

CITY OF ARLINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

February 4, 2019

The City Council met as the Zoning Commission. There was no business. Meeting adjourned.

The City Council met in regular session in the Municipal Building. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Amiel Redfish and Council Members: Curt Lundquist, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Jesse Steffensen, Rob Achterberg and Cory Falconer. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Lundquist, seconded by Rowbotham to approve the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. All in favor—Carried.

Bills on file were submitted for consideration and on Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Steffensen, the Finance Officer was instructed to issue payment for same. All in favor on Roll Call Vote—Carried.

Bills approved as follows:

27103-27109	Salaries	General Fund	101	4441.35
		Water	602	410.68
		Electric	603	2291.42
		Sewer	604	542.54
27110	Birch Communications	Phone Chges		251.68
Auto Debit	Citizens State Bank	EFTPS—Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> WH-SS-Medicare		3005.49
27111	East River Electric Power Coop	Energy		3573.98
27112	Electric Fund	City Utility Bills		4092.09
27113	Heartland Consumer Power Dist	Energy		36901.83
27114	Kingsbury County Auditor	County Law Enforcement Contract		5655.00
27115	Mediacom LLC	Internet		234.20
27116	SD Municipal League	Rib Dinner Registration (4)		120.00
27117	SD State Treasurer	Sales Tax		6911.95
27118	Western Area Power Adm	Energy		16143.75
27119	Prairie Ag Partners	Fuel		3990.00
27120-27138	Salaries	General Fund	101	11230.78

		Water	602	877.57
		Electric	603	2932.53
		Sewer	604	1000.01
27139	AFLAC	Payroll Deductions		281.23
27140	AT&T	Cell Phone Chges		107.49
Auto Debit	Citizens State Bank	EFTPS—Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> WH-SS-Medicare		5430.63
27141	Northwestern	Service to Shop & Coop Shop Bldgs		564.52
27142	PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Short Term Disability		218.78
27143	SD Retirement System	Jan Retirement		3076.22
27144	SDWWA	Registration—Water Seminar/Marshal		60.00
27145	Sioux Valley Energy	Electricity @ Airport		44.00
27146	SD Supp Retirement	Supp Retirement/Steve		100.00
27147	The Health Pool of SD	Feb Health Insurance Premiums		4436.16
27148	Visa/Cor Trust	Tourism Registration-Mayor/Repairs/Meals & Fuel- W-WW Conf/Meter app		327.28
27149	Amazon Credit Plan	Books-Library		32.20
27150	A-Ox Welding Supply Co	Cylinder Rent		88.70
27151	ACDC	Loan Pymt—Ind Park Road		30000.00
27152	Arlington Sun	Publications		170.47
27153	Baum Hydraulics Corp	Repairs/shop		45.41
27154	Bunker Auto Inc	Fuel		252.61
27155	Citizens State Bank	Feb Service Chge		20.00
27156	Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling	December Garbage		4956.28
27157	Dept of Revenue	Water testing		15.00
27158	DGR Engineering	Rate study		816.00
27159	Eighty-One Auto Clinic	Bar oil/wiper blades		71.86
27160	Elite Drain & Sewer	Plugged sewer line-Mun Bldg		510.50

27161	Fastenal Company	Screws	10.15
27162	First District Assn Local Govt	2019 Annual Support	1151.91
27163	Glacial Lakes & Prairies Tourism	2019 Membership Dues	200.00
27164	Governors Inn	Motel Room—Water/Wastewater Conf	162.00
27165	Graybar Electric Company Inc	Functional Devices—load mgmt.	791.50
27166	Infotech Solutions LLC	Monthly maintenance/backup/hosting	574.00
27167	Interstate All Battery Center	Batteries—Amb/FD/Van	547.50
27168	Jay's Autobody	Auto Body Labor & Windshield wipers-Amb/ Rock chips—Pickup	127.90
27169	Kingbrook Rural Water System	December Water & Lease/Plus addt'l lease payment	12449.08
27170	Kingsbury Electric Coop Inc	3-Conn 2 hole insulated	87.60
27171	M & T Fire & Safety	Suspenders	55.00
27172	Maynards Food Center	Cleaning supplies	4.46
27173	Mid-American Research	Penetrating Red Grease	122.65
27174	Milbank Winwater Works	Frame & Grates—storm drain	686.28
27175	MMUA	2019 Job training & safety program-electric	1000.00
27176	Nelson Drug Inc	Epi pens—Ambulance	675.00
27177	Travis Norgaard	Reimbursement for contractor damages	731.96
27178	Office Peeps Inc	Service agreement-copiers/copy paper/IRS forms/ stapler & ink cartridges—Amb	229.60
27179	Omni-Pro Software	Load mgmt. software & license	3136.00
27180	PCC Ambulance Billing Service	Ambulance billings December 2018	391.89
27181	Prairie Ag Partners	Propane-FD/repairs green truck/oil filter/washer fluid/hoses/antifreeze/welding and shop supplies/ wiper blades-bucket truck	557.70
27182	Ron's Saw Sales	Parts and labor for various saws	529.38

27183	Schein Inc	Stat II pads/body bags/instate war pack	170.20
27184	South Dakota One Call	Locates Oct – Dec 2018	44.94
27185	Robert Timperley	Refund meter deposit	150.00
27186	Michael Todd & Company	Snow blades	1014.54
27187	US Post Office	Postage—utility bills	350.00
27188	Wesco Distribution Inc	Street lite poles—hwy	5780.00
Auto Debit	Rural Development	Water Improvement Loan	1343.00
Auto Debit	Rural Development	Wastewater Improvement Loan	2859.00

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Lundquist to pre-approve payments prior to the council meetings for payroll, benefits, utilities, sales tax, credit card bill, loan payments, etc. All bills will be presented to the council at the next regular monthly meeting. All in favor—Carried.

Tammy Anderson was unable to attend the council meeting in person, however; a conference call was conducted in which she explained the property valuation changes for the City of Arlington. She advised that all structures—Commercial and Residential will be going up 10% and also all lot valuations will be increasing by 10%. There were 26 “good sales” in Arlington last year which is the reason for this increase. Anyone wanting to file an appeal to meet with the local board of equalization must file a written request with the finance officer by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Mohror, Banner Associates, met with the council to discuss aspects of the city project that need to be completed in 2019. Scott went over the discussion that was held during the meeting between Banner, Bowes and the City Council Street Committee. At that time Bowes agreed that they would be responsible for paying the engineering fees for the work from the original project that is being carried over into 2019. Any charges for the additions that were made to the project will be the City’s responsibility.

Motion was made by Steffensen, seconded by Falconer to authorize the Mayor sign the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement for engineering charges for the additional work that was added to the street project to be completed by July 1, 2019. All in favor—Carried.

Now was the time for Public Comments—None.

Jay DeVries met with the council on behalf of the ambulance squad. Members of the squad were checking out a 2018 diesel demo ambulance from Fire Safety USA with approximately 10,000 miles just prior to the council meeting. That ambulance is basically set up the same as the current ambulance. Jay is still waiting for some final figures as far as installing equipment, etc. The price he was given for the ambulance is \$167,000. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Achterberg to authorize the purchase of this ambulance as the necessary funds are available in the Ambulance Trust fund. All in favor—Carried.

Also the finance officer advised that election of officers for the ambulance service for the year had been held at their last meeting with Jay DeVries, President; Cody Doren, Vice President and Sara Sheeley, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Finance Officer shared information that had been sent to the City by Heartland Consumer Power District in response to the possibility of SB66 being carried forward in the senate. The Mayor advised that he has forwarded a letter to be published in the Arlington Sun regarding this matter.

Motion was made by Lundquist, seconded by Falconer to adopt Resolution #2575 as follow:

RESOLUTION #2575

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO NOT RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO ANNEX SERVICE TERRITORY

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington operates a municipal electric utility;

WHEREAS, the municipal electric utilities of South Dakota represent the values of the communities they serve, providing that the operational and rate-setting decisions are made locally, the member of the Community, at Open and Public meetings, and revenues are reinvested locally foster economic development and innovation;

WHEREAS, the municipal electric utilities of South Dakota have consistently been one of the most important economic development resources for job creation in our region by allowing the cities involved to attract businesses with lower costs of power; and

WHEREAS, good jobs are created for families in many regions of South Dakota by this valuable economic development tool;

WHEREAS, any legislation prohibiting cities with municipal electric utilities to annex additional service territory would be harmful to the City of Arlington and to the state of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Arlington urges the South Dakota Legislature to vote against Senate Bill 66 or any other legislation the rural electric cooperatives propose that would freeze electric service territory as it would be harmful to the citizens of South Dakota. All in favor—Carried.

The finance officer furnished the council with a copy of correspondence that had been received from DGR advising that after reviewing the current rates feel that no changes are needed at this time. The council also received a copy of the Heartland Report from 2018.

Motion was made by Steffensen, seconded by Falconer to approve the Employee Overtime, Library and Police Report. All in favor—Carried.

There was discussion regarding the charges for building permits; some examples of the new charges would be Fence \$25.00/Patio or Deck \$40.00/Shed 100 sq ft \$70/Unattached Garage-624 sq ft \$121.00/Residence 1085 sq ft with partially finished basement and attached garage \$670.00. Decision will be made at next month's meeting as to whether or not these charges need to be adjusted before implementing.

The Sheriff delivered the renewal for the Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services for the City Council's approval for 2019. The agreement is written with the same hours and fees as 2018.

Motion was made by Lundquist, seconded by Falconer to approve the renewal of the Law Enforcement Agreement for 2019. All in favor—Carried.

The council reviewed the Revenue/Expense, Cash and Utility Reports. The water loss has been fluctuating over the past few months with no answers for the reason.

Motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Achterberg to have the finance officer advertise for sealed bids/quotes for the Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Projects for this summer which will be opened at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Additional Items: Area Townships will be invited to the March council meeting, local board of equalization will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, District 2 meeting will be in Madison on March 20<sup>th</sup>, ad will be run for summer help at the pool, painters and someone to operate the concession at the ball park; will contact Dakota Pump to inspect the main lift station; property owners are reminded that they need to keep the snow cleaned away from fire hydrants on their property; and Two Way Radio currently has the timer mechanism for the sirens as repairs are needed to set off the whistles.

Motion was made by Falconer seconded by Achterberg to enter into executive session at 9:35 P.M. for contract matters/personnel matter and possible litigation. All in favor—Carried.

Motion was made by Achterberg, seconded by Falconer to come out of executive session at 9:50 P.M. All in favor—Carried. No action taken at this time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Achterberg, seconded by Steffensen. All in favor—Carried.

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Sue Falconer, Finance Officer

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Amiel Redfish, Mayor

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