

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA
MARCH 4, 2024**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lemmon, South Dakota was held on Monday, March 4, 2024, 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, Art Pederson, and Tim Pelkofer. Absent was Christine Becker. Employees in attendance were: Chad Abel, Annette Dalzell, and Dave Huber.

Others in attendance were: Colleen Pederson, LaQuita Shockley, Mike Schweitzer, Roxanne Johnson, and Dacia Hilkemeier.

There was no conflict of interest declared.

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

Pederson moved, Corcoran second to approve the Agenda as presented. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

Ericsson moved, Corcoran second to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

6:00 p.m. This being the time and place to open bids for the Solid Waste Contract. One bid was received from B & H Sanitation in the amount of \$7,150.00 per month. The current rate is \$6,500.00 and has been for the last six years. Corcoran moved, Dalzell second to approve the bid from B & H Sanitation as presented for a three-year contract. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

Pederson moved, Corcoran second to allow the Finance Office to advertise for a Temporary Liquor License hearing to be held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. for a Special Event on June 8-9, 2024 at the Beeler Community Center for the Lemmon Country Club. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to allow the Finance Office to advertise for a Temporary Liquor License hearing to be held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. for a Special Event on June 15-16, 2024, at the Beeler Community Center for the Lemmon Country Club. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

Huber asked permission for the Finance Office to advertise for Street Chip Bids of 500 ton of limestone chips to be opened at the April 1, 2024, meeting at 6:17 p.m. Pederson moved, Corcoran second to approve the advertisement. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

The request to abate the taxes of 300 2nd Street East (Milwaukee Land Company 3rd Addition, Block 47, Lots 4-6) in the amount of \$338.84 for an elderly tax freeze at the request of Perkins County was discussed. Ericsson moved, Corcoran second to approve the abatement as requested. All voting “aye”; motion carried.

Dalzell spoke on behalf of the BBB Board, noting the Board met and reviewed the request of \$40,000.00 for the Concert Committee to bring entertainment to Lemmon on the Thursday of Boss Cowman. Dalzell reported that the Board unanimously agreed to approve up to \$35,000.00 for the Concert Committee. After some discussion, Pederson moved, Dalzell second to approve the request in the amount of \$35,000.00. All voting “aye”; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Pederson second to approve the Airport Board to attend Airport Conference in Deadwood on April 10-11, 2024. All voting “aye”; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Dalzell second to hire John Wagendorf, Connie Mizera, and Yvonne Campbell at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for election training and working the Ward 3 Election on April 9, 2024. All voting “aye”; motion carried.

6:15 p.m. This being the time and place for the Temporary Liquor Hearing for the Lemmon Legion Club on March 16-17, 2024, for a Special Event at the Beeler Community Center. There being no one to speak for or against the license, Dalzell moved, Corcoran second to approve the license. All voting “aye”; motion carried.

Chad Abel asked permission to void check # 30875 made out to Adams County Treasurer. Abel questioned Adams County why the City of Lemmon had to pay property taxes being a government entity. After a lengthy process of investigation between Adams County Commissioners, State of North Dakota, and Abel, it was found to be that the City of Lemmon is tax exempt from property taxes in the state of North Dakota as we are a government entity. Taxes have been paid for years and years with no one questioning the matter, however, moving forward, the City will not be paying property taxes. Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to allow Abel to void check # 30875 as presented and thanked Abel for his research into this matter. All voting “aye”; motion carried. Pelkofer thanked Abel for finding the mistake that we have been paying for centuries, noting it is a “win” for the city.

Abel also addressed the Council with an update on the 2nd Street East Project. Abel attended a meeting in Pierre with the SD DOT Commission and presented the fact that without the SIB Loan in the amount of 1.5 million the City of Lemmon would not be able to make this project moved forward. Representative Neal Pinnow was in attendance as well as Craig Mizera, HDR Engineer via phone. After a lengthy question/answer session with the commission, the City of Lemmon was granted a \$1,500,000.00 SIB Loan at 1.5% interest for 7 years to move forward with the project. The \$600,000.00 Community Access Grant will also be used for the project. Moving forward with the project, will be the letting of bids possibly in the fall of the year. “Kudos” were granted to Abel for attending the meeting and helping the project to move forward. Abel noted it was a team effort.

