

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Ross Brandsrud, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Julie Rieckman, Mike Gunderson, Michael Ward, Mary Saathoff, Jason Hanssen, Zeb Gilbertson and Shane Waterman.

Mayor Brandsrud 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 M. Ward. With all voting aye, motion carried.

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

No one present.

The minutes of the July 5th meeting were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by M. Gunderson 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 C. Squires. 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 \$92.16; AT & T, cell phone \$45.86; First Net, wireless \$40.04; PCC, billing fees \$333.03; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$74.82;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$97.71;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$422.50;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$9,115.83; Heartland, power \$29,855.89; East River, transmission \$3,004.04; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2753.35; Post Office, postage \$132.00; OmniPro, software license \$3080.00; Office Peeps, supplies \$749.70; Eframison Electric, service call \$857.14; SD One Call, locate requests \$34.65; Border States, electric meters \$2213.11; wages \$4053.24;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$58.55; Light & Power, utilities \$400.13; Marjorie Warborg, maint. \$135.00; Menards, supplies \$50.97; SD Federal Property, supplies \$143.50; Runnings, supplies \$407.03; Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$56.40;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$188.05; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$295.82;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Ross Brandsrud, 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 \$175.00; Michael Ward, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Ryan Miller, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Julie Rieckman, council fee/governing board \$150.00;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$154.81; Light & Power, utilities \$82.24; Independent Audit Services, audit fees \$4500.00; Secretary of State, notary filing fees \$30.00; Reliabank Ins., bond ins \$50.00; Office Peeps, supplies \$51.02; wages \$6072.40;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$5,269.95; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$304.14;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4008.33;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$143.54; NW Energy, utilities \$12.27; Dakota Pump, service call \$2861.48; DANR, test fees \$120.00; wages \$4458.13;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$304.99; Advance Auto Parts, repairs \$35.52; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$195.20;

LANDFILL

AT& T, cell phone \$45.86; wages \$792.00

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$34.51; AT & T, wireless \$49.47;

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$7.87;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$699.19; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$42.00; Core & Main, curb stops \$354.26; DANR, testing fee \$60.00; SDARWS, hydro-vac valves \$300.00; Liquid Engineering, clean/inspect water tower \$3035.00;

POOL

Light & Power, utilities \$141.11; ITC, telephone \$74.63; Wards Store, supplies \$103.84; NW Energy, utilities \$437.64; RecSupply, supplies \$424.77; Estelline Community Oil, supplies \$22.73; wages \$6395.63;

PARK

Menards, concession stand door \$363.27; Estelline Community Oil, gas \$52.74;

CAPITOL PROJECTS

IMEG, engineering fees \$5470.00;

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Estelline Community Oil, spraying \$1320.00;

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings acct. \$4983.34; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$791.23; Delta Dental, insurance \$162.10; American Family, insurance \$295.81; SD Retirement, retirement \$1750.06; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$60.00; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; Ins. Account, funding \$125.00; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$25.35.

ENCC Payables: \$100,847.28

ENCC Payroll: \$153,815.61

Mayor Brandsrud reported that work on Catlett Avenue for the water line replacement should begin next week. Duininck's should be here in mid August for the street work.

Jason Hansen reported ENCC had a gain of \$68,149.77 for the month of July. The current census is at 52. The Fall conference is coming up. Work has begun on the budget. The golf outing raised \$2600 for activities fund.

Cheryl Squires reported that Economic Development met last week but there were only three present. The Yard of the Month and Business of the Month were chosen.

Zeb Gilbertson reported that they will be cutting the streets and getting ready for the water line replacement and getting quotes on concrete around manholes. The south lift station had a shop towel stuck in it which caused a failure and some backup. Letters to all residents were sent out again to remind them of things that should not go in the sewer. They will be working on cleaning up weeds in Gazebo Park and also on the streets.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Quotes were presented for roof repair at ENCC. Motion by M. Gunderson, second by J. Cokens to approve the quote from Weathergard Roofing in the amount of \$6043.50, but to first check on the warranty from the repairs done by Pro-Tec previously. With all voting aye, motion carried.

An electric wheelchair at ENCC was presented for surplus. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to surplus the wheelchair with a value of less than \$500. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Shane Waterman with IMEG updated the council on the eastside housing addition and the housing study and funding application which is now open. He asked that Ross Brandsrud, Mayor, be designated to sign the documents needed for the funding application. Motion by M. Ward, second by J. Cokens to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Mike Ward, Rodeo Club, asked the city's thoughts on the Rodeo Club being under the City of Estelline umbrella. The council recommended he check what other options are available.

Building permits were presented as follows:

Joseph & Kathlene McAninch – deck with ramp

Amy Johnson – Chain Link Fence

Toby Scotting – Concrete pad & patio

Terry Weinberg - Fence

Motion by J. Rieckman, second by M. Ward to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A Purple Heart City Proclamation was presented. Motion by M. Ward, second by J. Cokens to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

PROCLAMATION Purple Heart City

Whereas, the City of Estelline, South Dakota and our community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community in the Armed forces; and

Whereas, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

Whereas, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

Whereas, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas, citizens of our country have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

Whereas, the City of Estelline seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

Whereas, I proclaim the City of Estelline, South Dakota to be a Purple Heart City, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ESTELLINE, SOUTH DAKOTA as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved on this 2nd day of August, 2023, I, Ross Brandsrud, Mayor of the City of Estelline supports the City of Estelline becoming a Purple Heart City in recognition of our communities Purple Heart Medal recipients.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer

The Budget Committee meeting date was set for August 30th, at 8 AM.

A motion was made by C. Squires, second by M. Gunderson to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:25 PM for Wage Review. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Brandsrud declared out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

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

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Kya Hendricks, Diet.Aide \$15.70

Tracy Nelson, Cook \$19.39 – 6 Month

Beth Nelson, Ldry Aide \$15.86 – 6 Month

NEW HIRES:

Lorna Johnson, Dining Asst. \$15.60

Felisha McKay, CNA \$15.95

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM was made by M. Ward, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer