

CITY OF WORTHING

**APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 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 Abbus, Jessie Nesseim, Albert Oliver, Justice Bauer, Justice Bauer, Trace Bauer, Jesse Fonkert, Pam Simpson, Matt Kenyon, Kristy Tripp, Ed Kaltenbach, and Marcia Kaltenbach.

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 March 7, 2022, agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT – No Report

OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING-

PLANNING & ZONING-No Report

MAINTENANCE REPORT-No Report

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT- The city office only received 14 summer rec forms, 5 for Coach Pitch, 2 for Peewee, 3 for Little League 9—10, one for Little League 11-12, and 3 for softball 7-8. A reminder will be put on the city Facebook page. If no more forms are dropped off at the city office, the checks will be returned. The finance officer will be attending a SEFOG meeting on March 9th and two election zoom classes the week of March 14th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

PUBLIC UTILITIES – No Report

PUBLIC WORKS-No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY-No Report

FINANCE AND REVENUE-No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT- The Mayor has been watching HB 1033. This bill involves money for the SD Housing Opportunity Fund. This has passed the House Floor.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion was made by Miles to approve the February 23, 2022, minutes. Motion was seconded by Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.

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

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS Planning & Zoning Laptop \$1,253.56, ACE HARDWARE LENNOX Shop Supplies \$79.98, CITY OF WORTHING Utilities 164.24, DELTA DENTAL Insurance \$91.00, US TREASURY FED/FICA TAX \$1,145.60, FRIEBERG, NELSON & ASK LLP Legal \$533.48, HEALTH POOL OF SD HEALTH INSURANCE \$2,562.00, LINCOLN CO AUDTOR 911 and Dispatch Services \$1,050.60, RBS SANITATION CHARGES FOR SERVICES-GARBAGE \$4,101.11, SANDHILLS CLOUD WEB SUPPORT \$52.00, SDRS Retirement \$876.56, SEAFOG 2022 Annual Fees \$40.00, SOUTH LINCOLN RURAL WATER CHARGES FOR SERVICES-WATER \$4,793.10, DOCS Payroll Withholding \$52.72, STOCKWELL ENGINEERS ENGINEERING SERVICES \$761.13, VAST BUSINESS Phone \$514.55, WORTHING COMMUNITY FIRE DEPT HOUSING CONTRACT FOR 2022 \$40,370.00, LENNOX AFTER PROM DONATION \$500.00.

OLD BUSINESS- The commissioners discussed what the charges will be when the city switches over to FrontDesk. No action taken. The equalization board will meet Monday March 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Worthing Fire Station. If you would like to file an appeal, you can file online on the Lincoln County website or forms can be picked up at the city office. The appeals have to be turned in by March 17, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS – City wide rummage sale will be held May 5, 6, & 7, 2022. Justice and Trace Bauer attended the meeting to discuss their Eagle Scout projects. Trace would like to plant and care for trees at the Rec Complex for his Eagle Scout project. Justice’s project would involve placing signs for each tree listing the kind of tree and other information. A motion was made by Miles to support the boys in their Eagle Scout projects. Motion was seconded by Nelson. All in favor, motion carried. The city will assist anyway they can. The election is set for April 12, 2022. Two petitions were turned in for the one commissioner’s seat. Jennifer Edwards and Albert Oliver will be on the ballot for this seat. Crystal Jacobson turned in a petition for the Mayors position. She is unopposed and will be the next Mayor. The city will hold an election on April 12, 2022. Denise Hanson will be the Precinct Superintendent for the election board. A motion was made by Miles and seconded by Zahn to canvas the votes on Monday March 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the city hall. The Finance Officer will be on vacation the week of April 11th.

Jessie Fonkert with Sioux Metro attended the meeting to discuss with the commissioners about having a housing study done. The last one was done in 2014. He recommends that cities have the study done every three years. Jesse explained why this study is important for the future projects, including applying for grants. 50% of the cost for the housing can be paid for with a grant from the SD Housing Development Association, 25% would be paid for by SECOG and 25% would be paid for by the city. The cities cost would run around \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. A motion was made by Nelson to apply for the grant to pay for the housing study thru SDHDA. Motion was seconded by Miles. All in favor, motion carried.

Matt Kenyon attended the meeting to discuss his plans to open a medical cannabis manufacturing plant in Worthing. The cannabis ordinance the city has in place does not include manufacturing. He answered any questions the commissioners had. A motion was made by Zahn and seconded by Miles to approve amending the current ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. This is the first step in the process.

A motion was made by Miles and seconded by Nelson to go into executive session at 7:40. All in favor, motion carried, stating reason number 6, discussing marketing or pricing strategies by a board or commission of a business owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions, when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business.

A motion was made by Miles and seconded by Nelson to come out of executive session at 8:05. All in favor, motion carried. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT–There being no further business before the Commission, Miles motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion was seconded by Zahn. All in favor, motion carried.

The equalization board will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 21, 2022. All appeals must be turned in by March 17, 2022.

The next regular meeting of the Worthing City Commission will start at 7:00 pm Monday March 21, 2022, at the WORTHING FIRE STATION 403 Louise Ave.

Brad Hazuka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Van Hout, Finance Officer