

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. Mayor John J. Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Pamela Vissia, Brad Kehn, Jim Hinckley, Terrance Shuldt, and Jason Schurz. Deputy Finance Officer Casey Schmidt was also present. John Paul Studeny was in attendance for the South Dakota Mail. Visitors attending were Todd Karst, Annette & Michael McReynolds, and Dartanian Norton.

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of clean up days and well house discussion. Kehn motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of clean up days and well house discussion. Schurz seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Annette and Michael McReynolds asked when the R.U. site would be open. They were told that discussion on that topic would happen at this meeting. They were told until a person could be hired, that the R.U. site will be remained close. Joe stated that until this happen, his plans are to go out himself from time to time to open it and supervise. The question arose as to why it can't just be left open during business hours. It was stated only certain things can be taken out there, and they have had problems in the past with people bringing their household garbage out to the R.U. site, along with the allowed items. The city almost lost the site because of this. McReynolds' were told the State is such a stickler that even having a single plastic bottle out at this site could end up with Plankinton being written up. Therefore, the city is such a stickler. Pam stated the city even closed it down for a summer because people were abusing it by taking their household garbage out there. Annette told the council because of the R.U. site being closed, they have been hauling their items down to Stickney. They are missing the ability to go right out to our site. Mayor Staller apologized on behalf of the city for McReynolds having to go to Stickney. Until the city finds an attendant, Mayor Staller will try to get out there for a few hours here and there, just can't set definite dates.

VISITORS:

Todd Karst, representing the Summer Recreation Committee, came to ask the Council for approval on hiring summer coaches for baseball and softball. His recommendations are as follows:

The Chris & Rochelle Fink family for 8U, 10U, & 12U girls softball, to be paid \$3,000;

Kyle Bruinsma for 8U and 10U boys baseball, to be paid \$2,000;

Cory Tobin for 12U boys baseball, to be paid \$1,000;

Zach Harter for Teeners Head coach; to be paid \$2,000; and

Sam Olson for Teeners Assistant Head coach, to be paid \$1,000.

Todd also had some money donated to them, \$12,000, specified for a new playground at the ballfields.

Todd was asked if they had an idea of where they wanted the playground located at. The summer rec.

committee does not at the moment. They are wondering if the plan for the road is and where the best

location would be. The committee feels the road needs to stay open, and to maybe put the playground

behind the "Green Monster," because there are bathrooms back there and it is out of the path of the

traffic. Discussion on rerouting the road was brought up to lessen the traffic during games and events.

Another suggestion was that it could be put over by the fair grounds. Council is recommending involving

Darin in the discussion of the playground location. Decision on the playground location does not need to

happen immediately. Todd told the Council to give it some thought for now, as it wasn't going to happen

immediately. Playground equipment has not been picked out yet. They would like to have a spot picked

out first. A large playground space is not needed.

Todd also asked if the city would update some of the dugouts, more specifically the far east one,

possibly both sets of dugouts. The tin is getting a little dangerous. A gate on one of the entrances into

the field would be nice as to reduce balls coming out of the field. Pam asked Todd that, when the game

schedule was set, if some one could bring in a copy of that for the City workers and the Finance Officer

/Deputy Finance Officer. This way, it could be put on the City's website. Also, the F.O. and D.F.O would know when the season started and ended. April 10th is the sign up for baseball and softball. Joe asked about the contract for the concessions and if they had taken care of that. Todd let the Council know that the ad for concession bids has gone into the paper, so at this time they are just waiting for a bid. Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the recommendation of summer coaches. Vissia made the motion to approve. Kehn seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Todd departed at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the special March 21st, 2022 Council meeting. Kehn made the motion to approve as they were emailed out to the Council. Hinckley seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL:

Mayor staller entertained a motion to authorize the Deputy Finance Officer to pay bills. Kehn made the motion to approve the bills. Shuldt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

EFT BILLS PAID AFTER MARCH 21, ,2022 MEETING

F & M State Bank	Bank Fees	\$27.15
SD Dept of Revenue	State Sales Tax	\$7,034.26
FBT Brookings	HCPD Loan	\$2,483.36
Internal Revenue Service	Pay 7	\$2,449.54
Postalia	Postage Refill	\$500.00

