

The Estelline City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Zafft, Ryan Miller, Chris Lilla, Josh Cokens, Cheryl Squires, Mike Gunderson, Julie Rieckman, Mary Saathoff, Mike Ward, Jenna Aderhold, Jon Turbak, Ryan Yoder, Morgan Krein.

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 C. Lilla. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Open Public Session:

Morgan Krein went over a letter that was previously presented the council and Mayor regarding areas for improvement at the pool. Mayor Zafft replied that improvements and repairs are made as the budget allows.

The minutes of the January 3rd meeting were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by J. Cokens to approve the meeting minutes as printed. 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 M. Gunderson. 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 \$47.14; Estelline Nursing & Care Center, billing fees \$135.71; AT & T, cell phone \$67.10; Cheryl's Flowers, flowers \$30.00; SD Ambulance Association Estelline, dues \$75.00; Nursing & Care Center, pchs serv \$112.64; First Net, cell phone \$42.66; Donna Thompson, supplies/conference \$677.54; Estelline Community Oil, fuel/service \$306.42;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/adv \$221.05;

LEGAL

Boyd Law Firm, legal fees \$180.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$12,633.27; East River, power \$22,282.97; East River, transmission \$2,521.54; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$87.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$3,779.21; Erika Garcia, refund \$23.87; SD One Call, locate requests \$20.52; wages \$1097.82;

BUILDING

Light & Power, utilities \$1347.50; ITC, telephone \$55.80; Star Laundry, rug rental \$13.52; Karen Warborg, maint. \$225.00; Wards Store, supplies \$5.99; Chesterman Company, supplies \$30.00; Menards, supplies \$110.40; Estelline Community Oil, LP fuel \$308.20; Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$21.99;

FIRE

Estelline Community Oil, LP fuel \$968.19; Light & Power, utilities \$90.96;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$155.12; Light & Power, utilities \$448.41; Office Peeps, supplies \$16.26; Applied Software, anti-virus \$42.00; Post Office, postage \$100.00; wages \$4662.93;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$4715.47; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$272.16;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$3900.00;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$332.64;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$689.38; Nitteberg Construction, snow removal-Dec.& Jan. \$14208.60;

Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$385.95; AT & T, cell phone \$40.33;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$676.59; Rogers Repair, maint. \$51.00;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$21.58; AT & T, wireless \$67.44;

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$33.58;

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings acct. \$4983.34; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$1192.46; Delta Dental, insurance \$62.40; American Family, insurance \$235.05; SD Retirement, retirement \$691.28; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$128.00; Avesis, vision ins. \$17.22; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$19.92.

ENCC Payables: \$72,025.28

ENCC Payroll: \$122,337.01

Mayor Zafft reported snow removal continues with Nitteberg Construction. He thanked Denny Papka for the help he has given the City the past four months as it was very much appreciated. Mayor Zafft also thanked Mike Ward for allowing Adam Callesen and Patrick Fitzpatrick to help out when needed. ENCC had a loss of \$14,607.23 for the month of January. Census is at 53. Mike visited with the legislature in Pierre regarding the Medicaid reimbursement issue and nursing homes. Currently ENCC loses \$39 per day on a Medicaid resident. Two thirds of the residents at ENCC are Medicaid.

Old Business:

Jon Turbak with Clark Engineering presented maps for the street sign replacement project that the department of transportation is sponsoring.

New Business:

An Emergency Preparedness Plan was adopted for ENCC with a motion by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The 2019 street repair project was discussed which will include resurfacing 5 blocks of Main street.

Motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by J. Cokens to approve putting this project out for bid.

With all voting aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2019-02 was presented for approval as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO NOT RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO ANNEX SERVICE TERRITORY

WHEREAS, the city of Estelline operates a municipal electric utility;

WHEREAS, the municipal electric utilities of South Dakota represent the values of the communities they serve, providing that the operational and rate-setting decisions are made locally, by Members of the Community, at Open and Public meetings, and revenues are reinvested locally to foster economic development and innovation;

WHEREAS, the municipal electric utilities of South Dakota have consistently been one of the most important economic development resources for job creation in our region by allowing the cities involved to attract businesses with lower costs of power; and

WHEREAS, good jobs are created for families in many regions of South Dakota by this valuable economic development tool;

WHEREAS, any legislation prohibiting cities with municipal electric utilities to annex additional service territory would be harmful to the city of Estelline and to the state of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Estelline urges the South Dakota Legislature to vote against Senate Bill 66 or any other legislation the rural electric cooperatives propose that would freeze electric service territory as it would be harmful to the citizens of South Dakota.

Motion by Ryan Miller, second by Chris Lilla to approve. With R. Miller, C. Lilla, M. Gunderson, C. Squires, J. Rieckman voting aye, and J. Cokens voting nay, motion carried.

Adopted and effective this 6th day of February, 2019.

A motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:50 PM for wage review, Personnel. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

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

Wages Presented for Approval:

Kathleen Christensen, LPN \$23.03

Megan Kuipers, PTA \$19.77

Aundrea Lagroue, CNA, 6-month \$14.15

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donald Zafft, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer