Penfield believes we have made progress and has a good working relationship with Mike Olson. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Cathy Evans speaking on behalf of Lemmon Housing requested that the building permits be waived (\$750.00 each) for three governor homes that are coming to Lemmon to be placed on lots that were donated by the City of Lemmon and LACED to Lemmon Housing after tearing down old homes. Evans shared information including Lemmon Housing has put over a million dollars in projects back into the community. Evans noted that the digging of basements will begin this summer with the governor homes hopefully arriving sometime this fall. After some discussion, Dalzell moved, Ericsson second to approve to waive the building permit fee for the three homes. All voting "Aye"; motion carried. It was noted the fees will come back to the city in the form of property taxes.

Dalzell noted the Finance Committee met and the consensus of the committee is to continue with the 2nd Street East Reconstruction Project to make improvements to the City of Lemmon infrastructure. The project will have to be done in phases to be fiscally responsible and stay within the cities debt limit. The SDDOT awarded the City of Lemmon a Community Access Grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 at the beginning of the project. Contingent upon the City of Lemmon still receiving the grant with breaking the project in phases, the Finance Committee recommends moving forward with the project and financing \$1,000,000.00 at 1.5% for 7 years with an annual payment of \$150,577.00 annually over 7 years. Dalzell moved, Pelkofer second to approve the financing of the 2nd Street East Reconstruction Project, contingent upon receiving the grant in the amount of \$600,000.00. Phase 1 would include 1st Avenue East and from 2nd Street to the drainage runoff into North Lemmon. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell also spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee in regards to the payment options for the new street sweeper that has been ordered. The total cost of the sweeper is \$247,000.00, which was approved in the 2023 budget with an annual payment of \$55,000.00 and financing the sweeper. After discussion by the Finance Committee it was recommended to not finance the purchase and pay the full amount upon delivery in April. Low interest rates on the money market accounts will save the City of Lemmon \$10,000.00 in finance charges over the 5-year term of the loan. The \$192,000.00 will be added to a Supplemental Budget at the end of 2023. Dalzell moved, Ericsson second to approve the purchase and pay for the sweeper upon arrival. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Mike Schweitzer of KBJM Radio requested the closure of 2nd Street West from the alley to Main Avenue on Friday, March 10, 2023, for the KBJM Farm & Home Show. Corcoran moved, Dalzell second to approve the request. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Pelkofer moved, Corcoran second to approve the abatement of taxes for 103 7th Avenue West (Tower Hill Addition, Tract Two, Block 8, Lot 2) after a house fire. The amount of the abatement is \$304.90. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to allow the Finance Office to advertise for summer help. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to approve the request to use open flame grills for Placemakers at the Ice Rink for the Smoke and Ice Event on February 25, 2023. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Raven Christman requested the hire of Jadyn Goeres for temporary, as needed help, at the Lemmon Library. The Library Board approved the hire at \$10.80 per hour contingent upon Council approval. Ericsson moved, Dalzell second to approve the hire as presented. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to set the Equalization Meeting for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Dalzell second to allow the Finance Officer to void check #30101. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to approve the Engagement Letter from KBA in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the 2022 city audit to be performed in April 2023. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Mayor Barnes reminded and encouraged all to attend the SDML District 10 Meeting which is being held in Faith on March 28, 2023.

Mayor Barnes noted the Airport Fueling System Project should be functioning by the end of February.

Public Comment-None

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to approve claims as presented. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Mayor/Council, \$1,600.00; Finance, \$6,274.36; Fire Department, \$550.00; Streets, \$12,502.55; Landfill, \$2,130.35; Cemetery, \$100.00; Library, \$2,976.16; Water, \$5,083.57; Sewer, \$473.41.

AFLAC, Premiums withheld, \$363.63; Dacotah Bank, EFTPS, \$6,703.14; Elan Visa, Visa Fees, \$60.64; Delta Dental, Premiums paid, \$384.32; Grand Electric, Airport, \$1,131.47; KLJ, Airport Engineers Fuel System, \$4,895.24; Michael Todd, Industrial Supply, \$1,661.28; Montana Dakota Utilities, Electricity, \$6,005.63; South Dakota Retirement, Premiums, \$3,399.67; SD Dept Revenue, Sales Tax, \$1,204.11; Slope Electric, Lagoon, \$29.28; West River Tele Coop, Tele/internet, \$659.83; Wellmark Blue Cross of SD, Health premiums, \$7,296.80.

American Red Cross, Annual Fee, \$360.00; AgPro Lemmon, Repairs & Supplies, \$201.49; B&H Sanitation, LLC, Garbage Contract, \$6,500.00; Banyon Data Systems, FUND support, \$1,235.00; CAVA, 2023 Remittance, \$2,500.00; Center Point LP, Books, \$267.47; Christman, Raven, Cleaning contract, \$250.00; Dacotah Insurance, Fire Dept, \$12,511.00; Dakota Herald, Legals, \$185.74; Dalzell, Rich, Travel & Conference, \$105.01; Elan Visa, Certification & Books, \$657.16; Gale/Cengage, Books, \$405.09; Ginther, Mike, Monthly fee, \$1,178.34; Gooseneck, Repairs, \$76.80.

HDR, 2nd Street Engineering, \$3,057.50; Heidecker, Joey, Library Repairs, \$100.00; John's Repair, Sewer Repairs, \$173.94; Kiles Painting, Library Repairs, \$1,100.00; KLJ Engineers, Airport Fuel Project, \$8,380.37; Krebs, Jim, Travel & Conference, \$14.00; LACED Community Center, Part of 2023 Remittance, \$1,657.84; LACED, Part of 2023

Remittance, \$3,187.25; Lemmon Chamber, Part of 2023 Remittance, \$3,104.59; Lemmon EMT Association, Ambulance, \$20,000.00; Lemmon IGA, Supplies, \$188.38.

Metering & Technology, Water Distribution, \$167.30; Northwest Farm & Home Supply, Supplies, \$291.15; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., Repairs, \$29.77; Northwest SD Regional Landfill, Contract , \$11,460.18; Oday Equipment LLC, Airport Fuel System, \$322,520.13; Overdrive, E-books Library, \$600.00; Perkins County Finance Office, Law Enforcement Agreement, \$19,750.00; Perkins County Rural Water, Water, \$20,424.48; Principal Life, Insurance, \$172.60; Riteway, Supplies, \$877.42; Safe Communities, 2023 Remittance, \$1,500.00; South Dakota 811, Relocate Fees, \$2.10; SD Dept. of Health, Water Test, \$30.00; SD Department of Public Safety, Reimburse Licenses, \$525.00; Sims Construction, Repair Gen Build, \$200.00; Stelter Repair Inc, Street supplies, \$198.61; Southwest Grain, Fuel & Propane & Supplies, \$11,546.99; Tennant's Auto, Supplies, \$2.58; The Current Connection, Computer/supplies, \$329.08; TK Diesel, Repairs, \$12.50; Willards Oil, Fuel Oil, \$795.60.

Committee Reports

Abel gave a bit of history from 100 years ago. Abel is going to Pierre to attend the Government Day at the Legislature.

Raven Christman reported the main room of the Library is painted and looks very nice.

Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to adjourn. Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

CITY OF LEMMON

MATTHEW A. BARNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ANNETTE DALZELL, Assistant Finance Officer

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