BILLS PAID AFTER MARCH 21, 2022 MEETING

Aflac	Employee Vol. Insurance	\$343.27
Avera Health Plans	Empl Health Insurance	\$5,664.90
Barnes & Nobles	Library Books	\$142.74
Barry Geiman	1st Qtr Cell Phn Reimb	\$150.00
Border States	Electric Supplies	\$2,226.17
Brad Kehn	1st Qtr Cell Phn Reimb	\$75.00
Chance Boyd	Trvl/meal / 1st qrtr cell	\$166.46
Core & Main	Cptl Out - Water Mtr	\$1,462.29
Darin Cranny	Trvl/meal / 1st qrtr cell	\$166.37
Delta Dental of SD	Empl Dental Insurance	\$350.50
Guardian	Empl Life, LTD, & STD Ins	\$283.37

Resco	3000' Cable	\$6,690.00
Runnings Supply	Hwy/Street Supplies	\$93.79
SD Dept of Health	Water Testing	\$15.00
SD Dept of Transportation	Fuel Purchase	\$147.08
SD Municipal League	SDML Wrkrs Comp. Fund	\$1,127.00
SD 811	Feb. Message Fees	\$1.05
Toshiba Financial Services	Copier Contract	\$320.92
Verizon Wireless	Twr Int / Surface Pro	\$75.16
VISA	Supplies	\$877.31

BILLS TO PAY AFTER APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING

A-Ox Welding Supply	Supplies	\$173.04
A/B Rural Water System	March Water Purchase	\$6,639.40
City of Plankinton	Mtr Dep Applied to Final Bill	\$124.64
CNH Industrial	Mini Excav/Skid Steer Lease	\$1,346.54
Dakota Supply Group	Shop Supplies	\$46.10
Ditch Witch UnderCon	Ditch Witch C16X / Valve	\$14,408.45
Golden West	Telephone Bills	\$380.30
GT Sanitation	April Garbage	\$85.00
H & H Electric & Motor Repair	Siren Check - hit by lgthing	\$125.00
Kylee Urban	Supply Reimburse	\$10.65
Menards	Pool Supplies	\$489.99
Plankinton Lumber Co	Supplies	\$516.85
Postalia	Postage Meter Lease	\$89.85
Roadside	Fuel Purchase	\$697.13
Runnings Supply	Supplies	\$207.84
South Dakota Mail	March Publishing	\$1,637.64
Spencer Quarries	3/4" Rock	\$299.90
Steve's Welding & Repair	Weld Wire	\$112.00

Tara Beckmann	Mtr Dep Refunded	\$124.64
Tech Solutions	IT Contract	\$695.00
State Flag Account	US. Flags	\$465.41

OLD BUSINESS

R.U. SITE ATTENDANT:

As discussed earlier, Joe will put the advertisement on Facebook again in the morning. At this point in time, there is no one interested in the job. The community likes the site and are definitely willing to use. But the Saturday time we are asking for them to be out there don't seem to be attractive for many. The times can be flexible, but the council wants to make sure that we accommodate the hours of our taxpayers. The council, though, does not want to sway from the Saturday hours. It was suggested the salary for the R.U. site attendant be increased from \$12.75.

FIRST READING SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE:

Mayor Staller does not anticipate this being used very often, thinking it will be used for fundraisers, like the one service club is putting on. Service club uses their money to donate to various events throughout the year, as well as sponsoring Santa at Hometown Christmas. Mr. Taylor, city attorney, recommends the city not waive the fee. The opinion of Mayor Staller would be to keep the fee low, with the ability to change it if need be. Mayor Staller asked if anyone could remember anything like this happening in the past. Vissia stated that it reminded her of when the dances would happen. Vissia asked Mr. Studeny what the county usually does when the service club has events out at the Ag Building. Studeny is thinking it is \$100 fee that is paid. Vissia suggested \$50 to begin with, because the service club donates back to the community and have done a lot for the community. Mayor staller reiterated that he does not see a lot of commercial people coming in to use this. Mayor Staller entertained a motion to set the fees for all 3 licenses included in the ordinance to \$50. Kehn made a motion. Vissia seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried and the 1st reading of the Special Even Alcoholic Beverage ordinance was done.

FIRE STATION ROOF QUOTES:

Mayor Staller proceeded with the bids that had come in to redo the Fire State Roof, including the removal of the insulation. He also told the council the City's Insurance Representative, Clint Bultsma, would like to come next month to discuss what has been done and what is left to do, since Chad is no longer taking care of it. Clint had talked with the insurance company, asking if the gentleman could put everything that was done and not done into a summary so it could be easier to see. After discussion, the mayor was directed to find out about warranty on Plankinton Lumber, and to get a new quote without the sales and excise tax.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 4-5-22

Mr. Taylor is ok with the how the Resolution reads and looks, just needs to be done by resolution. The May meeting will need to be moved back because of the 20 day rule.

