

Unapproved Minutes  
 Gettysburg, South Dakota  
 November 3, 2008

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in regular session on November 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the City Finance Office. Those present included Mayor Jack Axsom, Council members Phil Nagel and Bill Wuttke, Fran VanBockel, Peggy Lehman and absent Pat Everson. Also present was Russell Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor, Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer, Gene King, Patrolman, and Corey Brown, Gettysburg-Whitlock Bay Development Corp Executive Director.

Motioned by Wuttke seconded by Nagel, motion carried to approve the minutes from October 6th, with noted correction of Peggy Lehman seated as Council member to replace Sandra Ackerman's vacated seat until the next municipal election to be held in 2010.

Motioned by Nagel seconded by VanBockel, motion carried to approve accounts payable with the following late bills that will be paid in November: True Value...220.85, Emily Sovell...60.00, In Stitches...131.21, and Holzwarth Sales 107.80 for a total of \$519.86.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Payroll Expense by Department:

Total Payroll Expense by Department		
Mayor & Council	September Payroll	3615.00
Finance Office	September Payroll	3,229.82
Police	September Payroll	5,321.42
Streets	September Payroll	3,025.09
Snow Removal	September Payroll	00.00
Garbage	September Payroll	818.25
Airport	September Payroll	00.00
Swimming Pool	September Payroll	00.00
Parks	September Payroll	114.41
Water	September Payroll	4,896.52
Sewer	September Payroll	718.78
Ambulance	September Payroll	00
West Nile	September Payroll	00.00
<b>Total Payroll Expense by Department</b>		<b>21,739.29</b>

Net Payroll		16,728.68
AXSOM, JACK	MILEAGE-(2) MEETING	143.33
BANK OF THE WEST	WITHHOLDING	2,041.41
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BEETSCH CONSTRUCTION	LABOR-FIREHALL	2,798.61
BEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER MAINT	24.00

BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA	ANDERSON-WORKSHOP	235.00
BLIESE MACHINE SHOP	SUPPLIES & LABOR	215.90
CAM-WAL ELECTRIC	WELCOME SIGN	9.50
CENEX FLEET FUELING CARD	AMBULANCE FUEL	446.67
CITY OF GETTYSBURG	WATER OUTREAD- KIRK	65.00
CITY OF GETTYSBURG	PETTY CASH	49.72
CROSSROADS	DAKOTA SPIRIT AWARD	136.00
DAKOTA BACKUP	FO BACKUP	29.83
DAKOTA FARM & RANCH	SUPPLIES	429.42
DAKOTA CARE INS.	HEALTH INS.	4,303.63
DENR	GERBER-CERTIFICATION	10.00
DUCKWALLS	SUPPLIES	49.64
ELIASON, SHARLEEN	MILEAGE-PIERRE	70.20
ELIASON, SHARLEEN	MILEAGE(PIERRE, RAPID)	321.73
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER PAYMENT	5,750.00
EMERGENCY MED PRODUCTS	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	553.15
FARM PLAN	SUPPLIES	775.53
GALL'S	POLICE SUPPLIES	333.92
GETTYSBURG BAKERY	CAPITOL FOR A DAY	311.78
GETTYSBURG COLLISION CENTER	MAINT SUPPLIES	172.95
GETTYSBURG DEVELOPMENT	TRIPLE B TAX	1,538.88
GETTYSBURG MEMORIAL	RN FEES AMBULANCE	75.00
GOVERNORS INN	AXSOM-SDML MEETING	130.00
HAMBURGER, BETH	AMBULANCE COMPUTER	1,260.32
IN STITCHES	SUPPLIES	65.00
INSURANCE BENEFITS	AIRPORT INS.	1,581.00
LAMB MOTOR COMPANY	AMBULANCE ,VISOR	126.67
LEBANON 125 <sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION	DONATION	125.00
LOGAN ELECTRIC	MOVING SIRENS	17,346.98
LOMHEIM REPAIR	LABOR	35.00
MID DAKOTA	WATER	11,368.80
MN WIRELESS	INTERNET	69.00
MIDWAY PARTS	MAINT SUPPLIES	138.84
MONTANA DAK UTILITIES	ELECTRICITY	3,536.20
NECOG	MEETING	16.00
NEW CREATIONS	SUPPLIES	227.40
NORTHERN PLAINS COOP	FUEL	3,258.75
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	SUPPLIES	2,019.39
ONE CALL	LOCATES	30.00
RED RIVER GRAIN	CHEMICALS	43.09
RIPS REPAIR	OIL CHANGE POLICE	35.95
SCHLACHTER LUMBER	SUPPLIES	20.25
SD DEPT OF LABOR	UNEMPLOYMENT	70.40
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	TAX GARBAGE	316.24
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER SAMPLES	36.00
SD RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT	2,312.51

SERVALL UNIFORM	FO RUGS	37.10
TITAN MACHINERY	SUPPLIES	388.19
TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	268.92
US POSTMASTER	STAMPS	162.54
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	DEPT PHONES	542.26
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	180.97
TOTAL CHECKS		86,148.60

Joe Beetsch has finished the remodeling of the bathrooms for the meeting room at the new Firehall & Rescue Center. This needed to be done to be able to have a secure firehall and to able to utilize the meeting room.

