

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Plankinton Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at the Plankinton Senior Center. Mayor John Staller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Brad Kehn, Pam Vissia, Jim Hinckley, and Terry Schuldt. Jason Schurz was absent. Employees present: Eileen Sorsen (Darin Cranny and Chance Boyd, both arrived at 8:00). Visitor was J. P. Studeny from SD Mail.

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Vissia made the motion for agenda approval. Seconded by Schuldt. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Hinckley moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020, regular Council meeting (previously e-mailed to Council). Vissia seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vissia moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020, special Council meeting (previously e-mailed to Council). Hinckley seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to pay bills. Kehn abstained from approval, as he has a bill included. Hinckley made a motion to pay the following bills. Schuldt seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### EFT BILL LIST- PD. AFTER SEPT. 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

BI-WEEKLY PAY 18--\$7,517.53; IRS—Pay 18 941 Tax--\$2,386.95; GW Bank—Sept Bucket Truck Loan--\$3,186.19; BI-WEEKLY PAY 19--\$7,883.27; HEARTLAND CONS. POWER—Elec. Loan Pay 16--\$2,483.36; IRS—Pay 19 941 Tax—2.536.04; IRS-Mayor/Counc. Quar. 3 941 Tax--\$489.62; SDRS—Sept. Retirement--\$2,303.18.

### BILLS PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING AUTHORIZATION

A & B BUSINESS—Copier Contract--\$125.27; AFLAC—Empl. Vol. Ins.--\$181.55; AVERA HEALTH—Oct. Empl. Ins.- \$5,364.30; CENTRAL ELECTRIC—Aug. Wheeling & Ramp Lighting--\$1,590.37; DELTA DENTAL—Oct. Dental Ins.- \$211.00; DEPT. OF ENERGY—Aug. Power Purch.--\$12,676.59; EAST RIVER ELEC.—Aug. Wheeling Fees-- \$3,208.80; GUARDIAN—Oct. Empl. Life, Std., & Ltd. Ins.--\$308.26; HEARTLAND CONS. POWER—Aug. Power Purch.--\$20, 213.99; SD 811—Aug. Message Fees-\$19.95; SD DEPT OF REV—Aug. State Sales Tax--\$4,176.11; VERIZON WIRELESS—8/4-9/3/20 Tower Internet--\$45.08; VISA—Misc. Elec. & F.O. Supplies/mat.--\$650.37.

### BILLS TO PAY AFTER OCTOBER 5 MEETING

AMERIPRIDE—Rug Contract--\$39.79; AURORA-BRULE RURAL WATER—Sept. Water/Debt Ret.--\$11,114.20; AURORA CO. TREAS.—2<sup>nd</sup> ½ 2020 Law Enforcement--\$32,061.62; BARRY GEIMAN—3<sup>rd</sup> Quar. Cell Phone Subsidy--\$150.00; BRAD KEHN—Aug & Sept. Cell Phone Subsidy--\$50.00; BORDER STATES—Elec. Cap. Out. & Supplies--\$4,495.98; CNH INDUSTRIAL CAP.—Oct. Mini Excav/Skid Loader Lease--\$1,434.07; CENTRAL ELEC.—Set 2 Poles--\$1,225.00; CHANCE BOYD—3<sup>rd</sup> Quar. Cell Phone Subsidy--\$150.00; CITY OF PLANKINTON—Met. Dep. Applied to Utility #00-372-02-0--\$33.91; CITY OF PLANKINTON—Met. Dep. Applied to #00-296-02-3--\$241.56; CITY OF PLANKINTON—M. Dep. Applied to Utility #00-169-14-3--\$174.45; CLAY BROUWER—Cemetery (final) Mowing #17--\$1,200.00; DARIN CRANNY—3<sup>rd</sup> Quar. Cell Phone Subsidy--\$150.00; DGR ENGINEERING—Elec. Prof. Serv. @ Overweg Add.--\$413.00; ERICA FETT—Refund Bal. of Meter Dep. #00-296-02-3--\$8.44; FP MAILING SOLUTIONS—Postage Meter-9/20-12/19/20--\$89.85; GOLDEN WEST—Sept. Utilities--\$387.63; HORIZON HEALTH CARE—Employee Drug Screen--\$58.00; KASEY JOHNSON—Refund Peddlers Permit Fee- N/A--\$75.00; LOCATORS & SUPPLIES—Locating Paint--\$464.98; MARCUS HILL—Refund Bal. Met. Dep. #00-169-14-3--\$75.55; MIKE'S CONSTR.—Garbage Service--\$60.00; OVERWEG AUTO—'04 Pickup Repair--\$920.45; PLANKINTON AMBULANCE ASSOC.—Reimb. Covid Cares Funds from State--\$4,105.69; PLANKINTON LUMBER—Supplies & Repair--\$271.57; ROADSIDE C-STORE—Sept. Fuel--\$235.07; RON'S MARKET—Sept. Supplies--\$94.42; SANTEL COMM.—3-yr. Domain Renewal--\$49.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH—Aug. Water Testing--

