

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Zafft, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Mike Gunderson, Ross Brandsrud, Julie Rieckman, Mary Saathoff, Jason Hanssen, Todd Goodfellow, Travis Steffenson, Todd Morris.

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. Cokens , second by R. Brandsrud. With all voting aye, motion carried.

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

The minutes of the February 1st meeting were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires 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 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 J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$92.58; AT & T, cell phone \$45.96; First Net, wireless \$40.04; PCC, billing fees \$894.41; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$153.79; Donna Thompson, conference \$507.79; Skoglund Ins., additional liability ins. \$80.90; Donna Thompson, mileage-conference \$102.00; Watertown Ambulance, pt. fees \$694.80;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$206.42;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$130.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$15,756.98; Heartland, power \$21,076.17; East River, transmission \$3,273.28; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$3705.74; Office Peeps, supplies \$32.71;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$56.75; Light & Power, utilities \$1296.26; Marjorie Warborg, maint. \$120.00; Michael Todd Co., supplies \$41.27; Heiman Inc., fire ext. inspection \$45.00;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$147.69; Estelline Community Oil, fuel/LP \$1006.31;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Donald Zafft, council fee/governing board \$475.00; 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 \$150.00; Ryan Miller, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Julie Rieckman, council fee/governing board \$175.00;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$165.78; Light & Power, utilities \$456.10; Office Peeps, supplies \$86.56; wages \$6798.64;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$5,079.18; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$293.20;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4008.33;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$269.79; NW Energy, utilities \$15.13;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$585.65; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$1732.39; Jim Greene, snow removal \$1852.04; Nitteberg Construction, snow removal \$3468.00; Jensen Repair, sander repair \$182.77; wages \$4604.89;

LANDFILL

AT& T, cell phone \$45.96;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$26.04; AT & T, wireless \$49.47;

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.20;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$625.20; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$28.00; DANR, exam fee \$60.00;

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT

IMEG Engineering, fees \$2785.00

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings acct. \$4983.34; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$791.23; Delta Dental, insurance \$65.52; American Family, insurance \$295.81; SD Retirement, retirement \$1368.44; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$60.00; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; Ins. Account, funding \$125.00; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$37.70.

ENCC Payables: \$90,592.10

ENCC Payroll: \$149,547.26

Mayor Zafft reported that snow removal is ongoing with help from Nitteberg Construction and James Greene. J. Hanssen reported ENCC had a gain of \$60,436.82 for the month of February. The current census is at 55. Staffing is good at present. Covid has returned to the facility. The annual spring conference will be April 20th in Sioux Falls and 5 managers will be attending.

Cheryl Squires reported that there was no Economic Development meeting again in February.

New Business:

Travis Steffenson, Todd Morris, and Todd Goodfellow presented information to the council on the possibility of hooking up to Sioux Rural Water in the future. The city is currently having issues with rising nitrate levels as well as supply. After much discussion, motion was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to proceed with upgrading the current control valve structure at the SRWS connection for an approximate cost of \$180,000.00. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A quote on a 8'X14' trailer for ENCC was presented from Hidewood Fencing & Welding in the amount of \$7,007.40. Motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Jason Hanssen presented information on changing from the current medication provider Omnicare at ENCC to Avera Pharmacy in Sioux Falls. Motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Cokens to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling is asking for a 4% increase effective with the February, 2023 billing. The new rate will be \$12.44 for residential collection. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

No bids were received on the 2008 Ford F150 Pick Up. It will be advertised for sale at \$6300.

A quote from Ferguson Waterworks for Cloud Based Software for the meter reading program was approved with a motion by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Miller, second by J. Rieckman to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:05 PM for Wage Review/Personnel. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

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

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Norma Cervantes, Hskp.Aide \$16.12

Kodi Rust, Dietary Tech/Cook \$18.14

Josue Rodriguez, Dietary Tech \$15.91

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM was made by J. Cokens, second by R. Miller. With all voting aye, motion carried.