Mayor staller talked to Jeff Briggs this afternoon and he is ok with this being pushed to the May meeting. The main thing Jeff is worried about is being able to get the water pipes here in time. Mayor Staller will go talk to they attorney in person, so no bumps are in road for Jeff. Darin has been working with Jeff from SPN to get the lift station in. Once this is approved, then after 20 days, Jeff Briggs and his lawyers can give the city paperwork that needs approved. Mayor Staller entertained a motion. Kehn asked what happens if we have to change members next May, being that two council members are

stepping down. The mayor had already posed that question to Mr. Taylor, with no real answer coming back. Mayor Staller explained what the planning committee does, which is telling the council that yes, we approve of what will happen or won't happen, then the council would be able to act. Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 4-5-22. Vissia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4-5-22. Hinckley seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all voting aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF PLANKINTON, AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 4-5-22

CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED

Whereas, pursuant to City of Plankinton Resolution No. 2022-2 adopted March 7, 2022, the City of Plankinton established a City Planning Committee; and

Whereas, such Resolution No. 2022-5 requires the appointment of up to six (6) but no less than three (3) City of Plankinton City Council members and the Mayor to such City Planning Committee by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council; and

Whereas, such Resolution No. 2022-3 was published on March 17, 2022, and became effective April 5, 2022, the City Council of the City of Plankinton opened nominations for, and held an election of, City Planning Committee members on April 6th, 2022; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Plankinton, that the following members be, and hereby are, appointed to the City Planning Committee:

- Council Member Pam Vissia;
- Council Member Brad Kehn;
- Council Member Jim Hinckley;
- Council Member Jason Schurz; and
- Council Member Terry Schuldt
- Mayor Joe Staller.

CERTIFICATE

I, Casey Schmidt, Deputy Finance Officer for the City of Plankinton, South Dakota, a municipal corporation, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of said municipal corporation on April 5, 2022, and that the same has not been rescinded or modified.

Adopted by a majority vote of the Plankinton City Council in session this 5th day of April, 2022.

(SEAL)

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Finance Officer

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY:

Mayor Staller had sent out an email with the DGR prices to do the study to everyone. He is asking for just the basic rate study, keep it the lowest possible rate – just enough to cover the WAPA rate increase, which will take effect January 1st, 2023. Staller would go ask for an actual quote and bring it to next monthly meeting. It is believed this is the first increase from WAPA the city has had in a long while. Council gave Mayor Staller the OK to go ahead with the quote.

FIREARMS:

Received a request from ATF who had received a request to sell firearms in the City of Plankinton. Mr. Taylor to remain pretty neutral and to give them any information they may need. This request from Mr. Taylor has already been done.

GRAIN BIN/DUST CONTROL:

Mayor Staller turned the topic over to councilman Kehn, who said this issue is a mess right now. So many questions when writing up the public agreement. Who is the order coming from, who dictates how much to put on, and when it's too dusty? Kehn has talked to Mr. Weich several times on this topic. Mayor Staller questioned if it's just going to be in the road, or will it be in the Bin areas as well? Kehn asked to have 2 blocks East and 1 block West of Main Street. He also asked that any traveled areas from loading and unloading be covered. Do we dictate when it's done, certain times of the year, or what do we do if it's a dry year? Mayor Staller recommends of making the coating be done twice a year, depending on conditions. Darin, as the Maintenance Superintendent and/or Brad Kehn, as the building inspector were recommended to be the people to make the call as to when the coating needs to be redone. The Deputy Finance Officer was asked to send Jim Taylor a message telling him the Building Inspector and Maintenance Superintendent will be the ones who make the call as to when to cover. Also, let Mr. Taylor know that it was going to be twice a year when the coating had to be done.

CLEAN UP DAYS:

The City Council determined Clean up Days will be held on the first Monday and Tuesday in May, which is May 2nd and 3rd. A rain date would be the following Monday and Tuesday.

WELL HOUSE:

Councilman Kehn was asking if the Council had voted to tear down the Well House, with Mayor Staller agreeing. Kehn had gone and looked inside the well house. What he saw was major fire damage and determined that it does need to be taken down. It was questioned as to why the discussion was happening. Mayor Staller stated that Joe Larsen had an idea for it. Mayor Staller told him the idea, along with how he was going to fund it and the purpose for it, needed to be brought before the Council. Kehn reiterated that it was already voted upon to bring it down. After looking at both the inside and outside of it the bricks are broke up or cracked, ceiling is pretty charred up. Kehn, as a building inspector, would recommend going forward with tearing it down. Schurz added that there is no way to cap the wells if it is not torn down. Staller told the Council Darin would like the cement base to stay. Decision was to take the building down.

POOL:

There was discussion on what to do with the area by the new bath house, which was designed for flower, plants, bushes, etc. Joe Larsen had made a mockup of what it would like if some Emerald Greens (or something similar) where there. According to Joe's sketch, this would be low maintenance and excellent heat tolerance. Kehn had a couple concerns about the trees: 1) Are they a high rooted tree or a

low rooted tree? He didn't want to see the concreted popping up because of the roots. 2) Would the trees be too close to the units? As for the roots, councilman Schurz stated that the roots really shouldn't cause an issue. Mr. Studeny and councilman Schurz assured Kehn that the trees would be good for the units, providing shade and not letting the units suffer under the heat of the sun so bad. Councilman Schurz main concern was the maintenance of the trees and area around the trees. In the end, the topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

COUNCIL PAY:

Staller asked for any thoughts on the Council and Mayor Pay. Councilmember Kehn had made up a chart of surrounding towns with similar populations. Looking at the chart, our mayor pay is way low. Our council pay is a little under average. A proposal was thrown out on these sheets:

For the Mayor - \$50 per regular meeting, \$75 per special meeting, annual Salary of \$3,500.

For the Council - \$50 per regular meeting, \$75 per special meeting, annual Salary of \$1,750.

The council is looking at this as a possible way to get more interest for community members to join. Councilwoman Vissia wondered if something had to be done with the budget if this increase was passed. The mayor stated that the budget was screwed up already from the 5% wage increase not being taken into account. A resolution needs to be written up and done at the next meeting. Vissia asked to have a resolution made up for the increase of Mayor and Council Pay- Mayor being \$50 per regular meeting, \$75 per special meeting, & \$3,500 annual salary; Council being \$50 per regular meeting, \$75per special meeting, & \$1,750 annual salary.

SECOND GRADE LETTERS:

The second graders wrote letters to the City Council and School Board. They were handed around and read by the Council.

HANDY PERSON APPLICATIONS:

Mayor Staller turned this topic over to councilman Schurz. Schurz stated that more applicants are needed. All 3 of the applicants were interviewed, with 2 of them accepting a position. The 3rd declined our offer. Schurz says we need to still need to find an R.U. site attendant, which was talked about earlier in the meeting. The ad for the R.U. site attendant needs to be put back in the paper. Councilwoman Vissia also suggested putting the ad on the City Facebook page. It was also suggested possibly increasing the pay to \$15. Mayor Staller said it's only 10 hours a week, so increasing the pay would not break the budget. Councilman Schurz talked with Darin because the 2 already hired had said they couple help some, but then when that happens it takes away from what they do during the week, changing Darin's scheduling. If we could find some one specific for the R.U. site, it would just be easier. Pam also stated that if we could find an adult over young kids, some people may try to bully and/or intimidate them into doing something that could get them into trouble. Council all agreed to advertise again with the wage being increased to \$15. Deputy Finance Officer Schmidt was asked to also put it out on the Facebook page.

SURPLUS STREET SWEEPER:

Darin asked if the Council would surplus the Street Sweeper. The Mayor entertained a motion to surplus the 1994 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. Vissia made the motion to surplus the 1994 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. Schuldt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Darin will need to get 3 appraisals.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Doug Meidinger @ 104 E. 5th St – Permit #32222 - Jason Heezen @ 607 N Duff St – Permit #32522. Demo Permits for: Brad & Jody Kehn @ 210 E. State St. – Permit #33122 - Michael L & Ida Scott @ 120,124,& 128 N. Main St. & 206 E Madison St – Permit #33122. Building Inspector Kehn approved all permits, with Vissia reading and signing the Demo Permit for Brad & Jody Kehn.

The Agkota Permit – Permit #12522 was approved with the condition that the contract will be signed as soon as we get it back from Mr. Taylor. The council is comfortable with the elevator starting the project. The elevator is more than willing to work with the City on what they need to do.

ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Chance informed the council there was one outage caused by a bad insulator on an East River Line, which took out the Storla & Plankinton substations. Mayor Staller informed the council about an outage that happened this week between Lance Johnson and Tom Madrigal's houses. A branch had fallen on the line. Then also 2 fuses went bad over by Mike Krell's shop. Chance sat in on WAPA meeting, learning the WAPA rates will most likely go up 15%. A safety training was held in Volga in March. Much was learned about meter safety. There will be a meeting on April 21st at the Courthouse at 10 am. This is about Northwestern needing to renew a 20 year contract with Aurora County. Chance has ordered the materials for the clinic project. He also needs to talk to Kenny Kinyon about the lumberyard shed as well. The City Insurance has an outside company looking into the claim for our storm siren. Chance would like the Council to choose which storm siren to go with, but his recommendation would be to go with the longest reaching one. This way we won't have to replace any of the other ones when they go bad when there won't be grants for it. Council recommended Chance go with the siren that has the farthest reaching sound, so a 2nd siren would not be needed if one of the other sirens would go out. (Schurz stated that between the money from the Grant the city will hopefully receive and the insurance money, the siren will not cost the city anything.) The city did go pick up the VAC that was purchased. It has already been used a handful of times and worked well so far. The trencher finally showed up as well. It has been used already and worked very well. Would still like to get some more rope for "Blue" but doesn't want to purchase it until Blue has a home inside. At the pool, the outlets and lights are up and working. Also roughed in some wires for security cameras. Chance is asking the council if he should request some quotes from ONSIGHT, or if he should find something online. Council recommends looking into ONSIGHT.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Darin's report started off with letting the council know the tree pile is burned and the area is cleaned up good. The block heater in Big Red is replaced. Chance's wire trailer is finished and ready for him to use. Barry and Anna have gotten the other little trailer about ready for the summer kids to use for pulling mowers. Darin attended the Flood Plain Management Meeting in Chamberlain. Now, between this meeting and talking with the lawyer about the new ordinance, Darin has a better grasp and understanding of what all is going on. More supply trips to Mitchell and more time spent at the pool has happened. Darin is suspecting quite a few more solid days are left for plumbing. Time was spent out at the wet well at the lagoon. 2 call outs were made this month from it. One was an alarm that checked out ok, the other being a power fail at 2:55am. Safety committee is recommending a grinder pump. Having one would cut down on the # of times Darin is climbing in and out of the well to clean in. If the funding comes in, it is in the plans to get one. Darin would also like to see the 25-year-old generator replaced. He also recommends having the switch that moves the electric power to the generator and back either checked over thoroughly or replaced, as this is 25 years old as well. Next week, Darin and Mayor Staller are going to Pierre to voice why we need/deserve the funding (about \$5 million). The pipe has been ordered for the part of Briggs Development. In the end it will be a looped water line, ILO 2 dead ends, approximately 150 ft. The lift station will also be moved. Darin was in talks with Jesse to put a drainage in around the new lumberyard shed and send the water over to drainage water on 1st street, so as not to cause 2st street to flood. He is thinking the city can do the work for approximately \$2500. Darin knows there a problem with curb stops and some service lines. We do not know where all the curb stops, and service lines are located. Will talk more about it at the next meeting if need be. At least 2 main valves need to be added to the water line on North Duff Street. Currently, if the water must be shut off up

there, the whole North side of town must be shut off. Darin is thinking the work could be done by the city. The cost would be \$1500-\$2000 a piece.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Heartland's annual meeting is Madison on April 14th. Maguire Iron was in and will requote the dismantling of the old water tower again. If need be, it was told to Deputy Finance Officer Schmidt that it can be paid for in 2 payments. District III meeting was well attended with 52 signed up. Joe Staller commended Finance Officer Urban and Deputy Finance Officer Schmidt with how smooth and well the meeting went. The railroad will be doing much work and will stockpile on the south side of the railroad, right along Main Street.

EASTER HOLIDAY:

Deputy Finance Officer approached the board with the day off for Easter. She told them the handbook states ½ day for Easter, but last year they approved a full day off. She was ok with either, but had been asked which way the city was going to go. The Council all agreed to stick with the ½ day off for Easter.

RESIGNATION:

Hinckley handed in a letter of resignation. His term will be up month, May of 2022. The council accepted his resignation with thanks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor _____

Attest: Casey Schmidt, Deputy Finance Officer _____