

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in regular session on May 2, 2022, at 7:00PM at the City Finance Office in Gettysburg, SD and via ZOOM. Those present were Mayor Bill Wuttke, Philip Nagel, Michael Fischer (via ZOOM), Eric Ellwanger, Kelly Archer, and Seth Warner. Also present were Dave Mogard, Chief of Police, Greg Gerber, Maintenance Supervisor, Sheila Schatz, Finance Officer, Maria Mogard, Deputy Finance Officer, Kara Williams, Economic Development, Mercedes Lemke, HS Ag Teacher and Students: Makaivry Schatz, Hannah Sundberg, and Megan Hermann, Todd Goldsmith, KLJ Engineering (via phone), Jeree Meyers, RDO, and a few participants (via ZOOM).

Mayor Wuttke called the meeting of the 114th Council to order.

Moved by Nagel, Ellwanger seconded, to amend and approve the May 2, 2022, proposed agenda to include the West Nile Grant. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Archer to amend minutes of the April 4, 2022, council meeting to include the entire discussion that was had regarding county-wide law enforcement and not just the motion, itself, which was passed. Discussion. Nagel seconded the motion made by Archer. Schatz will pull up the April 4, 2022, council meeting and type the discussion had regarding county-wide law enforcement and have Archer and Nagel approve said amendment. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (See amendment to April 4, 2022, meeting minutes below.)

04-04-22 Amended meeting minutes (page 4, paragraph 5) to include full discussion on the county-wide law enforcement. Amendment reviewed and approved by Archer and Nagel. Amendment is as follows:

Nagel: This should have been old business, so I apologize for that. We've brought up the county-wide law enforcement thing, and I don't know if anyone talked to anyone or looked into this anymore, but I did visit with Curt pretty good last week. If we were to go county-wide, he would want his full staff of (3), which right now he has only got (2), but to go county-wide, he would want (2) more. So, he is already short-staffed. It is not a good thing for him. Nobody's talked to the county commissioners to see if they have a budget for it. I think all we have done is drive our city police officers to take out petitions to work somewhere else. So, I am going to make a motion that we quash discussion on going county-wide for (1) year or if we lose our chief.

VanBockel: I'll second that.

Wuttke: We have a motion by Philip and a second by Fran to –

Archer: I don't know that it's even legal to do that.

Nagel: It absolutely is.

Wuttke: They checked with municipal league. It wasn't something they just pulled out of a hat.

VanBockel: We had a police committee meeting.

Wuttke: Correct. That is the recommendation of the committee.

VanBockel: Yep.

Nagel: Yeah, I should have led with that.

Ellwanger: That we have no county-wide discussion?

Wuttke: Yes.

Fischer: For a year?

Nagel: Yes, or unless Dave or Shiann win the election and we need to adjust.

Fischer: So, if we quash this – I mean, you’re going to continue running for sheriff?

Archer: Okay, now, that’s what I’m going to ask about. Okay, we quash it here and one of our constituents takes out a petition to have county-wide law. We’re not talking about it, but that’s how the community feels.

Nagel: That would go on in an election next June which is a year away.

Archer: I understand that, but that to me – then we can’t discuss what our constituents are doing?

Nagel: We’re not taking action. I mean, what – if the constituents –

Wuttke: But the other thing is, we’re not in the driver’s seat. They have to come to us.

Archer: Right, which they can.

VanBockel: And he’s talked to Curt, so he knows what Curt is wanting as he has been visiting with him.

Archer: So, I just – I don’t know. I think that’s a -- to tell us that we can’t talk about city business for the year -- you guys can go ahead and we’ll vote on it, I guess.

Ellwanger: So, pending the outcome of the election, we would discuss it again anyways.

Nagel: Not necessarily.

Ellwanger: You just said if Dave or Shiann win, then we need to discuss it again.

Nagel: Yes, I said, if there’s an opening, if we have to change because of that. Otherwise, if we are keeping our staff the same, I don’t want them going home every night wondering if we are going to eliminate their position next month.

Ellwanger: Sure. I’m just clarifying.

Warner: You know, I’ve actually talked to some people – sorry to interject here – but one of the concerns that has been brought up, I mean, just look at the last couple of weeks how many break-ins we’ve had, and I guess my question would be -- or the question that was raised by who talked to me, was we’re trying to save, what, \$100,000 I think is what has been said? We’ve already got it in our budget for this year. What are we proposing that money should go to now? What are we trading the security and safety of our community for?

Fischer: I don’t think there was any – I kinda thought it was already quashed and then I heard we had more sheriff participants. I thought we were kind of done with it after the last meeting, to be honest with you, and then I heard that there were more –

VanBockel: You guys told us to meet, the police committee, so the police committee met.

Fischer: Okay. Yeah. But I didn’t think there was going to be any action taken, I guess, at least for the next several months.

Wuttke: And that’s what we are doing.

Nagel: That is what I am trying to ensure is there is no action taken.

Fischer: Action is different than discussion.

Wuttke: We are having a discussion now and will be voting on the action of what we decide. It’s already – the motion is to eliminate any discussion at the present time for a year on county-wide law enforcement.

Ellwanger: From that perspective, I would tend to agree with Phil because we don’t have enough information as far as, like, contracts and budgets and –

Nagel: There’s nothing we could do within a year anyway.

Ellwanger: Correct. There’s nothing we could do within a year anyway. Unless the county changes their stance on pay and benefits, I don’t think they’re going to keep deputies. It’s just not going to happen.

Wuttke: I can tell you from past experiences of being on county-wide, it went 50%-50%, then it went to they pay 40% and we pay 60%, and then in the end, they were paying 25% and we were paying 75%, and we weren’t getting the coverage we needed.

Archer: If that did happen, Bill, how come it happened?

VanBockel: Because of 911. It came right down to the monies. I remember this.

Archer: If the communities in South Dakota don’t have law enforcement, they’re required by law to provide it.

Nagel: Now what we had before is or was slightly different than county-wide law enforcement. The city had contract law enforcement.

Archer: Yep. And that's what I would want to have, too, because if you have contract law with the county, they would have to do your city ordinances if it's in the contract. If you contracted that with the county, law enforcement, and it was in the contract, they would have to do them. But why it got pushed to that point, when if you did nothing, they would still have to give you law enforcement if you didn't sign a contract with them. To me, it looked like the city didn't have enough information to understand what they could do with the county, because whatever you contract with them is a gift to them. If you don't do anything, they've got to provide you with law enforcement, statewide law enforcement, without a contract, like Dave said.

D. Mogard: But you've got to have deputies to do it, too.

Archer: I understand that.

D. Mogard: I guarantee you, you go county-wide, I'm gone.

Ellwanger: Well, yeah, because you're not going to go work as a deputy for \$18.25 an hour.

Nagel: I don't think the two staff members that we've –

Ellwanger: No, I wouldn't expect them to.

Nagel: -- and I'm not talking for them. I mean – It's just – They need to expand their force and it's not going to happen. I don't even – without speaking for a commissioner, I don't believe they've got the budget to do it anyway.

Ellwanger: Yeah, and if they're going to expand it by (2), then they're going to charge us for whatever we were paying for. I mean, it's public record. They're going to know what that was.

Nagel: So, for people's peace of mind, this is why –

Josh Zweber: Can the public speak on this?

Nagel: Yes, go ahead.

Josh Zweber: So, if his petition was done that night – right?

D. Mogard: Yeah. It was turned in the next day, yep.

Josh Zweber: So, he thought about this before that night. It was only brought up that night and he already had his petition done.

Wuttke: No.

Archer: He knew about it before that, though, Josh. He did.

Josh Zweber: Oh.

Nagel: It was about two meetings ago.

Ellwanger: Two meetings ago, yes, correct. Because some people in the community brought it up, so we just said hey, this is part of our –

Josh Zweber: I agree with Dave. I don't think you are going to get your same coverage. He's been through what, (6) or (7) deputies so far?

D. Mogard: (6).

Josh Zweber: That's a lot of deputies in (3) years.

D. Mogard: That's (2) years. He's been through (6) in (2) years.

Wuttke: Anyway, we have the motion and a second. Any further discussion? In order to have Seth, I think we will just do roll call. Nagel – Aye; Fischer – Nay; VanBockel – Aye; Ellwanger – Aye; Archer – Nay; Warner – Aye. The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Payroll Expense by Department:

Airport	\$1,155.39
Ambulance	\$792.28

Council	\$3,765.00
Finance Office	\$3,394.24
Mayor	\$1,125.00
Parks	\$0.00
Police	\$8,684.90
Rubble Site	\$782.33
Snow Removal	\$159.52
Sewer	\$3,678.90
Streets	\$4,388.22
Swimming Pool	\$792.29
Water	\$6,210.38
Total Payroll Expense by Department	\$34,928.45

Net Payroll	\$25,402.40	
Advanced Auto Parts	Streets Supplies	\$84.30
Aflac	Aflac Ins.	\$716.08
Agtegra	Fuel	\$2,792.96
Arnold Pool Company	Pool Supplies	\$760.35
AT&T Mobility	Police Cells & Police & Ambulance Hotspots	\$179.82
Bank of the West	Payroll Taxes & Sales Tax	\$8,089.41
Blue Tarp/Northern Tools	Streets Annual Perks Renewal	\$39.99
Cam-Wal Electric Co-Op	Airport Lighting	\$23.00
Child Support Services	Payroll Deduction	\$401.00
City of Gettysburg	Petty Cash	\$55.70
Coffee Bean/212 Mini Mall	Police Supplies	\$78.00
Custom Detailing, LLC	Police Repairs/Maintenance	\$250.00
Dakota Farm & Ranch Supply, Inc.	Streets, Police, Airport, Water & Sewer Supplies	\$772.67
DCI Credit Service	Payroll Deduction	\$150.00
Dean's Repair	Police Repairs/Maintenance	\$117.34
Decker Repairs & Welding	Streets Supplies	\$51.00
Dollar General	Police, Streets & Finance Office Supplies	\$56.60
Fargo Case	Streets Repairs/Maintenance	\$844.09
Gas-N-Goodies	Police Car Washes & Ambulance Fuel	\$120.00
Gerber, Greg	Travel & Conference	\$14.00
Gettysburg Development Corp.	BBB Taxes	\$1,970.88
Great Western Bank	Finance Office & Police Supplies	\$95.26
Heartland Payment Systems	Airport Fuel CC Fees	\$169.23
Heartland Waste Mgmt., Inc.	Garbage	\$7,129.10
Hoven Co-Op Service Co.	Ambulance Repairs/Maintenance	\$2,221.10
KLJ Engineering	Prof. Svs. – Sewer	\$9,435.00
Linde Gas & Equip. Co.	Ambulance Oxygen	\$351.15
Marco	Copier Lease	\$92.75
MAS Modern Marketing	Police Supplies	\$987.05
Mid Dakota Rural Water System	Water Usage	\$15,067.90
Midway Parts	Police Supplies	\$116.38
Midwest Alarm	Auditorium Fire Alarm Monitoring/Testing	\$595.00
Mogard, David	Police Supplies & Minor Equipment	\$169.08
Montana Dakota Utilities	Gas & Electric	\$5,761.86

New Creations	Finance Office & Police Supplies	\$168.50
Potter County News	Rubble Site, Parks, Water, Pool, & Finance Office Publications	\$1,688.49
Principal Financial Group	Life Insurance	\$66.64
Schatz Electric, Inc.	Fire Dept. Maintenance/Repairs	\$235.39
Schlachter Lumber, Inc.	Streets & Ambulance Supplies	\$413.70
SD Dept. of Health – EMS Program	Ambulance Service License Renewal	\$12.00
SD Dept. of Revenue	Water Testing	\$211.00
SD Government Finance Officer	Travel & Conference	\$150.00
SD Human Resource Assoc.	Travel & Conference	\$100.00
SD One Calls	One Calls	\$17.85
SD Retirement Systems	Retirement	\$3,952.02
Servall	Rugs	\$267.02
Standard Ins. Co.	Monthly Dental & Vision Ins. – ACH	\$458.04
TASC	Health Flex Plan	\$539.16
True Value	Police, Streets & Fin. Off. Supplies and Water Minor Equipment	\$2,129.02
US Bank	Sewer Loan	\$8,930.13
US Postmaster	Water Bills	\$199.66
Venture Communications	Telephone/Fax/Internet	\$837.89
Verizon Wireless	Maintenance & Police Cell Phones	\$390.07
Wager, Shane	Monthly IT Retainer	\$180.00
Wellmark BC/BS Health Plans	Health Ins.	\$8,130.37
WEX Bank	Fuel	\$542.00
TOTAL CHECKS		\$114,779.40

