

Unapproved Minutes  
Gettysburg, South Dakota  
August 18, 2008

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in special session on August 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the City Finance Office. Those present included Mayor Jack Axsom, Council members Pat Everson, Natalie Harer, Bill Wuttke, Frances VanBockel and Philip Nagel. Also present was Russell Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor, Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer, and City Police Chief Joseph Senyak.

The following building permit was presented to the council for their review:

Kirk Hansen Cold storage building Lots 1 & 2 Block 14 Original Town  
Motioned by Everson, seconded by Wuttke, motion carried to approve the building permit.

The proposed budget was presented to the Council for their review. Each department was reviewed. Council member Wuttke stated that we need we have someone review the auditorium to see what needs to be done so it is in compliance and then proceed accordingly. We receive \$1.00 in income from the Oahe Youth Center for rent of the auditorium and we pay all utilities except heat. Council member Wuttke will contact Dean Marske for verbal estimate of his fees and a projected cost estimate of what needs to be done and then the Council can decide how to proceed.

The water main loan was discussed. The total amount due on the loan is \$444,763.78.

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City pays 4.5% interest on this loan and we receive approximately 2.8% interest on investments. If the City would pay the loan off early we could save 153,530.94 in interest.

First reading of Ordinance 2008-08-10 this would transfer monies from General to Water in order to pay the loan off. Motioned by Everson, seconded by Harer motion carried with the second reading at the September meeting.

Council member Wuttke stated that he has had inquires regarding the \$13.00 basic water fee. He stated that it was implied that if the City won the lawsuit against the Corp that the basic fee would be dropped. But the City did not win the lawsuit. The monies to pay off the water treatment plant loan was paid out of the general fund and when the City can afford it we need to transfer extra funds from the Water dept back to the General fund. Council member Wuttke stated that he would like to see the water and sewer fees stay the same for charges. Mid Dakota notified the City that they would be increasing prices up 8 to 9% as of January 1, 2009. The last time Mid Dakota raised their prices the City did not increase water rates and this time the City will be forced to increase prices. The City of Gettysburg has not had any repairs or improvements on the water tower and this also needs to be done in the future and it could be very costly and we need to plan for it.

It was also discussed that we need to incorporate the increase from Mid Dakota but also the cost of fuel and supplies that have taken a drastic increase. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Harer, motion carried ( VanBockel-nay) to approve a 5 cent increase per 100 gallons of water to cover the increases. This will be the first reading of Ordinance 2008-8-11 with the second reading at the first meeting in September. This increase will go into effect January 1, 2009.

Mayor Axsom stated that grants will be very hard to obtain in the future and the City needs repairs on the sewer system.

After going through each department, the Finance Officer will make the changes that were noted and the first reading of 2009 Budget Ordinance 2008-8-9 was presented to the Council. Motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Nagel, motion carried to accept this first reading with the second reading at the meeting in September.

Since the next Council meeting date is on Labor Day it was discussed to change the meeting date to September 2, 2008. Motioned by Harer, seconded by VanBockel, motion carried to have the meeting date changed to Tuesday September 2, 2008.

Round table discussion was next. Council member VanBockel discussed the drainage on Cottage street that one culvert is undersized and needs to be changed to allow better drainage. Council member VanBockel also discussed code enforcement. This will be discussed again at the next council meeting.

Mayor Axsom stated that the AWOS weather system is being installed at the airport.

There being no other business motioned by Nagel, seconded by Wuttke, motion carried to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Attest:

Witness:

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Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer

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Jack Axsom, Mayor