\$15.00; SD DEPT OF TRANS.—Aug.Diesel Fuel--\$337.53; SD MAIL—Sept. Publishing--\$904.94; STEVE’S WELDING—Mower Repair--\$171.76; STITCH-N-TIME—Safety Shirts--\$63.00; STOCKWELL ENGINEERS—20% Pool B.house Contract--\$2,980.00; SUN\*FLOWERS ETC.—Get Well Bouquet--\$31.95; TECH SOLUTIONS—10/1-10/31/20 IT Contract--\$690.00; TRAVIS FINK—Reimb. Bal. of Meter Dep. #00-81-05-0--\$100.73; VERENDRYE MUSEUM—Library Book (Country Schools)--\$43.00; VERNON NILES—Refund M. Dep. Bal. #00-372-02-0--\$216.09; RANDY STODDARD—Refund Meter Dep.--\$50.00.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

ELEVATOR LAND PURCHASE- Mayor Staller said he is waiting for the last estimate on the city’s property (by the railroad) that the elevator wants to purchase. He found out that Out-lot 6 belongs to Aurora County, so they will have to take care of that.

NUISANCE PROPERTY- Mayor Staller has six properties to call on yet, for legal purposes. He will work on that for the November 2 meeting.

4-WHEELER PURCHASE- Darin hasn’t had time to look for one.

CITY BUILDINGS HAIL DAMAGE- Chad VanLaecken has talked to Brad Kehn, and said our guys need to clean a 10’ x 10’ spot on the City Hall roof, southeast side, to see if there is damage on it. The roof is so dirty that it can’t be accurately checked. Vissia asked how long we have to get repairs done for insurance purposes, and thinks we should wait until early spring. Kehn said the rubber roof needs cooler weather for installation. Mayor asked what the recommendation is- if we want to hire Chad VanLaecken. He asked if we should vote on it. The roll call vote was: Kehn, yes; Hinckley, yes; Vissia, yes; Schuldt, yes. The Council wants to purchase what we can locally, and will ask Mr. VanLaecken to do that. Mayor entertained a motion to hire Chad VanLaecken as Plankinton’s Insurance Claims Specialist. Kehn made a motion to hire Chad. Seconded by Vissia. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ORDINANCE #2020-10- The hearing date for the first reading of the Supplemental Budget Ordinance #2020-10 was set for November 2, 2020 meeting. Second reading & adoption will be at December 7, 2020 meeting. Published on December 17, 2020.

USDA WATER/WASTEWATER GRANT/LOAN- Information was handed out about possible grant or loan money available from USDA. Kehn said he has gotten “hate mail” from a local developer concerning the new development in north Plankinton. It was stated that the Development Corp., the school, and the city all helped pay for the lift station in the school area. No property taxes were assessed to the residents. Hinckley asked if the developer has to pay anything. J.P. Studeny stated that if Jeff was going to put in infrastructure, no one could afford the lots.

ASSESSMENT LETTERS-The Finance Officer sent a letter to County Auditor asking for tax assessments to be added to some residents’ properties. The city employees had to mow certain vacant lots this past mowing season.

TRAIL CAMS- The Utility and Electric Superintendents would like to have trail cams installed at both of the Restricted Use Site, and at the Constr. & Demo. Site. There have been items dumped at the C & D site lately that are not supposed to be there. We do not want the State to take away our dump site privileges due to violations. J. P. Studeny thought the city asked to do this years ago, but never purchased the cameras then. The Council gave their approval to purchase 2 trail cams.

### IT CONTRACT:

Will be discussed further at November 2 meeting.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Was e-mailed to the Mayor and Council.

### VIDEO LOTTERY & C & D SITE FEES:

The Finance Officer checked on Lottery Machine fees. It is set by the State of South Dakota at \$50 per machine. Mayor Staller also stated that our fees for the Westside C & D Site are comparable to other towns.

### PEDDLER'S LICENSE:

The Finance Officer would like to know what to charge for a Peddler's License, and how long one would be in effect. Ordinance 4-8-1 says the fee is \$15, but there has been a change in that fee over the years. To update, the Council wants to charge a fee \$75.00, and the permit would be good for one year. Mr. Taylor will be contacted for the process to update.

### RACE TRACK GROUND RENTAL:

Mayor Staller read a written statement from Jim Page, owner of the Plankinton Elevator. He would like to know if the City would rent the old race track area for some storage of corn from the 2020 harvest. They expect a bumper crop, and need temporary storage room. They would like to rent the south side of the property, running east and west. The area would be 400- 500 feet, and approximately 140 feet wide. Kehn and Hinckley would want to see it re-seeded with alfalfa, to reclaim the damaged areas of our hay grounds. Schuldt said he would be fine with it, if it is repaired after the pile is removed. The Council wants this clause put into the rental contract (to level and re-seed with alfalfa), plus the amount of what we received for rent for 2020. And, the pile would need to be removed by the end of January, 2021. Mr. Taylor would be asked to write up a contract for the city.

