

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Ross Brandsrud, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Mike Gunderson, Mike Ward, Julie Rieckman, Jason Hanssen, Zeb Gilbertson, Shane Waterman, Jennifer Risty, and Lesley Matthys.

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

Open Public Session pursuant to SCL 1-25-1:
No one was present.

The minutes from the October 9th were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by J. Cokens 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 M. Ward, second by R. Miller. With all voting aye, motion carried. The monthly bills for the City and Estelline Nursing & Care Center were reviewed. Motion was made by M. Gunderson, second by J. Cokens to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$93.72; AT & T, cell phone \$46.80; Firstnet, wireless \$40.04; Country Corner, fuel \$132.00; Bound Tree, supplies \$273.04; Donna Thompson, reimb for epi pen \$285.00; Skoglund Insurance, insurance \$5,534.45; SD Ambulance Association, membership renewal \$75.00; PCC, billing fees \$372.56;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes \$347.75;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law/qtly fees \$4,689.72;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$10,549.06; Heartland, power \$17,005.54; East River, transmission \$2,837.36; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$97.80; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2,386.44; Muth Electric, transformer replacement \$1,650.75; Ron's Electric, panel replacement \$2,156.28;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$209.68;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$117.01; Light & Power, utilities \$394.70; LeRoy Warborg, maint. \$60.00; Country Corner, supplies \$19.38; Zeb Gilbertson, phone reimb \$50.00; Jordan Busch, phone reimb \$50.00;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$162.84; Light & Power, utilities \$86.31; Wages \$4,620.53; Firstnet, wireless \$24.74;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$5,570.09; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$307.97;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$339.47; Wages \$3,370.72; NW Energy, utilities \$13.64;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$311.99; Nitteberg Construction, manhole on Eastwood dr. \$6,808.50;

LANDFILL

Wages \$990.94;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$30.83; AT & T, wireless \$49.47;

PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.99

WATER

Nitteberg Construction, water leak repair \$2,657.10; Light & Power, utilities \$61.78; Wages \$4,935.71; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$250.00; Firstnet, wireless \$46.60; Sioux Rural Water, October usage \$13,435.75; Sioux Rural Water, SCADA equip./integration/electrical \$83,261.89; POOL

Light and Power, utilities \$52.20;

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings acct. \$4,983.34; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$45.50; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$791.24; Delta Dental, insurance \$170.22; American Family, insurance \$187.59; SD Retirement, retirement \$1,879.74; SDML Workers Comp Fund, renewal \$6,623.00; Office Peeps, copier/supplies \$57.43; EMC Insurance, liability ins. \$12,000.00; ENCC Payables: \$139,556.24

ENCC Payroll: \$168,281.99

Mayor Brandsrud reported that Nitteberg's would like to get a jump start on the Eastside Addition project before the ground freezes and they have received materials to do so.

Zeb Gilbertson reported that a water leak behind the nursing home has been fixed by replacing part of a waterline. A split tree by the campsites along with a tree interfering with road quality have been removed.

Jason Hanssen reported that the ENCC census is looking good at 55. There were roughly 150 trick or treaters that showed up this year for Halloween. Brookings County has been experiencing a spread of whooping cough, ENCC is taking preventative measures to help ensure the facility is prepared.

Old Business:

A quote from Williams Carpet One to replace the Clinic flooring was presented. Motion by M. Ward, second by J. Rieckman to approve the quote of \$37,992.29 for new flooring. With all voting aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Shane Waterman with IMEG spoke about the Eastside Addition. A proposal for the project was presented that included the scope of the project along with services IMEG will provide throughout phase one of the project. A motion by J. Cokens, second by R. Miller to approve the proposal for services. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Jennifer Risty from the Development Corp asked for approval to coordinate local business to decorate the flower baskets along main street for the holiday season. Motion by M. Gunderson, second by J. Rieckman to approve the request. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion by M. Ward, second by M. Gunderson to surplus van from ENCC. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A quote from Ron's Saw Shop was presented for a chainsaw. Motion by J. Cokens, second by R. Miller to approve the purchase of a chainsaw but not to exceed \$1,600.00. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Building permits were presented as follows:

Karen Ketcham – fence with gate access

SoDak Construction – Geise Funeral Home Chapel

Motion by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires to approve Ketcham building permit. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires to approve SoDak Construction building permit. Voting aye: J. Rieckman, M. Gunderson, J. Cokens, C. Squires, R. Miller. Voting nye: M. Ward. Motion carried.

Second reading of Ordinance 9-1-26 – Water Utility Rates was held. Item was tabled for more information.

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-06 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance was held. Second reading will be December 9th, 2024 at the City Office in Estelline, SD.

A motion was made by C. Squires, second by M. Gunderson to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 at 7:07 PM. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Brandsrud declared out of Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

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

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Maycee Faehnrich, CNA \$20.28
Emery Nei, CNA \$20.02
CITY
Lesley Matthys, Finance Officer \$33.64

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:45PM was made by M. Gunderson, second by C. Squires. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

Lesley Matthys, Finance Officer