Moved by VanBockel, Nagel seconded, to approve the vouchers payable. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanBockel, Nagel seconded, to adjourn the 114th Council at 7:09PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Wuttke called the first meeting of the 115th Council to order in which meeting reconvened at 7:10PM. Moved by Ellwanger, VanBockel seconded, to initiate the 115th Council.

There were (5) alderman duly nominated and having no opposition at the Municipal Election. Schatz gave Oath of Office to Fran VanBockel – Ward 1 – (4) Year Term, Michael Fischer – Ward 1 – (2) Year Term, Philip Nagel – Ward 2 – (4) Year Term, Kelly Archer – Ward 3 – (4) Year Term, and Seth Warner – Ward 3 – (2) Year Term and all were hereby declared elected.

Nominations were open for President and Vice President of the Council. Moved by VanBockel, Warner seconded, to approve to nominate Philip Nagel as President of the Council and that nomination cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Philip Nagel as President of the Council. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Archer, Ellwanger seconded, to approve to nominate Michael Fischer as Vice President of the Council and that nomination cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Fischer as Vice President of the Council. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Wuttke read the list of appointed Officer positions for the following:

Mayor: Bill Wuttke
President: Philip Nagel
Vice President: Michael Fischer
Airport Manager: Greg Gerber
Assistant Airport Manager: Tyler Fischer
Attorney: Emily Sovell
Official Depositories: Bank of the West (Bank of Montreal) and First Interstate Bank (Great Western Bank)
Health Officer: Kristi Livermont
Official Newspaper: Potter County News

Moved by VanBockel, Fischer seconded, to approve the 2022-2023 appointed officers. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Wuttke read the Council Committee appointments:

Airport: Ellwanger and Fischer
Animal Control: Ellwanger and Fischer
Parks and Recreation: Fischer and Warner
Building Permits: Archer and Warner
Economic Development: Wuttke and VanBockel
Finance Office and Maintenance Building: Wuttke, Nagel and VanBockel
Fire Department and Auditorium: Nagel and Fischer
Health and Safety and Drug Policy: Wuttke, Archer, VanBockel, and Ellwanger
Law Enforcement: Wuttke, Nagel and Warner
Rubble Site: Archer and Warner
Streets: Nagel, Archer and Warner
Water and Wastewater: Nagel, Archer and VanBockel
5-Year Planning Commission: Ellwanger and Warner

Archer asked that one of the two current council members be rotated from Law Enforcement Committee as same members have been on this committee for quite a few years. Discussion. VanBockel will rotate off the Law Enforcement Committee and move to Water and Wastewater Committee and Warner will rotate off the Water and Wastewater and move to Law Enforcement Committee. Moved by Fischer, Warner seconded, to approve 2022-2023 list of Council Committee appointments. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Nagel, Ellwanger seconded, to approve the 2022-2023 Gettysburg Fire Department and Gettysburg EMT rosters. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Appointment: Gettysburg High School Ag Class (Mercedes Lemke, Makaivry Schatz, Hannah Sundberg, and Megan Hermann presented a power point regarding their vision of cleaning up and updating Loitwood Park. As a class project, they would like permission to clean up the garbage and dead plants, plant new perinnial bushes and flower beds, fix or remove broken hardscapes, clean up the fence, and possibly create a defined stone pathway to add to the curb appeal of the park. It was explained to fund this class project, Ag has received grants from Growing through South Dakota FFA Foundation in the amount of \$500 and the Gettysburg FFA Chapter also in the amount of \$500. Ellwanger offered hand pruners, loppers, etc. Gerber offered help from maintenance and asked if a trailer or truck would be needed. They

plan to use the school pickup truck for now. Fischer asked if they thought they would need any additional funding, but they thought they would be okay at this time. Moved by VanBockel, Warner seconded, to approve the Gettysburg High School Ag Class to move forward with cleaning up and updating the landscape of Loitwood Park. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Appointment: Jeree Meyers of RDO discussed options available in the possible future purchase of a new backhoe so the City can plan for same within its 2023 budget. The Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) allows members to purchase goods and services under contracts established by the State of Minnesota. It is a nationally equipped organization and will help make Gerber's job in searching for equipment a whole lot easier. The site will have a list of options and show base price. A simple application needs to be filled out to become a member and the membership provides easy access to contract information through the Office of State Procurement's website. The most important thing is that this contract is price protected, so if the contract started in mid-May going into next May and there is a price increase in between said timeframe, it is price protected. They also offer the services of a technician to come to Gettysburg and look at the City's current backhoe and offer a price to use as a possible trade-in or establish a price and the City can certainly advertise and sell on its own, as well. Gerber and Schatz will look over the application process.

Appointment: Kara Williams, Economic Development, handed out information regarding the replacement or refurbishment of awnings that were installed throughout town back in 2008. The 140th Celebration is set for June 23, 24, and 25 of 2023 and now is the time to plan on cleaning up and sprucing up the City for said event. Bill Ortmeier of Steins and Display is working with Service Signs regarding work to be done on awnings. The Development Corporation will try to do something by way of monetary help to some extent, but financials have not been determined at this time. Bill Ortmeier can be reached at 605-753-8214 or 605-881-2365 or via his email which is bill@steinsigndisplay.com. They would like to come to Gettysburg in the next few weeks to get started. Williams is also checking with places such as NECOG and GEOD to see if there are any programs that may be available to help tear down old buildings in a community. There is nothing like this in place, at the moment, but things can change.

Williams also stated that the City has a new website www.cityofgettysburg.com. Once upon a time, a very long time ago, it was once discussed that possibly the City would have one website and then the Chamber could use said website to promote events on the website. At the time, that council in place did not want to have promotions, events or businesses listed on its website. Williams wondered if there is now any interest in doing this since the City just got a new website. Moved by VanBockel, Fischer seconded, to allow Economic Development and the Chamber to put promotions, events, and list businesses on the new City website in proper location designated for same. Discussion. Nagel stated that what he has seen on other city websites, they have a separate page within the city's website for every other civic group. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Todd Goldsmith, KLJ Engineering, joined meeting by phone to discuss and/or answer any questions regarding the Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services agreement regarding the Wastewater Facility Study to be done for the City's sanitary lagoons. At the May 4, 2022, council meeting, it was approved by Council to have NECOG and KLJ move forward with the Small Community Planning Grant application and are now just waiting for Goldsmith to send said agreement from KLJ to be signed.

Goldsmith also informed that he sent a proposal for the preliminary work on the possible new pool project. The proposal is from EAPC, an architect KLJ is partnering with on said project. Goldsmith stated

he feels that EAPC should take the lead on this preliminary work and KLJ would provide project management and consulting services through the on-call agreement, which was also approved and signed at the May 4, 2022, meeting. Discussion. Tyler Fischer stated that he is hoping with the (3) proposals the Gettysburg Pool & Recreation committee now has that Gettysburg Pool & Recreation can meet with the City's Pool Committee to go over proposals and decide upon an architect. T. Fischer stated the goal is to hopefully have the renderings ready to show at the Annual Car Show at the City Park on June 25, 2022, and be able to get some public input. T. Fischer said that it was discussed at the last meeting that the Gettysburg Pool & Recreation would agree to match dollar amount of the dollar amount City puts in, each putting in 50% up to \$20,000, as long as they also had a say and both pool committees could have input and make a decision together. Moved by Ellwanger, Archer seconded, to approve \$10,000 to be used from the City's 2022 contingency budget to hire one of the (3) architectural firms selected by the City's Pool Committee and Gettysburg Pool & Recreation upon completion of meeting with said groups. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanBockel, Ellwanger seconded, to approve the firemen's Application for Sale of Malt Beverages, which notice was published, for a 1-Day Permit for the 2022 Annual Car Show event being held at the City Park on Saturday, June 25, 2022. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Archer, Ellwanger seconded, to approve reimbursing Gettysburg in Action \$479.76 for Christmas lights purchased to be used downtown in Loitwood Park and the city auditorium and City will own. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ellwanger, Archer seconded, to approve current City Deputy Finance Officer, Maria Mogard's, resignation from said position. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Wuttke stated M. Mogard will be missed but the City wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