Finance Officer Eliason gave the oath of Office to Peggy Lehman for Council Member for Ward 1 replacing Sandra Ackerman.

Corey Bown, Executive Director Gettysburg Whitlock Bay Economic Development Corp presented to the Council the profit and loss and balance sheet for the Development Corp. Corey noted to the Council that he received a US Dept of Agriculture grant for an additional amount of \$44,000.00 in their lending capability and that an interested party is possibly bringing their business to Gettysburg that would create 5 new jobs for the Gettysburg Area. He also stated that he is working with NESDAK, which will increase our revolving loan fund capabilities.

Corey discussed with the Council a beautification project that he has been working on. John Irvine, AACE Property Maintenance & Housing inspector from Pierre inspected a building at 123 E. Commercial Ave for the GWBDC. He stated that he recommended that the building should be razed to prevent any further damage to the adjacent building. He felt that the building poses a nuisance to the community and is unsafe. Corey Brown stated that they have an option to purchase the building until January for the amount due yet of \$2500.00. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by VanBockel, motion carried (nay-Wuttke) to take over the option from the GWBDC in the amount of \$2500.00. It was discussed that the City could have the building torn down and then it will be available as a prime lot on Commercial Avenue. But Corey will have to clear this with his board first.

**The next day the Finance Officer called Municipal League regarding land purchase-our council has six council seats so we must have a quorum of 4 ayes to purchase land even if one council member has resigned. So motion did not pass (3 ayes 1 nay) and will have to be discussed at the next council meeting.**

Police report was given by Gene King in the absence of Police Chief Senyak. Gene King will be going to Pierre to a law enforcement meeting in the near future. Gene King stated that he is working on sending out code enforcement letters.

Russell Anderson stated that the citywide cleanup project was very well received. The maintenance crew has been working at the water treatment plant and it is just about completed. Russell Anderson stated that Box Elder State Surplus called and they have a 1987 International Truck on hand for \$ 13,500.00. Motioned by Wuttke, seconded by Nagel , motion carried to authorize purchase of this truck.

There being no other bid received, motioned by Nagel seconded by Lehman, motion carried to accept the following fuel bid from Northern Plains Coop: Super unleaded \$2.28 , no lead \$2.35, # 2—\$2.65 and # 1 \$ 2.81.

The following demolition permit was presented to the Council for their review:

Leonard Schatz 2 houses on 212 East Commercial Ave

This was previous given approval by the Mayor, Council member Wuttke and Maint Supervisor Anderson but it still needed to be approved at a regular meeting.

Motioned by VanBockel, seconded by Wuttke, motion carried to approve this demolition permit. Since the water treatment plant area is just about demolished it was discussed if the Council would like to seek bids or have a public auction. Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Lehman, motion carried to have a public auction for this property. It is for two separate pieces of property one property has .26 acres and the other has 6.10 acres.

The City received a quitclaim deed from Dr. Steve Buechler for the property formerly known as the “Hut”. This property is located: the south forty-five feet of Lot 1, Block twenty five Bryson’s addition to the City of Gettysburg and the City will tear down the property. Motioned by VanBockel, seconded by Nagel, motion carried to accept this quit claim deed. Motioned by Lehman, seconded by VanBockel, motion carried to have this building demolished.

Ambulance write offs in the amount of \$204.00 was presented to the Council. This amount is for oxygen not covered under Medicare. Our ambulance was taking a patient to Bismarck and needed assistance from paramedics twenty-three miles from Bismarck. The paramedics joined our ambulance crew and the City received a bill from Metro Ambulance Service from Mandan for \$ 636.65. Deputy Finance Officer Nagel did check with them and also with Medicare. Metro is not allowed to bill Medicare because they went in our ambulance. Metro Area Ambulance sent a mutual aid agreement for the City of Gettysburg to sign. Motioned by Wuttke to send this agreement to Emily Sovell for approval. Motion died for lack of a second. Motioned by VanBockel, seconded by Lehman, motion carried to approve this agreement. In the agreement the Gettysburg Ambulance Service agrees that the requesting service will receive the lesser amount equal to:

1. the requesting services customary BLS charges
- or
2. 50% of the final reimbursed base rate and prorated mileage.

It was also noted that the Gettysburg City Ambulance received a request from National Association Letter carriers to accept the expedited price listing for one of their subscribers

This would be a write off in the amount of \$183.48. Our policy is that we only accept

assignments from Medicare, Welfare and Blue Cross. The Council stated to continue our policy and notify NLC that we will not accept their assignment.

In round table the Mayor stated that he received information from Gene King regarding flights to our airport from Suttons Bay and the number of flights that had to be diverted to Pierre because our airport runway is not long enough to accommodate some jets.

Quarterly reports were given to the Council.

In round table discussion Mayor Axsom stated that Beth Hamburger requested in behalf of the EMT's for the new Firehall & Rescue Unit floor to be refurbished. It needs to be buffed and Council member Wuttke will check with Frost to see if he will do the project.

Motioned by Nagel, seconded by Lehman, motion carried to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

ATTEST:

WITNESS:

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Sharleen Eliason, Finance Officer

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Jack Axsom, Mayor