

Unapproved Minutes
Gettysburg, South Dakota
August 5, 2008

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in regular session on August 4, 2008 at 7:10 PM at the City Finance Office. Those present included Mayor Jack Axsom, Council members Pat Everson, Phil Nagel and Bill Wuttke , Natalie Harer and absent Fran VanBockel. Also present was Chief of Police, Joe Senyak, Russell Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor, Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer, Gene King, Patrolman, Jackie Haugen, Corey Brown, GWBD, and Beth Hamburger EMT.

Motioned by Wuttke seconded by Harer, motion carried to approve the minutes from July 7 with no corrections noted.

Finance Officer Eliason asked for a motion to transfer contingency funds to supplement the swimming pool. Motioned by Harer, seconded by Everson, motion carried to transfer \$25,000.00 from contingency to Swimming pool to cover unforeseen expenditures of rewiring and extra concrete expenditures and supplies.

Motioned by Wuttke seconded by Harer, motion carried to approve accounts payable. The following bills arrived later and Finance Officer Eliason asked for permission to issue a check later for the following :

Dell computer---computer for weather station--\$499.00, Gas N Goodies-safety meeting supplies and Police car washes---\$44.04, Cam Wall Electric—welcome sign—\$9.50 True Value—supplies—\$211.83 ,Emily Sovell---professional fees--\$70.00 –Jack Axsom for 2 days workshop--\$150.00 (thru payroll) for a total of \$984.37.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Payroll Expense by Department:

Total Payroll Expense by Department		
Mayor & Council	July Payroll	4,092.50
Finance Office	July Payroll	3,295.98
Police	July Payroll	5,321.42
Streets	July Payroll	3,742.71
Snow Removal	July Payroll	00.00
Garbage	July Payroll	864.96
Airport	July Payroll	240.42
Swimming Pool	July Payroll	8,437.50
Parks	July Payroll	1,310.75
Water	July Payroll	2,360.36
Sewer	July Payroll	1,282.51
Ambulance	July Payroll	1,500.00
West Nile	July Payroll	141.57
Total Payroll Expense by Department		32,590.68

Net Payroll		26,187.52
AVERA ST LUKES	PROF SERVICE	63.50
BANK OF THE WEST	WITHHOLDING	3,185.09
BANK OF THE WEST	WITHHOLDING	3,864.98
BANK OF THE WEST	SAFETY BOX	10.00
BARB DELANGE	WATER DEP REFUND	100.00
BEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER MAINT	24.00
BLIESE MACHINE SHOP	SUPPLIES & LABOR	23.00
BUSINESS FORMS	LASER CKS	82.48
BUTLER MACHINERY	MAINT SUPPLIES	108.11
CENEX FLEET FUELING CARD	AMBULANCE FUEL	265.85
CITY OF GETTYSBURG	PETTY CASH –SPOOL	58.44
CITY OF GETTYSBURG	PETTY CASH REIMB	49.49
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	AMBULANCE	376.40
DAKOTA BACKUP	FO BACKUP	27.31
DAKOTA FARM & RANCH	SUPPLIES	361.22
DAKOTA FIRE EQUIP	EXTINGUISHER RECKS	256.55
DENR	GERBER	10.00
DUCKWALLS	SUPPLIES	136.23
FARM PLAN	SUPPLIES	705.03
GALL'S	POLICE SUPPLIES	49.99
GETTYSBURG COLLISION	REPAIRS	1,647.11
GETTYSBURG DEVELOPMENT	TRIPLE B TAX	2,814.88
GETTYSBURG MEMORIAL HOSP	RN-AMBULANCE	75.00
GETTYSBURG TV & APPLIANCE	SUPPLIES	39.98
HAWKINS	POOL SUPPLIES	2,490.77
HEARTLAND WASTE	GARBAGE	4,205.27
HETTINGER MOBRIDGE CANDY	POOL SUPPLIES	118.72
JACK AXSOM	MILEAGE	60.60
JOHN FELTS	WATER DEP REFUND	55.00
JOAN POWELL	QUICK CLAIM DEED	1.00
KEN STIEGELMEIER	WATER DEP REFUND	92.00
LOGAN ELECTRIC	BATTERY CHGER	222.99
MCLEODS PRINTING	TRAFFIC TICKETS	46.23
MCLEODS PRINTING	POLICE SUPPLIES	95.08
MICHAEL TODD	SUPPLIES	984.40
MIDWAY PARTS	MISC SUPPLIES	218.58
MID DAKOTA	WATER	11,977.10
MN WIRELESS	AIRPORT	69.00
MONTANA DAK UTILITIES	ELECTRICITY	448.92
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NEW CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	364.80
NORTHERN PLAINS COOP	SUPPLIES	75.00
POTTER CO TREAS	TELETYPE	900.00
POTTER CO NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	319.49

POTTER CO REG OF DEEDS	QUICK CLAIM DEED	10.00
PRAXAIR	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	127.92
RED RIVER GRAIN	SUPPLIES	128.06
RAMADA	EXCEL-ELIASON	46.50
RDP CONSTRUCTION	POOL SUPPLIES	2,058.25
RED RIVER GRAIN	SUPPLIES	335.59
RIPS REPAIR	POLICE SUPPLIES	69.45
ROBBENNOLT, LAURIE	AMB FUEL	178.74
ROBERT BUECHLER	POLICE DUTY	774.25
SCHATZ REPAIR	SUPPLIES	562.91
SCHLACHTER LUMBER	SUPPLIES	35.95
SCOTT POWERS	POLICE DUTY	631.54
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	TAX GARBAGE	537.59
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER SAMPLES	204.00
SD RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT	2,301.99
SENYAK, JOE	LODGING FOR POLICE	150.00
SERVALL UNIFORM	FO RUGS	55.92
SUCCESS SURVEYING	FIREHALL& RESCUE	525.00
THOMSON-WEST	POLICE SUPPLIES	60.50
US POSTMASTER	STAMPS	159.30
USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT	FIREHALL LOAN	25,122.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	DEPT PHONES	572.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	179.67
WUTTKE, BILL	CANDY-POOL	169.85
WUTTKE, BILL	CANDY-POOL	45.48
VILAS DRUG	HEP B SHOT	205.59
TOTAL CHECKS		101,914.60

The Guidelines for the Firehall & Rescue unit meeting room was discussed with the following rules:

1. Meetings for cooperatives would be allowed at the discretion of the City Council.
2. Only business or civic groups consisting of adults. Any persons under the age of 18 be supervised by responsible adults.
3. Not available for personal or social events.
4. Request permission at least ten (10) days prior to meeting date from City Finance Office with the possibility of being disallowed three days prior to date of meeting in event Fireman or EMT's have a scheduled meeting.
5. Person requesting meeting be responsible for opening, closing and clean up. Any violation allows for denial for future use.
6. Parking in assigned area only (map)
7. Key to meeting room may be picked up the day of the meeting, and returned by noon 12:00 pm the following date of usage.
8. The City reserves the right to refuse any group use of meeting room.

A form with the rules will be available at the City Finance Office that must be signed by

the organization's representative before a meeting can be scheduled. A sign out sheet is then signed and a key will be given out.

A carpenter will be hired to change the bathrooms so the building will be secure at all times. The keys that will be given out only open the meeting room and the other locks will be changed and keys given out accordingly. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Harer to approve the guidelines and Council member Everson will contact carpenters and give them directions on what is to be changed.

Corey Brown, Executive director for GWBD Corporation was present to answer any questions regarding economic development. Corey also presented a budget request for \$30,000.00 plus the triple b funds. An increase is needed to help fund some new projects that Corey updated the Council on. Corey will be taking a grant writing class in the near future and then will be helping the City to obtain grants. The City of Gettysburg has been selected to host Capital for a Day sometime in September. The Governor and 60 members

of his staff will be coming to Gettysburg with a tour scheduled around 2:00 PM, with open house at the school gym at 4:30 with the students, dinner for the public at 5:30 with the Governor speaking to the community at around 6:00 PM. If the City could sponsor the

meal it would cost up to \$2500.00. Motioned by Everson seconded by Wuttke, motion carried for the City to sponsor the dinner meal. Corey Brown is in charge of all arrangements and has met with the Governors staff to coordinate this event. The date will be sometime in September.

Joe Senyak stated that the ambulance radios are now programmed and Curt Reese will be here Tuesday at 1:30 to answer any questions regarding the pagers. There have been some

questions regarding scooters. Any scooter that is less than 50cc can be driven without a motorcycle license but you do have to have a regular driving license and anyone under 18 is required to wear a helmet. Gene King, City Patrolman stated that the pet clinic registered 58 pets and 82 animals were seen by the Vet from Selby. Gene King also updated the Council regarding code enforcement. One property that is not in compliance has been turned over to the City Attorney and Emily Sovell will be filling out the necessary documents to proceed in court.

The City received notice from the State Fire Marshall that the City Auditorium is not safe in the basement area and should not be utilized for anything except the bathroom facilities. Paul Merriman, Fire Code Specialist, stated" that the basement should only be used for maintenance purposes or possibly storage but not for human occupancy under the current conditions due to fire code safety reasons". Officer King stated that he did observe

the Youth Center using the basement area for crafts and that he did ask them to please leave the area. A letter will be sent to the secretary of the Oahe Youth Center informing them that the basement shall not be utilized for any activities due to safety reasons.

Beth Hamburger stated that another EMT training seminar is needed. Ryan Lake has resigned and David Nusz will be leaving for Mitchell in the near future and we will be short on EMT's. Beth Hamburger and Janet Goeke Cronin will be attending the workshops that will be instructing EMT's on entering all the information on the computer to the state regarding ambulance calls. No names are given to the state but all the information is given to them regarding the number of emergency calls and the type of calls

that our ambulance responds to. Beth Hamburger will be taking the EMT training course and then she will be able to help Chuck Willey train new EMT's. Beth asked about the cleaning of the Firehall & Rescue Unit. Council member Everson stated that between all the fireman and the EMT's that a schedule of cleaning should be posted and they can take turns cleaning. Motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Harer, motion carried to allow another EMT class to be held and to advertise as such in the PCNews when the training will take place. Motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Harer, motion carried to approve the ambulance write offs in the amount of 80.00.

Russell Anderson stated that the State has strongly suggested that everyone spray their own yard for mosquitoes and with the City also spraying it will help to possibly cut down on the large number of mosquitoes. This is the time of the year to be very careful regarding the West Nile virus as it has been proven that most cases are in August. The Finance Officer was instructed to call the PC News to have the public help in spraying for mosquitoes. Russell Anderson stated that Bryson and Custer need a culvert installed to help redirect water run off after a rain. Motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Harer, motion carried to install about 300 ft of culvert at a cost of around \$5000.00. Motioned by Harer, seconded by Everson, motion carried to hire a survey of Custer to be done. Mayor Axsom will contact a surveyor and schedule it. Success Survey just completed the FireHall and Rescue survey for our loan requirements. In Huron at state surplus they have a JD Crawler, 750D, 1978 6 cyl diesel, 12' dozer lade with 1,393 hours on it for a purchase price of \$8,700.00. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Harer, motion carried to purchase this.

There being no other bid received, motioned by Harer, seconded by Nagel motion carried to accept the following fuel bid from Northern Plains Coop: Super unleaded --\$3.70, No lead--\$ 3.80-- # 2---4.08 and # 1---\$4.13.

The City paid off the loan for the water treatment plant so therefore we need to declare as surplus the following:

1. Mid point land --.26 acres Plat of Lot X, Beringer's Addition in the SouthWest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty (20) in Township One hundred Eighteen (118) north, Range Seventy six (76) West of the 5th PM, Potter County.
2. 6.10 acres (old city water plant and lagoon area) Plat of Lot X- Worth's addition in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter Section (15), Township One

Hundred Eighteen (118) North, Range Seventy Eight (78) West of the 5th PM, Potter County. and then the inlet pump house. The City will salvage as much as possible and then clear the area so it won't be advertised for bids until this is done. Motioned by Harer, seconded by Wuttke, motion carried to declare the above as surplus property and to have our Maintenance crew start the dismantling process.

