

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Ross Brandsrud, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Josh Cokens, Mike Gunderson, Mike Ward, Julie Rieckman, Zeb Gilbertson, Jason Hanssen, Chris Verhoek, Donna Thompson, Shane Waterman, and Lesley Matthys.

Mayor Brandsrud called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by M. Gunderson, 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 from the July 10th meeting were presented for approval. Motion by J. Rieckman, second by R. Miller 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 C. Squires, second by J. Rieckman. 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. Ward to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$93.55; AT & T, cell phone \$46.76; A-OX, oxygen \$51.01; Joe Denison, training \$200.00; Donna Thompson, reimb for supplies \$71.11; Stuart Busch, reimb for supplies \$415.71; Brookings Health, supplies \$68.00;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/receipt books \$267.79;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law/qtly fees \$4,689.72;

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Ross Brandsrud, council fee/governing board \$475.00; Cheryl Squires, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Ryan Miller, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Mike Ward, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Josh Cokens, council fee/governing board \$175.00; Mike Gunderson, council fee/governing board \$150.00; Julie Rieckman, council fee/governing board \$150.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$9,115.83; Heartland, power \$25,787.13; East River, transmission \$3,166.80; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$97.80; Wages \$3,587.66; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2,148.62; SD One Call, locates \$27.30; Muth Electric, thermal scanning/campsite electrical \$10,404.16; Omni-Pro Software, load mgmt fee \$3,080.00; SDMEA, membership dues \$614.00;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$120.38; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$41.97;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$119.41; Light & Power, utilities \$441.93; LeRoy Warborg, maint. \$135.00; Roelofsen Implement, mower blades \$244.15;

FINANCE OFFICE

ITC, telephone \$162.41; Light & Power, utilities \$72.93; Wages \$4,451.87; IMEG, design development \$11,250.00; US Postal Service, stamped envelopes \$856.20;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection/city cleanup \$7,605.09; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$307.66;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$717.83; NW Energy, utilities \$13.29; Jensen Ag Advantage, lagoon spraying \$400.00;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$208.12; Estelline Community Oil, fuel/supplies \$582.52; Wages \$3,420.84; Colonial Research, chemicals \$2,592.24;

LANDFILL

AT& T, cell phone \$46.76; Wages \$901.73;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$26.90; AT & T, wireless \$49.47;

PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.26;

WATER

Hawkins, chemicals \$825.15; Light & Power, utilities \$457.01; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$286.00;

POOL

Hawkins, chemicals \$3,542.21; Wages \$8,261.79; AT&T, wireless \$46.60; ITC, phone \$43.65; NW Energy, utilities \$63.39; Light and Power, utilities \$511.18;

MISC.

Equipment Super Savers, equipment savings acct. \$4,983.34; Wellmark Blue Cross, health insurance \$791.24; Delta Dental, insurance \$170.22; American Family, insurance \$187.59; SD Retirement, retirement \$1,835.16; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; Office Peeps, copier/supplies \$160.22; EMC Insurance, liability ins. \$144.04; Skoglund Insurance, wellness center \$667.39; Wards, supplies \$35.53; Kerry's Landscaping, irrigation for clinic \$378.60.

ENCC Payables: \$145,584.79

ENCC Payroll: \$172,798.42

Mayor Brandsrud had no report for this month.

Zeb Gilbertson reported the lift station number have gone down on pumping compared to the prior few weeks. There are a couple trees within city limits being questioned and looked at for removal.

Jason Hanssen reported that the ENCC census is looking good. Covid has moved its way through the facility and no new cases have appeared. ENCC will be having their picnic in the park on Friday August 9th for residents and immediate family.

New Business:

Rodeo Club would like to purchase the surplus lawnmower from ENCC. Motion by J. Cokens, second by R. Miller to approve the sale of the mower to the Rodeo Club for \$1,000. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donna Thompson presented information on Cardiac Ready Community Designation. This is to educate, equip, and empower community members to be better prepared and more confident in helping someone experiencing a cardiac event before emergency services arrive. Our volunteers at the Ambulance service would like to help set the community up for success when unexpected events occur. Motion by J. Cokens, second by M. Gunderson to approve moving forward with this designation. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by J. Cokens, second by J. Rieckman to Authorize the Advertisement for bids on the Eastside Addition Housing Development. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Chris Verhoek presented information on the Initiated Measure 28 – To Prohibit Taxes on Anything Sold for Human Consumption. This poorly drafted and unclear measure would eliminate sales taxes on many items other than food and would lead the state to lose up to \$646 million in annual funds. Not only would it directly hurt the state, but it would also hurt small communities like Estelline. Local communities across the state would see \$50 million cut from their budgets. Currently, there is no clear path set up to replace the loss in revenue and will ultimately mean budget cuts to sources that rely on these tax dollars for funding.

Building permits were presented as follows:

Tiffany Mick – Wood Privacy Fence

Judy Johnson – Vinyl Privacy Fence

Patricia Johnson – Cement Pad and Stairs Connected to Deck

A motion was made by M. Ward, second by J. Rieckman to approve all building permits. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by M. Gunderson, second by J. Cokens to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 at 7:02 PM. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Brandsrud declared out of Executive Session at 7:57 PM.

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

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Wages Presented for Approval:

Anika Bludorn, CNA \$20.02

Kya Hendricks, Diet \$16.44
NEW HIRES
Emily Ladner, Activities \$16.76
Simon Risty, NA \$16.22
Kardel Sundber, Diet \$16.22
Jacci Mendy, Cook \$17.57

September Meeting will be held on Monday September 9, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 PM.

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM was made by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

Lesley Matthys, Finance Officer