

The Estelline City Council held a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024 in the City Council Chambers. Those present included Mayor Ross Brandsrud, Ryan Miller, Josh Cokens, Cheryl Squires, Julie Rieckman, Mike Ward, Mike Gunderson, and Lesley Matthys.

Mayor Brandsrud called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by M. Gunderson, second by R. Miller. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The December 30, 2024 payables for the City of Estelline were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by M. Ward to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Bills approved are as follows:

AMBULANCE

AT & T cell phone \$46.80; First Net wireless/phones \$40.04; PCC, billing fees \$245.32;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4,008.33;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$14,076.23; Heartland, power \$20,949.61; East River, transmission \$3,584.40; DGR, electrical mapping \$898.00; Estelline Co-op, reimb for partial transformer/new line \$24,830.02; Muth Electric, transformer/electrical work \$9,285.27;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$155.07;

BUILDING

Light & Power, utilities \$804.04; Rons Electric, electrical work/library heater \$3,754.90;

FINANCE OFFICE

Light & Power, utilities \$290.85; Firstnet, wireless \$24.74;

SOLID WASTE

Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling, garbage collection \$5,580.09;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$297.88; NW Energy, utilities \$15.16;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$561.27; Harbor Freight, supplies \$82.27; Hamlin County Hwy Dept, salt and sand \$1,219.00; Popham Construction, curb sweeping \$2,635.00; Watertown Ford Chrysler, bristles for skid steer brush \$1,063.62; Runnings, supplies \$270.90;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$24.34;

PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.53;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$300.11; Menards, supplies \$77.45; Firstnet, wireless \$46.60;

MISC.

Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$719.10; Delta Dental, insurance \$170.22; American Family, insurance \$187.59; SD Retirement, retirement \$2,102.74; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; US Postal Service, stamped envelopes \$905.20.

Estelline Fire Department quote from M&T Fire and Safety in the amount of \$49,181.00 for battery operated Jaws of Life was presented. Motion was made by M. Ward, second by J.

Rieckman to approve the purchase. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Information was presented for E-Filing 2024 tax information. Motion by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to approve site use. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Quote from Dakota Iron for purchasing a Grapple in 2025 was presented. Motion was made by M. Ward, second by J. Cokens to approve 2025 purchase. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by R. Miller to terminate the contract with Healthy Hometown/Economic Development for the former Library Building. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion was made by R. Miller, second by M. Ward to approve the transfer of funds from electric to deficit accounts in the Swimming Pool fund in the amount of \$35,161.58, Solid Waste fund in the amount of \$1,020.00, Capital Projects fund in the amount of \$67,153.91, and General Fund in the amount of \$142,556.49 . With all voting aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-06 Contingency Transfer Revised was presented as follows:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ESTELLINE**, that the amount of \$40,000.00 will be transferred from the Contingency budget to cover net operating expenses in the following department budgets:

624-44600-42900 Ambulance Other \$9,900  
101-41420-42200 Professional Fees \$2,380  
101-41420-42600 Finance Supplies \$990  
101-41420-42900 Other Expense \$7,800  
101-43200-41100 Sanitation Wages \$1,350  
101-43200-42600 Sanitation Supplies \$580  
602-43300-41100 Water Wages \$2,016  
602-43300-42600 Water Materials \$10,784  
604-43200-42900 Sewer Other \$4,200

Motion by M. Gunderson, second by J. Cokens to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.  
Adopted and effective this 30th day of December, 2024.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

A motion to adjourn at 8:47 AM was made by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman. With all voting aye, motion carried.

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Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

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Lesley Matthys, Finance Officer