The former Odd Fellows hall is now the City's property and we need to declare this property as surplus and then the City will advertise for bids with a time lime to have it demolished. Motioned by Everson, seconded by Harer, motion carried to declare this as surplus property: Lot 1 and Lot 2 Block Twenty Five Bryson's Addition of the City of Gettysburg.

The City received notice from Mid Dakota that they will be implementing an 8 to 9% increase for Water as of Jan 1, 2009. This will be around \$10,000.00 increase for our budget year of 2009. Last year Mid Dakota did an increase of around \$6,000.00 and the City did not increase water rates to its customers and it was suggested that this time that we should increase our rates by ten cents per hundred. Motioned by Everson, seconded by Nagel to table this until a later meeting.

The Swimming pool closing date will be approximately the 23rd of August.

The City Airport had the crack sealing done last week. The airport was inspected by the State on July 29 by Jason Engbrecht and there were no deficiencies and they stated that it is being maintained very well and in very good condition. The weather system will be installed this next week.

Resolution 2008-4 was presented to the Council. This resolution supports the municipal League staff to lobby for the City of Gettysburg. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Harer motion carried to support the following resolution:

2008-4 Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GETTYSBURG

WHEREAS, Initiated Measure # 10 would prohibit any city from paying dues to any association that lobbies;

WHEREAS, it is far more efficient and cost effective to join together with our fellow ciites through the SD Municipal League for coordinated communication with the Legislature than to have each city stand alone;

WEHEREAS, the costs to the taxpayers of having each city monitor, report and travel to Pierre to participate in the Legislative Session would be much greater than any dues to the South Dakota Municipal League;

WHEREAS, coordinated communication with Legislators leads to more efficiency in the Legislative process and has saved millions in dollars in taxpayer funds;

WHEREAS, restricting the ability of South Dakotans to support candidates and communicate with their elected public officials is a violation of their right to freedom of speech;

WHEREAS, the measure will be challenged in court and will most likely be found to be unconstitutional, costing millions of dollars in taxpayer money;

WHEREAS, Initiated Measure # 10 does not limit State government-paid lobbyists, out-of state lobbyists, or corporate lobbyists, but only stifles coordinated voices for local control;

WHEREAS, the City of Gettysburg finds that municipal officials throughout South Dakota are dedicated, honest and ethical people with the best interests of their cities in mind and that cities take great pride in providing open, honest government to our citizens;

WHEREAS, the thousands and thousands of South Dakotans who do business with the State, Cities, Counties and other governmental entities should not be penalized for providing such services;

WHEREAS, civic groups who work to better their community, and often require local funding to provide their services should not be prohibited from communicating their needs to local public servants;

WHEREAS, the forces supporting Initiated Measure # 10 will not reveal the source of their funding, leaving the reasonable assumption that out of state special interests are once again attempting to hijack the South Dakota ballot and abuse our initiative process;

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Gettysburg strongly opposes Initiated Measure # 10 and urges the citizens of South Dakota to vote "No" on the measure.

Adopted this 4th day of August 2008 at the meeting of the City Council.

Mayor, Jack Axsom

An overall review of the budget for 2009 was discussed. Quarterly totals and cash balance for June was given to the Council.

Sandy Ackerman resigned from the Council due to health reasons as of June 21,2008.
Motioned by Harer, seconded by Everson, motion carried to regretfully accept her resignation.

Correspondence included a thank you from Steve Buechler –125th reunion- Steve stated that he appreciated all that the maintenance dept did to help spruce up Gettysburg.

In round table discussion Council member Wuttke stated that he had someone ask why Court Street now has axle limits on it. The county did this posting.

There being no other business motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Nagel, motion carried to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

ATTEST:

WITNESS:

Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer

Jack Axsom, Mayor