### BUILDING PERMITS:

Brad Kehn, Building Supt., signed off on the following building permits: #91720—JOHN & SUSAN DEVANEY—Cement Driveway (24' x 32") & Garage Entrance Pad @ 310 S Duff St.; #91820—CLINT & AMY BULTSMA--Demo. @ 109 S Main St. He stated that Paul Payne's building permit (from last month) was approved after getting a map drawn.

Kehn also said he has received several complaints about the elevator bin being so large. J.P. Studeny said "people forget that we had an elevator there for over 100 years. The railroad doesn't use it, so it is being put to good use".

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Library is closed, due to the school being closed for the Covid 19 outbreak. The librarian is still working on the bar coding of books during this time. He also stated that the company that worked on the I-90 overpass had left without giving us information on their bulk water usage. They have been located and a bill will be sent. The Aqua Zip'N (pool zip-line) has arrived, and is ready to install anytime.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LEGAL, as per SDCL 1-25-2(3):

Mayor Staller entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Kehn made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Hinckley. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Staller declared the Council out of Executive Session at 7:58 p.m., with no action taken.

Darin Cranny, Utility Supt., and Chance Boyd, Electric Supt., arrived at 8:00 p.m.

UTILITY SUPT. REPORT:

The City has received SPN's proposal for the new lift station needed at the Briggs Development. They will design it, and design from each house. Mayor Staller said we have to come up with funding. Darin said Jeff McCormick at SPN is willing to push off the cost of the study (\$38,000) until after the first of the year (next year's budget), and he wondered if he could tell them to get started on it. Mayor Staller is sure the study has to be done before we can apply for grants, he thinks we won't be able to get anything else done for at least 6 months. Hinckley asked about Mr. Bathke's situation, and whether we have taken any action on the sewer issues. Darin said we don't have a quick fix, and had informed him to check elevations before he put the house there. Mayor Staller asked Chance what he still needs to do in the new development. Chance feels about a week of work, and he will need to install two more transformers. They are on hand, but he would like water and sewer installed first. Vissia asked if we could do it next year, as the water and sewer departments are tight for a while. Mayor Staller entertained a motion to carry forward with study, with payment in 2021. Hinckley made the motion to carry forward in 2021. Kehn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked Darin if he had time to look at 4-wheelers, but Darin has been too busy with locates for Golden West fiber optic project. Hinckley asked if Darin needs help finding them, and "maybe we could find someone". Darin said there isn't time, as he has a 72 hour time limit to get locates done. Vissia asked how long the fiber optic will take. Chance said maybe 8 to 10 weeks. Darin would like to get actual maps done of the infrastructure where locates have been done, as there are not good maps available. He doesn't have time to get map documentation of locates he has done, due to the time limit, and the high number he is currently doing. More clay was added to the road at Briggs addition, and the Mayor would like a money figure for one block there. A water leak was found by the ballpark, which has caused some of our previous water loss. Mayor Staller asked if Darin is done with repair at lagoon, and Darin said most of it is. Vissia asked if there is a dust controller to put on some streets that were repaired, and now gravel. Schuldt pointed out that the County Highway Supt. may know where to purchase it. T. J. Scott is wondering where he can bury the Bucher building, and the old Ponderosa is also being taken down. The contractors will dig the holes at the owners' expense. Darin would like to get the road by the creek repaired, so it can be opened again, but hasn't had time.

ELECTRIC SUPT. REPORT:

James from MMUA was here last week and helped get the new elevator bin hooked up. Chance has started installing underground single-phase, but had to go to other places. He is working on the Overweg Auto addition right now. He also stated that transformers are out 4 to 5 months, so would like to know what to order for the pool. There have been lots of locates for the fiber optic project, which are very time consuming. There were a few electric "blinks" this month. A couple were East River's, and we need to get some tree trimming done to prevent more.

The two superintendents are trying to get their priority list done, but all the locates have put them behind. Clean-up days will be done as soon as they can get to it.

Mayor Staller went back to the elevator land value. He received the 3<sup>rd</sup> appraisal on a text during the meeting. Two of the estimates were for \$400, and one was for \$125. He said that when we started this, we would take the average of 3 appraisals. We will ask Mr. Page to pay the \$310 average appraisal, plus all legal fees, and the SPN survey cost. Kehn made a motion to accept this computation. Schuldt seconded it. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Staller adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Signed: John J. Staller, Mayor\_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Eileen Sorsen, Finance Officer\_\_\_\_\_