

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Zafft, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Mike Gunderson, Ross Brandsrud, Julie Rieckman, Mary Saathoff, Jason Hanssen, Jenna Aderhold.

Mayor Zafft called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by J. Rieckman, second by R. Brandsrud. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Open Public Session pursuant to SCL 1-25-1:

No one was present.

The minutes of the December 7th and December 29th meetings were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires to approve the meeting minutes as presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The Financial/Super Saver statements for the City and Estelline Nursing & Care Center were approved with a motion by C. Squires, second by J. Cokens. With all voting aye, motion carried. The monthly bills for the City and Estelline Nursing & Care Center were reviewed. Motion was made by R. Miller, second by M. Gunderson to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$92.58; Country Corner, fuel/supplies \$165.48; Estelline Journal, adv \$24.00; SDAA, 2022, conference \$200.00;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$122.75; UpFrame Creative, qtrly maint \$375.00;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$286.00; Code Enforcement Specialists, retainer fee 2023 \$1500.00;

ELECTRIC

ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$3242.55;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$59.65; Scotting Heating & Cooling, thermostat lock box/labor \$181.63;

FIRE

Estelline Community Oil, LP \$773.18; Heiman Fire Equipment, recharge fire ext. \$42.00;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Donald Zafft, council fee/governing board \$475.00; Ryan Miller, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Mike Gunderson, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Cheryl Squires, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Josh Cokens, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Julie Rieckman, council fee/governing board \$175.00; Ross Brandsrud, council fee/governing board \$150.00;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$164.24; wages \$9415.81;

SOLID WASTE

SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$293.66;

SEWER

DANR, wastewater fee \$750.00; wages \$7118.30;

WATER

Thein Well, well motor/install \$5398.01;

MISC.

SD Municipal League, dues \$1078.76; SD Assoc. of Code Enforcement, dues \$75.00; SD Gov.

Finance Officers Assoc., dues \$40.00; SDML Workers Comp, work comp \$6493.00.

ENCC Payables: \$71,481.58

ENCC Payroll: \$222,398.98

Mayor Zafft reported that the snow removal is going good. Nitteberg's will be contacted if there is a need for their help. ENCC had a loss of \$72,520.38 for the month of December but the year to date total is a gain of \$345,086.72. The current census is at 51. They have received three new residents and hired on 4 new staff. Currently there are no cases of COVID in the facility.

Cheryl Squires reported that there was no Economic Development meeting in December.

New Business:

The Code Enforcement Specialists contract for 2023 was presented for approval. A motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to renew this contract for one more year. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The Combined Voting Agreement with Estelline School District and City of Estelline for the April 11, 2023 election was presented for approval. Motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by J. Cokens to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Cokens to surplus the 2008 Ford F150 ½ Ton Pickup and sealed bids will be taken. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Salary Resolution 2023-01 was presented for approval. Motion by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to approve as presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Brandsrud, second by J. Cokens to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) (5) at 6:25 PM for Wage Review. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 6:35 PM.

Motion by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to approve the wage review as presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Pamela Bates, Hskp/Ldry \$15.60

Laura Crooks, Act. Spvr \$27.81

Tamara Minder, Assoc. RN \$34.93

Angel Mullaney, CNA Temp. \$20.00

New Hires:

Amber Cunningham, CNA \$17.06

Kylie Haight, Diet.Aide \$15.60

Jessica Quiram, LPN \$21.84

Macy Faehnrich, NA \$15.60

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:36 PM was made by M. Gunderson, second by J. Rieckman. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donald Zafft, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer