

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, February 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, Jenna Aderhold, Mike Ward, Dr. Eric Bass, Shane Waterman, IMEG.

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 R. Brandsrud. With all voting aye, motion carried.

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

Mike Ward, representing the Rodeo Club, asked the council for permission to block off parts of Main Street during the rodeo again in June. He asked that it be put on a future agenda for approval.

The minutes of the January 4th 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 R. Miller, 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 \$92.58; AT & T, cell phone \$45.96; First Net, wireless \$40.04; PCC, billing fees \$509.39; Estelline Community Oil, fuel \$141.59; Bound Tree, supplies \$5.88; SD Ambulance Assoc., conference \$200.00; A-Ox Welding, oxygen \$71.15; Wards Store, supplies \$25.80;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$211.72;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$130.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$13159.27; Heartland, power \$28662.85; East River, transmission \$2,322.60; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$3583.99; Border States, electric meter \$98.52; US Postal Service, postage/envelopes \$769.80; SD One Call, locates \$18.90;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$57.95; Light & Power, utilities \$1312.00; Marjorie Warborg, maint. \$195.00; Menards, supplies \$337.74; Rogers Repair, water leak \$107.14; Runnings, supplies/tools \$1549.94;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$144.67;

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 \$161.97; Light & Power, utilities \$478.66; Office Peeps, supplies \$340.24; Riteway, checks \$197.92; Post Office, postage \$120.00; wages \$6845.20;

SOLID WASTE

Cook's Wastepaper, garbage collection \$5,074.18; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$292.88;

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4008.33;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$208.28; NW Energy, utilities \$13.71;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$528.14; Mid-American Research, salt \$333.37; Nitteberg Construction, snow removal \$153.00; Ryan Miller, supplies \$378.20; wages \$4973.41;

LANDFILL

AT& T, cell phone \$45.83;

SIGN

Light & Power, utilities \$23.22; AT & T, wireless \$49.47;

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.00;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$503.07; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$35.00; DANR, exam fee \$60.00;

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT

IMEG Engineering, fees \$700.00

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 \$1418.22; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$60.00; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; Ins.

Account, funding \$125.00; Wards Store, supplies \$12.18; Posy Palace, flowers \$74.55; Petty Cash, replenish fund \$58.54; EMC, liability ins. \$386.00; First District, dues \$1025.00.

ENCC Payables: \$58,397.92

ENCC Payroll: \$151,134.32

Mayor Zafft reported that work on the streets for snow removal and ice is ongoing, a water leak at the clinic building was repaired, and cleanup of the many stored items there is recommended. J.

Hanssen reported ENCC had a gain of \$56,880.48 for the month of January. The current census is at 51. The new flooring project has been completed. They met with the new owners of Wards Store and ENCC will be receiving better pricing as well as a larger selection of food products going forward. Six new staff have been hired this last month.

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

New Business:

Dr. Eric Bass, Estelline School District Superintendent, requested the City of Estelline apply for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant for a generator on behalf of the Estelline School District. Motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by J. Cokens to apply for the grant with any matching funds being the responsibility of the Estelline School District. The Estelline City Council appoints the Estelline City Finance Officer as the authorized Applicant Agent. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A quote on a trailer for ENCC was presented. This item was tabled until next month

A quote on a heated plate dispenser for ENCC was presented for \$2,202.00 from Direct Supply. Motion was made by J. Cokens, second by C. Squires to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

An increase on LPN wages at ENCC was discussed. Item tabled with revisions to be discussed during budget negotiations in September.

Street repair and water line replacement for 2023 was discussed. One block of water line and three blocks of paving on Catlett Ave.; an area on the Northridge property; and Eastwood Drive will be proposed for bidding.

A motion was made by J. Rieckman, second by C. Squires to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:30 PM for Wage Review. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Zafft declared out of Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

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

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Barbara Martinez, Activity Aide \$16.12

Peggy Plaisted, LPN \$26.26

Vicki Zamow-Laney, RN \$34.42

New Hires:

Jill Toucedo, CNA \$19.45

Miguel Martinez, Diet.Asst. \$15.60

Tracy Nelson, Cook \$19.07

Bethany Nelson, Laundry \$15.60

Mary Peterson, RN \$34.42

Sheri VanderWal, RN \$34.42

Shane Waterman with IMEG discussed options on the eastside housing project with regard to infrastructure for water, sewer and roads. He also updated the council on FEMA's proposed flood map for the City of Estelline.

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM was made by R. Brandsrud, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Donald Zafft, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer