

The Estelline City Council met on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at the Estelline City Office. Those present included Mayor Ross Brandsrud, Ryan Miller, Cheryl Squires, Mike Gunderson, Michael Ward, Mary Saathoff, Jason Hanssen, and Travis Steffensen.

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 M. Gunderson, 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 June 7th meeting were presented for approval. Motion by R. Miller, 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 M. Gunderson, second by R. Miller. With all voting aye, motion carried. The monthly bills for the City and Estelline Nursing & Care Center were reviewed. Motion was made by M. Ward, second by C. Squires to approve all bills presented. With all voting aye, motion carried.

City Bills approved included:

AMBULANCE

ITC, telephone \$92.16; AT & T, cell phone \$45.90; First Net, wireless \$40.04; PCC, billing fees \$449.89; Two Way Solutions, batteries \$155.97; Country Corner, supplies \$51.62; Estelline Community Oil, tires \$492.32; Wards Store, supplies \$80.65;

PUBLICATIONS

Estelline Journal, minutes/notices \$209.47; Upframe Creative, qtrly Maint. \$375.00;

LEGAL

Delzer Law Firm, legal fees \$130.00;

ELECTRIC

WAPA, power \$11,358.37; Heartland, power \$12,400.41; East River, transmission \$2,461.32; ITC, load mgmt. internet \$88.85; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$2378.45; US Postal Service, envelopes w/postage \$769.80; Post Office, postage \$120.00; T & R Electric, transformer \$1174.15; Roland Anderson Estate, refund \$91.46; Office Peeps, supplies \$57.52; wages \$6405.10;

BUILDING

ITC, telephone \$60.14; Light & Power, utilities \$447.36; Marjorie Warborg, maint. \$135.00; Menards, supplies \$56.29;

FIRE

Light & Power, utilities \$196.45;

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 \$170.80; Light & Power, utilities \$121.01; Wards Store, supplies \$5.89; wages \$8677.38;;

SOLID WASTE

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

POLICE

Hamlin County, contract law \$4689.72;

SEWER

Light & Power, utilities \$174.28; NW Energy, utilities \$14.36; Dakota Pump, service call \$829.08; Poinsett Colony, sewer screen \$335.00;

STREET

Light & Power, utilities \$366.10;

LANDFILL

AT& T, cell phone \$45.90; wages \$1188.00

SIGN

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

REFLECTION PARK

Light & Power, utilities \$4.72;

WATER

Light & Power, utilities \$578.79; SD Public Health Lab, samples \$28.00; Hawkins, chemicals \$1430.80; wages \$5655.75;

POOL

Andor, Inc., pool repairs \$535.00; Hawkins, chemicals \$4624.24; Nitteberg Construction, repair parts \$70.80; Poinsett Colony, grate \$150.00; RecSupply, supplies \$109.02;

PARK

Dales Sinclair, mowing gas \$238.70; Medary Acres, flowers \$479.33;

CAPITOL PROJECTS

IMEG, engineering fees \$5438.59;

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 \$2488.58; Flex One Account, cafeteria plan \$90.00; Avesis, vision ins. \$11.88; Ins. Account, funding \$125.00; A & D Graphics, supplies \$141.20; EMC Ins., liability ins. \$12,760.00.

ENCC Payables: \$79,792.48

ENCC Payroll: \$226,326.23

Mayor Brandsrud thanked everyone involved in the Rodeo/Reunion Weekend for their hard work, and especially Mike Ward. He heard all good things about the whole weekend. He also wanted to thank Zeb Gilbertson and Jordan Busch and Heather Hall for all the efforts they put in to get the pool up and running this year. And thank you to the pool staff - Renee Luckhurst, Becky Saathoff, Diana Calkins, Nataley Ebbers and Sean Engst for cleaning and getting the pool ready to open. All their work is appreciated.

Jason Hanssen reported ENCC had a loss of \$104,975.02 for the month of June. The current census is at 51. Staffing is improving. The residents like the new trailer and are enjoying the rides.

Cheryl Squires had no report from Economic Development, but Healthy Hometown met and put together a tree watering schedule.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

ENCC Policies: Resident Change in Condition or Status and Non-Potable water agreement/City were presented for approval. Motion by M. Ward, second by R. Miller to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Travis Steffensen with Sioux Rural Water presented a revised Water Purchase Agreement. Motion to approve was made by R. Miller, second by M. Gunderson. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by R. Miller, second by M. Ward to allow the Estelline Fire Department to shoot fireworks on July 9th after the ballgames. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The culvert on North 4th St. was discussed and tabled at this time.

Building permits were presented as follows:

Ryan Johnson – 6 Foot wooden privacy fence

Motion by R. Miller, second by M. Gunderson to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 – An Ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts on city streets was held. Motion by R. Miller, second by M. Ward to approve. With all voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by M. Gunderson, second by C. Squires to move into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:33 PM for Wage Review. With all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Brandsrud declared out of Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

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

ENCC

Wages Presented for Approval:

Kristi Brugman, CNA \$17.95

NEW HIRES:

Vivian Waliezer, CNA Temp \$20.00

Eileen TakenCareOf, CNA Temp \$20.00

Shannon Brown, CNA \$15.95

ESTELLINE POOL

Nataley Ebbers, Lifeguard \$14.00

Diana Calkins, Lifeguard \$14.00

Sean Engst, Lifeguard \$13.50

Becky Saathoff, Co-Manager \$16.50

Renee Luckhurst, Co-Manager \$16.50

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM was made by C. Squires, second by M. Ward. With all voting aye, motion carried.

Ross Brandsrud, Mayor

Mary Saathoff, Finance Officer