

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

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

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

Others in attendance were: Marilyn Willey, LaQuita Shockley, Cathy Evans, Michael VanBeek, Mike Schweitzer, Jen Suter-VanBeek, Hayden Evans, Dacia Hilkemeier, and Kevin Love.

No conflict of interest was declared.

Mayor Matthew 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 as presented. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Regular Meeting. 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 3, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. for a Special Event on April 22-23, 2023, at the Beeler Community Center for the Lemmon Country Club. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to allow the Finance Office to advertise for Street Chip Bids of 500 ton of limestone chips, with the bids to be opened at the April 3, 2023, meeting at 6:17 p.m. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Dalzell moved, Becker second to grant permission for the closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Street East between the Petrified Wood Park and the GE Lemmon Park for the Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023, with an alternate date of Saturday, April 22, 2023. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Marilyn Willey addressed the Council asking the City to help with the enhancement of the GE Lemmon grave located at Greenhill Cemetery. Willey and the late Clark Johnson started the project just before Johnson's death. The Lemmon Family has been contacted and are in agreement with improvements being made. The plan is to have some porcelain

tiles etched with two photos of Dad Lemmon placed on the existing headstone. The total estimated cost of the project is \$859.00. Ericsson moved, Dalzell second to approve the expenditure from the General Fund and complete the monument work. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Dalzell second to approve the abatement of property taxes for Wheeler Addition, Lot 31, in the amount of \$12,675.10 for Prairie West Apartments, Inc. at 701 8<sup>th</sup> Street West as they are a 501(C) (3). All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

Abel noted the property insurance for the City of Lemmon from SDPAA is due for renewal in the amount of \$37,447.72. It is up less than 7% from last year. Corcoran moved, Becker second to approve the renewal. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

The City of Lemmon will have an election on April 11, 2023, for Ward 3. Dalzell moved, Ericsson second to approve the appointment of John Wagendorf, Ellen Lynch, and Connie Mizera as the election board. The rate of pay will be \$15.00 per hour for all training and the day of the election. All voting "Aye"; motion carried.

The Equalization Meeting has been set for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The deadline for contesting your assessment is Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to have your information into City Hall.

The SDML District 10 meeting is on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Faith. Mayor Barnes encouraged all to attend if possible.

Paint South Dakota applications are due by April 21, 2023, if there is an organization that would like to take on this task.

Public Comment-none

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

Mayor/Council, \$1,225.00; Finance, \$6,159.41; Fire Department, \$550.00; Streets, \$10,895.58; Landfill, \$2,221.93; Library, \$2,801.60; Cemetery, \$100.00; Water, \$3,960.72; Sewer, \$570.66.

Aflac, Premiums, \$363.63; Dacotah Bank, EFTPS, \$5,979.14; Delta Dental, Premiums, \$364.76; Grand Electric, Airport, \$1,204.24; Montana Dakota Utilities, Electricity, \$5,429.33; SD Dept Revenue, Sales Tax, \$1,390.28; Slope Electric, Electricity, \$49.71; South Dakota Retirement Systems, Contributions, \$3,085.33; West River Coop Tele Co, Telephone & Internet, \$742.94; Wellmark, \$6,841.41.

Abel, Chad, Conference, \$174.44; B&H Sanitation, LLC, Garbage contract, \$6,500.00; AgPro, Supplies, \$47.15; Center Point, Books, \$314.49; Christman, Raven, Contract cleaning, \$200.00; Corcoran, Wayne, Conference, \$254.44; Dakota Herald, Monthly fees,

\$96.50; Demco, Library Supplies, \$121.56; Gale Cengage, Books, \$91.03; Ginther, Mike, Management fee, \$1,178.34; Gooseneck, Repairs, \$135.02; Grimms Pump, Repairs, \$94.08; Johnson, Joel, Code Enforcement Retainer, \$1,500.00.

KBJM Radio, Election Ads, \$54.00; KLJ, Airport Engineers, \$8,738.79; LACED, Beeler, \$1,665.73; LACED, Economic Development, \$3,193.50; Lemmon IGA, Supplies, \$7.35; Northwest Farm & Home, Supplies, \$173.81; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Supplies, \$201.04; Northwest SD Regional Landfill Assoc., Monthly fees, \$11,460.18; Principal Life, Insurance, \$184.93; Perkins County Treasurer, Titles and plates, \$102.20; Perkins County Finance Office, Law Enforcement Agreement, \$19,750.00; Perkins County Rural Water, Water usage, \$6,780.14; SDARWS, Conference, \$275.00; SD Department of Health, Water Test, \$30.00; SD Department of Public Safety, Reimburse driver's licenses, \$455.00; SD Humanities Council, Library Program, \$50.00; Stock's Electric, Repairs, \$56.40; Stotz, Jerome, Water Refund, \$82.32; Southwest Grain, Propane, \$3,992.65; Tennant's Auto, Repairs, \$142.39; Three Rivers, 2023 Remittance, \$3,000.00; The Current Connection, Supplies, \$376.53; West Plains Inc, Supplies, \$592.32.

## Committee Reports

Pelkofer noted he attended the LACED meeting. The Chamber of Commerce is contemplating having an office on Main Avenue next to the Palace Theatre.

Dalzell asked about the grant money for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East Project. Abel noted that they have not received any information on it as of today. Dalzell also thanked the City Crew for the great job plowing snow. It has been a long winter, making the removal job a big task.

Becker shared the Chamber of Commerce is updating their website and also shared that they have a really nice advertisement in the SD Vacation Guide. The Chamber annual banquet is March 30, 2023.

Abel shared some history that 100 years ago this week the city council approved to spend \$25,000.00 for the city to dig wells for a water source for the town.

Abel also noted the Lemmon Airport fueling system is just about complete.

Abel had a conference call last week with HDR Engineering as well as Crow River Construction in regards to the Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 Project. Crow River is ready to begin work as soon as the weather allows and completion is August at the latest.

Raven Christman informed the Council she is doing Summer Reading training on Saturday.

Corcoran moved, Ericsson second to adjourn. Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

CITY OF LEMMON

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MATTHEW A. BARNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ANNETTE DALZELL, Assistant Finance Officer

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