Schatz was asked to poll the council for permission to run a Deputy Finance Officer Opening ad in the newspaper. Moved by Archer, Fischer seconded, to approve running a Deputy Finance Officer Opening ad in the newspaper until position filled. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mogard gave police report. Mogard stated many hours of investigation were performed on (2) burglaries, an identity theft, and a hit and run accident and those have now been turned over to the State's Attorney for prosecution. Mogard stated he attended the Chief's Conference in Deadwood, SD, wherein they had training on cartel and border security in South Dakota, case study drug trafficking, officer safety and wellness, and leadership for a lifetime.

Mogard informed that last week he was contacted by a grant writer and, apparently, a possible prior officer from Gettysburg may be trying to apply for grants under the City's name. Mogard contacted DCI and it is being investigated.

Mogard stated that while he was at the Chief's Convention in Deadwood, he learned about a grant that would pay up to 75% toward a new squad if one is needed in the future and, also, would pay toward buildings, garages, and multiple things related to law enforcement.

Archer stated that he has recently seen several Facebook comments regarding it seems like a lot of cats are running loose within the city again. The comments stated if dogs have to be on a leash, why don't cats? Mogard stated cats are also supposed to be controlled, same as dogs. Nagel asked if Mogard was

finding a lot of dogs and/or cats that are not tagged and he said, yes. When law enforcement is trapping for skunks, a lot of cats are captured in live traps, as well.

Gerber gave maintenance report. He stated the big city park restrooms have now been opened up. The sewer dump for campers is up and running but the fresh-water water hydrant is not turned on as it needs to be repaired and will be taken care of soon.

There was one fuel bid from Agtegra for the following: Unleaded 10% Ethanol FTE at \$3.925, Ruby Fieldmaster at \$4.89, Aviation Gas at \$5.51, and Jet-A at \$4.81. Moved by Nagel, Ellwanger seconded, to accept the fuel bid from Agtegra. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gerber stated he is working diligently on getting prepared to do street repairs but is currently waiting for a quote on material since oil, supplies, etc., have increased so drastically in price. Gerber also gave a Highway 212 Project update and said things are moving right along. They have all the storm sewers done on the South side and now are moving fire hydrants back as they have to due to the sidewalks going in. There are some curb stops they also had to move, so a few residents had to be without water for a short stint of time, but Gerber was making sure to try and contact affected residents to let them know. He stated there are (2) residents that opted to have their storm sewers replaced. Schatz asked if the (2) residents that are having their sewers replaced have turned in their completed contracts, is she able to file the said contracts at the courthouse at this time and was told yes. It was also discussed that monthly payments for said contracts will not start until after this project is finally completed.

Schatz was asked to poll council regarding (2) purchases that Gerber needed to make as soon as possible. Moved by VanBockel, Ellwanger seconded, to approve Gerber to purchase a Berkeley Centrifugal Pump needed for the lagoon in the amount of \$4,216.12 and a new magnetic locator for water in the amount of \$918.00. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gerber gave a quick update on the work being done at the lagoon and will know more after KLJ completes the Wastewater Facility Study for the lagoon.

Gerber informed that maintenance has pumped some water out of the swimming pool, but he has been waiting to hear if Council wants him to continue preparing pool for an open season or not. He stated he checked on last year's preparation of the pool for the season and they already had the pool painted by April 28 in 2021. Maintenance has the supplies available to prepare the pool but is just waiting for the go ahead. VanBockel asked approximately how long it would take for maintenance to get the pool painted and filled. He estimated at least a good week and a half to two weeks to get it completely painted and a good week to fill it. Ellwanger asked Schatz how many applicants the City has received for lifeguards at the pool. Schatz stated that (3) applications have been turned in from lifeguards who worked last year, and a fourth application came in but applicant is not yet old enough to lifeguard at this time. There were also (2) applications turned in for possible co-managers but they would not be certified, staffed lifeguards. The City Pool Committee had met and discussed various possible options and it was decided at that time to run an "emergency" ad for another (2) weeks asking for pool help in order to be able to open the pool, however, no further applications came in during that two-week period. Discussion. At this time, due to not having enough applicants, the prepping of the pool is now behind a normal time schedule, lifeguard and WSI trainings are already beginning, no lifeguard gear or concession stand items can be ordered as of yet, etc. Last year the staff had a manager and (8) lifeguards – (2) of which were WSI trained and still struggled daily to have enough properly staffed due to the teenagers having very busy schedules with sport camps, family vacations, etc., and had times when employees were unable to come in due to illness.

Ellwanger said as a public pool, you just cannot risk public safety. Schatz said that several communities are dealing with the exact same staffing issues this year. Archer stated that wages have been increased and pool hours can be adjusted such as no weekend or evening sessions if that helps to at least be able to open with less staff, but if neither high school students nor parents/adults step up, then reality has to be faced and the pool cannot be opened this season and time is ticking wherein it just won't be able to happen. Moved by Warner, VanBockel seconded, to run one more "emergency" ad in the newspaper for another (2) weeks wherein the pool hours would only be Monday – Friday with only an afternoon swim session, no evening or weekend swimming, and there will be no swim lessons offered this year to see if any more applications come in. At a minimum, (4) more valid applications need to come in (decision of (1) manager and (6) lifeguards to staff) or the pool **will not open** this season. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gerber stated that only (1) application has come in thus far for the seasonal rubble site and parks workers openings. It was decided the ad would continue to run in hopes of more applications coming in for these positions, as well.

Gerber informed that some of the trees/hedges are going to be removed out of the Little Angels Park. He also wanted to remind everyone that the annual spring clean-up week is scheduled for May 9-16, 2022.

Schatz gave finance office report. Moved by VanBockel, Ellwanger seconded, to approve applying for the West Nile Grant. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schatz stated that Maria and herself were finally able to submit the report for ARPA funds to use toward the water/sewer project of the Highway 212 Project as the deadline for submission of report was April 30, 2022. The allocated amount for Gettysburg was set at \$195,494.46 if we are approved.

Moved by VanBockel, Fischer seconded, to accept ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$1,552.14. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanBockel, Warner seconded, to approve Schatz and new Deputy Finance Officer to both attend the 2022 Human Resource and Finance Officer Schools being held in Huron from June 7 – June 10, 2022, and an ad will be put in the paper reminding the community the office will be closed during this timeframe and will reopen on Monday, June 13, 2022. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Nagel, VanBockel seconded, to approve Schatz and new Deputy Finance Officer to both attend one of the annual Budget Training classes as they are continuing to try and keep up on cross-training positions. One session is on June 22, 2022, in Rapid City and/or one session is on June 29, 2022, in Sioux Falls. The cost is \$25.00 each to attend, plus travel. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanBockel, Archer seconded, to approve Schatz paying the Oahe Area Youth Center's annual stipend of \$5,500 which was budgeted for. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Schatz informed the youth center did turn in their annual financial report.

Moved by Nagel, Ellwanger seconded, to approve the renewals for Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine licenses for 2022/2023 for Dollar General, Gettysburg Flowers-Coffee Bean, Gettysburg Gas N Goodies, Liberty Lanes, and Stanley's, Inc. A check for one-half of fees will be sent to the State. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanBockel, Nagel seconded, to approve accepting and signing the contract from Cahill, Bauer & Associates, LLC, to perform the City's 2021 annual audit on June 29-30, 2022, in the amount of \$7,700. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schatz asked that special budget requests start to be turned into her as she will be starting to work on the 2023 budget soon.

Nagel asked when the Elected Officials Workshop would be. Schatz stated it is on July 13, 2022, in Pierre but registration information has not been sent out yet and she will include this on the agenda for the June meeting. Nagel said it is very informative and thought Fischer and/or Warner would benefit from it if able to attend.

Moved by VanBockel, Warner seconded, to approve the following building, moving and demolition permits.

- Building Permits: Ryder Lemler – 513 Holly Drive – Cedar Wood Fence
- Moving Permits: None.
- Demolition Permits: LEC, Inc. – 110 N Main – Tear down old laundry mat building (LEC, Inc.)
 Brian Quiett – 410 W Commercial Ave. – Tear down small blue/white
 house (LEC, Inc.)

All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ellwanger, Warner seconded, to go into Executive Session for personnel at 9:02PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Council reconvened at 9:38PM.

- Correspondence: March 2022 Bank Reconciliations; Oahe Area Youth Center Financials; Thank-You from High School Prom Parents/Kids/Staff; DOT Transportation Alternatives Funding Available Info.; The Big Picture – Mural Info.;

Round Table: Nagel wanted to say "Thank You" to the FFA kids for the great work they are about to do at Loitwood Park and also say "Thank You" to Maria for the great work you have done here as you have made a lot of improvements around here. We are sad you are leaving us. Gerber also wanted to thank Maria for doing the good job she did, especially in the Water Department. He stated she is the best I have seen in that department, yet. She knew what she was doing, and I want to thank you for that. Gerber stated as far as the pool goes, I will do my best to get it cleaned and ready as soon as we know if it will be able to open or not. Ellwanger also wanted to say "Thank You" to Maria. You did a wonderful job, and it has been a pleasure working with you. Ellwanger also stated he was recently visiting with area State Park manager and is wondering if Council needs to reach out to the Walley Tournament crew to discuss possible boat ramp issues for the upcoming tournament in August. The State Parks are having a very hard time keeping the boat ramps open. It is possible that they might only have (4) operational boat ramps from Pierre to Mobridge. From what I understand, I think those docks will be at Little Bend, West Whitlock, one at Akaska, and Waubay. Williams stated that as of right now the plan is to keep the north side of East Whitlock dock, as well. With the water level continuing to drop, it might become an issue. Archer wanted to thank Maria for all she has done and thank her in advance for being willing to help train whomever we might hire and try to help us keep afloat and not fall behind for a bit. This is a big task to undertake when also handling a new full-time position elsewhere. Archer also wanted to say that he is looking forward to Attorney Emily Sovell from Onida coming in as our new City Attorney and being able to ask questions when in need of help. Archer feels the City needs to move forward on some of the closures that need to be done and have already been approved to be done. Archer also feels the City

needs to look at completing some annexing of things that should have been annexed many years ago as it is definitely a legal issue that we need to find out how to properly proceed with. Nagel said that Attorney Larson did say that was a project he wanted to finish as he has such good access to all the property owners' records. VanBockel asked if Attorney Sovell will be attending the meetings via ZOOM and Mayor Wuttke said both by ZOOM and/or in person as she can. Archer stated that we just need to try this and see if it works out. If it doesn't, we just need to look for someone that can represent us. Wuttke stated Attorney Sovell said she has hired a helper and they discussed it and thought they could do the work. Archer said we need to keep an open mind and it is just like any other employee, if they are not doing the job, then we will have to look elsewhere. Archer said since Attorney Sovell has stepped up and is close in distance, we need to try it. He stated even if she can work with us over ZOOM and/or email and we communicate that these are some things we need to do and need legal help with, it will be a good thing. Archer stated we have to have answers on how we can move forward, and we just need to keep moving. We have been so stagnant in the last (2) years as far as legal for things that were already approved and committed to doing and it just hasn't gotten done. Schatz stated someone had come into the office and asked about possibly hiring Lilly Cronin but Schatz wasn't certain how that works or if it could be done since might be a conflict with the County as Cronin works with Smith. Wuttke mentioned a couple of weeks ago, he ran into Joan Powell in town, and she mentioned that she was going to have Logan come in and put in some temporary wiring in her house so they could see to do some work in the house and board up the windows. She was wondering about putting in temporary water, as well. He said he told her he thought that maybe they could put just a regular faucet on the meter on the inside and run some type of hose out and put the shut-off outside. She was wanting more so to dig a pit and put a regular on/off like at the park, but I explained I didn't know if that would be done. VanBockel asked if anyone has heard anything more regarding Vail's building being torn down. Ellwanger said he thought Attorney Larson was supposed to find out information if the LLC was still operating. Nagel didn't know if a contractor could even be found to agree to tear the Vail building down.

Moved by Ellwanger, VanBockel seconded, to adjourn meeting at 9:48PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Attest:

Witness

Sheila K. Schatz, Finance Officer

Bill Wuttke, Mayor

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