

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Zafft, Josh Cokens, Cheryl Squires, Mike Gunderson, Ross Brandsrud, Julie Rieckman, Mary Saathoff, Mike Ward. Also, present 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 C. Squires. With all voting aye, motion carried.

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

No one was present.

The minutes of the December 2nd and 30th meetings 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 J. Cokens, second by R. Brandsrud. With all voting aye, motion carried. The monthly bills for the City and Estelline Nursing & Care Center were reviewed. Motion was made by R. Brandsrud, second by C. Squires to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$125.05; Donna Thompson, vaccine \$352.35; Estelline Journal, adv \$24.00;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$122.67;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$130.00;

ELECTRIC

ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2,904.21; wages \$2,204.18;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$63.26;

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 \$175.00; Josh Cokens, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Ross Brandsrud, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Julie Rieckman, council fee/governing board \$150.00;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$161.90; wages \$5,128.08; \$8,426.00;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$4,719.64; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$271.71;

SEWER

DENR, wastewater fee \$750.00; wages \$1,896.20

WATER

DENR, certification fee \$24.00; wages \$1,895.10;

MISC.

First District Assoc., dues \$967.03; SD Municipal League, dues \$1,011.27; SD Assoc. of Code Enforcement, dues \$40.00; SD Gov. Finance Officers Assoc., dues \$40.00; SDML Workers Comp, work comp \$4,668.00.

ENCC Payables: \$71,003.37

ENCC Payroll: \$312,323.40

Mayor Zafft reported that the small amount of snow recently was removed with no problems.

ENCC had a loss of \$197,354.64 for the month of December, with a year-to-date total of \$304,016.20. The current census is at 34 and they are slowly building the census back up. Covid regulations are still in place. The first round of the Covid shots have been given. Staffing is good and Mike commended the outstanding and very dedicated staff at ENCC.

Cheryl Squires reported that Estelline Area Economic Development is working on rezoning their lots; possible buyer for the lot by the school; and possibility of new murals. Next meeting is January 14th.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-05 – an amendment to the Official Zoning Map was held. Motion by J.Rieckman, second by M. Gunderson to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried. Ordinance 2020-05 will be published separately from these minutes.

The Combined Voting Agreement with Estelline School District and City of Estelline for the April 13, 2021 election was presented for approval. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The Annual Report/Audit Proposal for 2020 from Independent Audit Services was presented for \$1,000 for the Annual Report and \$5,700 for the Audit. Motion was made C. Squires, second by R. Brandsrud to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Salary Resolution 2021-01 was presented for approval. Motion by R. Brandsrud, second by J. Cokens to approve as presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A request from Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling for a 2.25% price increase was presented. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by J. Rieckman to approve the price increase making the new rate effective January 1, 2021 at \$11.61. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A quote from Hill Refrigeration for a Walk-in Cooler/Freezer for ENCC was presented for approval. The cost will be \$ 49,995.00. Motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by M. Gunderson to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Cokens, second by R. Brandsrud to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:29 PM for Wage Review. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

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

Wages Presented for Approval:

Erika Hall, CNA \$16.99

Dawn Mickey, Hskp/Ldry \$14.54

Marlys Kuntz, CNA \$17.81

Michelle Shay, CNA \$15.62

Tamara Minder, RN \$30.90

Luci Santiago,Hskp \$13.46

Chauntel Stenersen, Dietary \$11.20

Monica Begalka, Cook 6-Month Review \$14.46

Sarah Croyman, CNA 6-Month Review \$16.16

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donald Zafft, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer