

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Zafft, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Mike Gunderson, Julie Rieckman, Ross Brandsrud, Mary Saathoff and Mike Ward. Also, present Max Gorder, Jeremy Gorder, Darrin Sinner, Wayne Wegner, Angie Wegner, Ron Gorder, Kathy Gorder, Christy Francisco.

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:

Max Gorder, Estelline Fire Chief, presented the council with pictures of the new fire truck they recently purchased. He also stated that the fire department would no longer be testing fire hydrants as they feel that is something that should be done by city maintenance.

Wayne Wegner, Angie Wegner, Ron Gorder, Kathy Gorder, Christy Francisco was present to ask the council what the plans were for the property on N. Main St. in the Northridge addition. Mayor Zafft explained that the city was getting the four lots ready to be advertised for sale, the weeds had been mowed and would be sprayed when conditions were right. Mrs. Wegner also expressed their concerns regarding graffiti on a garage and abandoned vehicles, junk etc. These concerns will be forwarded to the Code Enforcement officer.

The minutes of the June 2nd 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 J. Rieckman, 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 J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$92.48; Estelline Nursing & Care Center, billing fees \$145.71; AT & T, cell phone \$45.89; First Net wireless/phones \$80.08; A-Ox Welding, oxygen \$62.17; Brookings Health, intercept fees \$68.00; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$206.79; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$52.72; Wards Store, supplies \$35.36;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$299.57; MA Media, qtrly maint. \$300.00;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$130.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$9750.82; Heartland, power \$7,640.17; East River, transmission \$1,952.16; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2166.01; Laura Carlson, refund \$18.21; Efraimson Electric, transformer/light poles \$6113.16; Office Peeps, supplies \$316.23; US Postal Service, envelopes/postage \$667.95;

BUILDING

Light & Power, utilities \$479.51; ITC, telephone \$58.33; Star Laundry, rug rental \$11.13; Marjorie Warborg, maint \$112.50; Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$120.10;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$85.06; Skoglund Ins, liability ins. \$577.00; Hamlin County, license/title fee \$21.20;

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

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$160.77; wages \$5371.19; Light & Power, utilities \$83.15; Post Office, box rent \$66.00;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$4842.56; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$278.90;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4030.00;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$94.03;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$294.36; Dales Alignment, springs-city truck \$1705.27; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$362.57; Nitteberg Construction, blade alleys \$153.00; Popham Construction, street sweeping \$2,635.00;

LANDFILL

AT&T, cell phone \$45.89; wages \$562.56;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$345.00; SD Dept of Health, samples \$41.00; Nitteberg Construction, water leak \$1,846.20; DANR-Fiscal Office, drinking water fee \$260.00; wages \$3,936.53;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$30.04; AT & T, wireless \$58.95;

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.00; J & L Machine & Welding, repair lamp post \$45.00;

PARK

Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$38.97; Dales Sinclair, mower fuel \$82.10; Marjorie Warborg, maintenance \$112.50; Medary Acres, flowers/dirt \$532.46; Donald Zafft, maintenance/supplies \$500.00; Rons Saw Shop, supplies \$58.04; Runnings, hedge trimmer \$349.99;

POOL

Hawkins, chemicals \$3,685.61; Wards Store, supplies \$22.43; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$427.41; Estelline Light & Power, utilities \$103.73; Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$2.12; ITC, telephone \$63.60; NW Energy, utilities \$553.47; Poinsett Colony, pool pit cover \$500.00; wages \$3,767.27;

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings account \$4,983.34; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$1,337.76; Delta Dental, insurance \$62.40; American Family, insurance \$184.95; SD Retirement, retirement \$1,116.92; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$251.54; Avesis, vision ins. \$23.06; Ins. Account, funding \$250.00.

ENCC Payables: \$103,784.49

ENCC Payroll: \$134,532.90

Mayor Zafft reported a water leak on 5th & Catlett had been repaired. ENCC had a gain of \$25,009.62 for the month of June. The current census is at 47.

Cheryl Squires reported on Estelline Area Economic Development. New officers were voted in. Linda Salmonson is president, Robin Bruna is vice president and treasurer and Tammy Krein is treasurer.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A roof top AC unit for the ENCC kitchen was presented from Andor, Inc. in the amount of \$15,925.00. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by J. Rieckman to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion was made by C. Squires, second by M. Gunderson to declare the 1995 International 4700 Fire Truck Surplus. With all voting aye, motion carried. Fire department to appoint three people to appraise it and advertise for bids.

A request for a demolition permit for Joe McAninch for 205 5th St. N. was presented for approval. Motion by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to grant the demolition permit with the following stipulations: Time frame to be completed is October 1, 2021. Owner, Joe McAninch, is responsible for having the water and sewer lines capped. All junk and rubbish to be removed and property to be a clean lot. If not completed in the time frame set above, the \$1,000 deposit will not be returned. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A building permit was presented as follows:

Stuart Busch – fence

Motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to approve the building permit. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:55 PM for Wage Review-ENCC. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

Motion by R. Miller, second by R. Brandsrud to approve the wage review as presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Monica Begalka, Cook \$14.88

Kristi Brugman, CNA \$15.86

Stephanie Callesen, RN \$33.70

Kalina Sternhagen, RN \$33.70

Sarah Croyman, CNA \$16.44

Josh Shay, Dining Asst. \$11.20

Brooklin Kreger, CNA \$15.30

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donald Zafft, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer