

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF HERREID, SOUTH DAKOTA
February 8, 2023

The Herreid City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Weismantel on the above date at 7:30pm at City Hall. The following members were present: A. Dupper, K. Rossow, R. Rossow, B. Vander Vorst, P. Weisbeck, and L. Fuehrer. Also present were: Orland Geigle, Prairie Pioneer; B. Van Vugt; Maintenance Personnel, A. Hague; Finance Officer, Melinda Neeley; HEDC.

Moved by A. Dupper, Seconded by K. Rossow to approve the agenda. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

Moved by L. Fuehrer, seconded by B. Vander Vorst to approve January minutes. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

Moved by A. Dupper to approve January claims, seconded by R. Rossow. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Report-none

Problem resolution forms-none

Building Permits-none

Public Comments: There are some frustrations with the stray cats in town and the residents feeding them. Cats are marking territories on houses, etc often. Stated that this is why the residents are asked to continue upkeep on homes so that the cats can't get under houses and live there and continue to reproduce. Dog ordinance also mentioned, and how to enforce it. A. Hague to reach out to Holy Cow Vet to see if they would be willing to spay/neuter stray cats in town. A. Hague to reach out to other communities to see how they handle dogs coming onto properties.

Questions arose on when Christmas lights would be taken down on Main, B. Van Vugt stated they had been taken down that day.

Old Business-Wheeler Loader: PW stated bids through source well, All loaders are long boom. Concern by A. Dupper was expressed on if we would be needing to modify the shop to fit the new loader, PW stated it should not be an issue. PW stated he felt trading old loader in would be best as the market is great right now. PW states long boom may be better, this one will have an angle blade 12 ft wide with wings on the side (3-4ft). Sidestreets will be able to get taken care of better. Also stated we would not need to pay for it until it arrives, it comes with a 5 year warranty from bumper to scoop, and does not come with the tires. Scarborough tire would come to town and put the tires on. This allows us to price tires with the changing seasons, depending on market. Moved by K. Rossow, seconded by P. Weisbeck to purchase wheeler loader from Transource for \$217,207.00. all members present voted aye, motion carried.

Fitness Center: Moved by K. rossow, seconded by L. Fuehrer to Hire Elisabeth Dalke to clean the fitness center for \$100/month and a free membership. All members present voted aye, motion carried. Council member A. Dupper abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. There have been complaints of hygiene issues in the fitness center-sign to be put up asking to members to practice good hygiene and a reminder of cleaning dates.

CC bank-A. Dupper moved, seconded by L. Fuehrer to remove Chessie Dodds & Melinda Neeley from signature cards at the Campbell County Bank. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

Personal Calls-Finance Officer A. Hague thanked council members for understanding her time off needed during the passing of her father, funeral planning etc-but expressed that she was especially

upset with the constant calls and texts her to her personal phone during that time. Council agreed and stated calls to city employees should not be happening on personal time or personal phones, with the suggestion of blocking numbers on personal phones if the problem continues.

Library: Annette Heinle will be gone for a few weeks this summer. A. Hague offered to allow residents to drop off books at city hall, but will not be able to go down and run library on Fridays. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the library they can contact city hall or reach out to Annette.

HEDC: Melinda Neeley, Vice President of the HEDC presented the attraction of trade professionals, including an attorney. Neeley stated that Mark Kroontje is getting closer to retirement and could possibly only practice law for a few more years. Per Melinda, Mark would be willing to share office space for a new attorney to practice in. HEDC has a \$5,000 professional incentive to try to help attract new trade people to the area & asked if the city would be willing to help to attract a new possible attorney. She also asked the possibility of remodeling the area above the finance office, since housing is tight in the community. Melinda states she did not need an answer right away, but wants council to consider this option. No action taken.

Moved by P. Weisbeck, seconded by B. Rossow to approve the pool change order. All members present voted aye, motion carried. The pool committee has the appropriate funds to cover the cost (approximately \$50,000) of the change order. The second electrical test has not been completed, but a company has been contacted about doing so and will do so in the near future.

Start date for pool-June 5, 2023 is the deadline for the pool to be finished, but that is not yet the start date. No action.

Pay Request: Moved by P. Weisbeck to pay 4th request to Inside & Out LLC (\$87,114.45) along with the \$7,500 withheld from pay request 3 for the electrical test, seconded by A. Dupper. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

Life Guards: A Hague to advertise for lifeguards for 2023 season, wage to be determined. A. Hague to reach out to Melinda about doing the training.

Pool Update meetings: Pool meetings are the Wednesday prior to City board meetings. It will be advertised as special meetings; actions won't be taken. The next pool update meeting is March 1, 2023 at 3PM.

Water Meters: tabled

Grants for roads: a 200 million infrastructure grant was passed this last week at the state, discussion to maybe we could get some to finish roads in certain areas. No action taken

Achievement days: Campbell County 4-H would like to use the community center parking lot and building in August. Livestock will not be in the building what so ever. They will be responsible for cleaning any messes inside and outside in the parking lot.

Cemetery: A. Dupper suggest not having anyone out at the cemetery and that T. Pudwill is not willing to dig currently due to conditions. K. Rossow states we do not want to be hitting and damaging headstones while trying to remove snow.

Maintenance report: B. Van Vugt stated mosquito fogger engine was delivered. Christmas lights in town were taken down and is looking at lights for the upcoming year. More modern, and not so large. A.

Dupper asks if sidestreets will get taken care of with slush, K. Rossow states he doesn't believe the truck will be able to do it, and it will take quite some time to get them all done. Schilling fixed leak on 3rd. St. he did not have enough pipes and fittings, the water line is fixed but not the sewer and will need to be taken care of this summer per P. Weisbeck.

Finance Report: A. Hague presented continuous leak report and delinquent accounts. Also stated since HEDC now has the old Senior Center, that they will need to cover the MDU bill.

At 9:01Pm A. Dupper moved, L. Fuehrer seconded to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel. All members present voted aye; motion carried. At 9:15 PM G. Weismantel declared the council out of Executive Session

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be March 6, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Gary Weismantel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Ashley Hague, Finance Officer

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