

CITY OF WORTHING

UNAPPROVED MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Wednesday February 23, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Worthing Community Fire Department with Mayor Hazuka presiding. The following Commissioners were present: Jim Miles, Bernard Zahn, and Denise Nelson. Absent: Joe Weisenbach. Also in attendance: Donna Van Hout, Scott DeWitt, Sheri Lund, Nick Abbas, Jessie Nesseim, Albert Oliver, Corey Strosch, Vicki, Brown, Susan Pfenning, Crystal Miller, Matt Kenyon, Jeremy Jacobson, Denise Hanson, Jon Hanson, and Nate Vander Plaats.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hazuka led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion was made by Miles and seconded by Nelson to approve the February 23, 2022, agenda with changes made and additions. All in favor, motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING-

PLANNING & ZONING-Scott DeWitt updated the commissioners on the Planning & Zoning. They had one building permit for a garage. The city is on track with Sioux Metro to hire a part-time person for economic development.

MAINTENANCE REPORT-

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT-The city office has received only two summer rec forms. They need to be turned in by March 4th. I have started using receipt management and front desk. Once the city goes live on Front Desk, residents will be able to see current minutes, agenda, look up their utility accounts and pay their bills. Still have lots to learn. The city office has a new lock on the front door. Petitions need to be turned in by Friday, February 25th at 5 pm. If no one turns in a petition for the two open positions, Utilities commissioner and Mayor, there are three ways someone could fill the spot, The commissioners appoint someone to the post, a special election could be held, or the commissioners could appoint someone to fill the position until the next city election.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

PUBLIC UTILITIES – No Report

PUBLIC WORKS-No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY-No Report

FINANCE AND REVENUE-No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT- The Mayor attended another meeting with Sioux Metro and several communities on a future wastewater project.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion was made by Nelson to approve the February 7, 2022, minutes. Motion was seconded by Miles. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Zahn to approve the following claims:

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS COMPUTER SUPPORT \$315.46, BOLTE'S SUNRISE SANITARY STREET REPAIRS \$47.93, CARDMEMBER SERVICES FNBSF CREDIT CARD \$704.57, US TREASURY FED/FICA TAX \$1,351.59, GWORKS FRONT DESK/RECEIPT MANAGEMENT \$10,134.00, LENNOX AMBULANCE Donation \$1,000.00, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CHARGES 4 SERVICES-NATURAL GAS \$546.24, OAK STREET STATION LLC SHOP SUPPLIES \$478.00, SD DEPT OF REVENUE JANUARY SALES TAX \$376.27, SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP CHARGES FOR SERVICES-ELECTRIC \$142.99, STAN HOUSTON RENTAL-STREET ROLLER \$1,804.50, Division of Child Support Payroll withholding \$106.56 ,U DRIVE TECHNOLOGY TEXT TOOL MONTHLY BASE \$50.00, WHEELCO DUMPTRUCK \$134.25, XCEL ENERGY CHARGES FOR SERVICES-ELECTRIC \$2,770.52, ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE Inc UPDATE FIRST AID KIT\$143.45, Payroll February 2022, Police \$2,968.68, Mayor & Commissioners \$800.00, Utilities \$3,838.56, Finance \$3,784.54, Planning & Zoning \$650.00.

OLD BUSINESS- After a brief discussion, it was decided that the finance officer will file a registration for the Worthing Days Raffle. This needs to be filed with the SD Secretary of State. The District 3 meeting will be held in Vermillion on March 16th. The finance officer will be attending. Jeremy Jacobson answered any questions the commissioners had on the area the Worthing Fire Department covers. Information from 2020 and 2021 were also discussed. A motion was made by Zahn to approve payment of \$40,370.00 for the Housing Contract – 2022 between the city of Worthing and the Worthing Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Nelson. Roll Call: voting to approve payment-Nelson, Zahn and Hazuka with Miles abstaining. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -A motion was made by Nelson to make a \$500.00 donation to the Lennox After Prom. Motion was seconded by Zahn. All in favor, motion carried. Nate Vander Plaats, City Administrator for Lennox attended the meeting to discuss starting an ambulance district. He answered questions the commissioners had on the subject. Under the district, their goal would be to cover all expenses with money to put in a capital expense fund. A motion was made by Zahn and seconded by Miles to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2022-02-23-01
Resolution of Intent to Establish Ambulance District

WHEREAS, rural communities and townships deserve/are entitled to/expect a professional, staffed Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the Lennox Area Ambulance Service currently serves a 189 square mile territory in northern Lincoln County, South Dakota and eastern Turner County, South Dakota, including the towns of Chancellor, Lennox, and Worthing; and

WHEREAS, billing for services rendered in Emergency Medical Services does not adequately support the financial needs of a modern Emergency Medical Service; and

WHEREAS, shortfalls in funding for the Lennox Community Ambulance are filled through appropriations from the City of Worthing; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature has allowed in SDCL 34-11A for the creation of Ambulance Districts in an effort to fully fund the Emergency Medical Services in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners of Worthing, South Dakota wishes to ensure the long-term financial health of rural Emergency Medical Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commissioners of the City of Worthing hereby declares its intent to be included in the Lincoln-Turner Ambulance District, and calls on the Cities of Chancellor, South Dakota and Lennox, South Dakota to do the same.

FURTHERMORE, the City Commissioners of the City of Worthing hereby requests that the County Commissioners of Lincoln County, South Dakota and Turner County, South Dakota, file a resolution to initiate the establishment of an ambulance district pursuant to SDCL 34-11A-1 and set a Joint Public Hearing in order to consider the petition and, thereafter, that an election be held to establish the Lincoln-Turner Ambulance District.

FURTHERMORE, the City of Worthing respectfully requests that the following areas be included in the proposed Lincoln-Turner Ambulance District (as indicated on the proposed map):

- All Sections, Perry Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota

- All Sections, Grant Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota
- Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, Home Township, Turner County, South Dakota
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Germantown Township, Turner County, South Dakota
- That portion of the City of Chancellor, South Dakota east of 461st Street/3rd Street
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24, Middleton Township, Turner County, South Dakota
- Sections 1 – 18, Delaware Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota
- Sections 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, Delapre Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota
- Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, LaValley Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota
- Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 18 of Lynn Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota
- The entirety of the City of Worthing, South Dakota

FURTHERMORE, the owners of all property to be included within the proposed Lincoln-Turner Ambulance District are as follows:

Adopted this 23rd day of February 2022.

Bradley Hazuka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Van Hout, Finance Officer

Vicki Brown attended the meeting to discuss adjusting her utility bill. She had a water leak. After a brief discussion, a motion was made Miles seconded by Zahn to approve the adjustment of the sewer usage on Vicki Brown's utility bill. The bill would be adjusted to her monthly average which is \$13.75. All in favor, motion carried. The Worthing Equalization Board will meet Monday March 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Worthing Fire Station. All appeals must be filed with the city by Thursday March 17, 2022.

When the city starts using Front Desk, direct payments (ACH) will no longer be an option. All residents will have the option to go to the Front Desk and active their account. When this is done, residents will be able to set up payment information and pay their utility bills. Residents will also be able to see their utility bill and current information, including minutes and agendas. The Finance officer recommended the city pick up the fees for the e-checks. There was a discussion on the subject. The commissioners decided they needed more information. A motion was made by Nelson to table the decision. Motion was seconded by Miles. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-There being no further business before the Commission, Miles motioned to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Motion was seconded by Zahn. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Worthing City Commission will start at 7:00 pm Monday March 7, 2022, at the WORTHING FIRE STATION 403 Louise Ave.

Brad Hazuka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Van Hout, Finance Officer