Abel informed all the City of Lemmon will have an Election on April 9, 2024, for Ward 3. Matthew Barnes filed a petition for Mayor uncontested, Christine Becker filed for Ward 1 alderman uncontested, and Walter Dauwen filed for Ward 2 alderman uncontested as Pat Dalzell is stepping down. Art Pederson (incumbent), filed for Ward 3 along with Dacia Hilkemeier.

Mayor Barnes reminded the council of the Equalization Meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Mayor Barnes also reminded the council of the SDML District 10 Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in Belle Fourche and encouraged all to attend if possible.

Pubic Comment-none

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

Mayor/Council, \$1,250.00; Finance, \$6,663.70; Fire Department, \$550.00; Streets, \$11,507.85; Street Sweeper, \$133.35; Landfill, \$2,039.04; Pet Park, \$59.34; Gen Park, \$2,021.43; Library, \$3,142.16; Cemetery, \$100.00; Water, \$4,715.06; Sewer, \$557.45.

Aflac, Premiums, \$184.10; Dacotah Bank, EFTPS, \$7,238.73; Dacotah Bank VISA, Expenses, \$1,958.71; Delta Dental, Premiums, \$362.10; Grand Electric, Airport, \$1,508.57; Joel Johnson, Code Enforcement Retainer, \$1,500.00; MVT Lab, Water Tests, \$38.00; Montana Dakota Utilities, Electricity, \$5,910.10; SD Dept Revenue, Sales Tax, \$1,181.15; Slope Electric, Electricity, \$50.00; South Dakota Retirement Systems, Contributions, \$3,549.56; West River Coop Tele Co, Telephone & Internet, \$740.76; Wellmark, \$7,087.42.

Abel, Chad, Conference, \$208.82; American Red Cross, Dues, \$360.00; B&H Sanitation, LLC, Garbage contract, \$6,500.00; AgPro, Supplies, \$47.57; Badger Meter, Fees, \$43.19; CAVA, 2024 Remittance, \$2,500.00; Center Point, Books, \$383.88; Christman, Raven, Contract cleaning, \$200.00; Dacotah Bank, Petty Cash, \$25.23; Dacotah Insurance, Fire Dept, \$13,281.00; Dakota Herald, Monthly fees, \$146.83; Demco, Library Supplies, \$221.63; Dalzell, Rich, Travel & Conference, \$40.00.

Gale Cengage, Books, \$98.21; Ginther, Mike, Management fee, \$1,250.00; Huber, Dave, Pool Supplies, \$45.99; LACED, Beeler, \$1,752.94; LACED, Economic Development, \$3,126.98; Lemmon Chamber, Expenses, \$429.00; Lemmon IGA, Supplies, \$114.84; Lemmon Post Prom, BBB funds, \$1,800.00; MVT Lab, Water Tests, \$38.00; Northwest Farm & Home, Supplies, \$100.38; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Supplies, \$16.44; Northwest SD Regional Landfill Assoc., Monthly fees, \$12,043.01; Paul, Martin, Water Refund, \$50.00; Principal Life, Insurance, \$157.67; Print Shop, Policies, \$31.50; Perkins County Finance Office, Law Enforcement Agreement, \$20,500.00; Perkins County Rural Water, Water usage, \$17,912.80; Safe Communities, 2024 Remittance, \$1,500.00; South

Dakota 811, Locates, \$1.05; SD Department of Public Safety, Reimburse driver's licenses, \$159.00; Stock's Electric, Repairs, \$275.00; Southwest Grain, Propane, \$3,006.70; The Current Connection, Supplies, \$168.38; United Lads, Supplies, \$482.40; USDA Rural Development, Sewer Loan, \$4,431.00; Willards Oil, Fuel Oil, \$936.20.

Pederson moved, Corcoran second to approve financials as presented. All voting "aye"; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Dalzell thanked the Lemmon Youth Basketball as well as the Gun Show (Ethan Hintz) that happened on February 24-25, noting it brought many, many people to town for shopping and supporting our community.

Pederson thanked Mike and KBJM for coverage of the basketball games on the radio recently including the post-season games.

Annette Dalzell gave a Library update for Raven Christman. Artist Katie Dwyer will be at the library this week teaching ukulele and songwriting classes with a performance at the Palace Theatre on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Christman also noted it is Read Across America week.

Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to adjourn. Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

CITY OF LEMMON

MATTHEW A. BARNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ANNETTE DALZELL, Assistant Finance Officer

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