

CITY HALL, CITY OF ARLINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 15, 2019

The City Council met in the Municipal Building—202 West Elm Street. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Amiel Redfish and Council Members: Curt Lundquist, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Jesse Steffensen and Cory Falconer. Absent: Rob Achterberg.

The council discussed the two candidates who had been interviewed for the Electric Supt position. They felt that both of the individuals were very knowledgeable with running an electric utility for the city, however; it was the opinion of those who had met both of them that Tom Bacon was a better fit with the daily operations of the city.

Motion was made by Steffensen, seconded by Lundquist to hire Tom Bacon as the Electric Supt for the City of Arlington at an hourly rate of \$37.00. His salary will be reviewed again when wages are set for 2020. All in favor—Carried.

The Finance Officer advised that the appraisal of the 1996 Ford Ambulance had been completed by Steve Olson, Cory Falconer and Tom Bunker. The appraised value came in at \$6650.00. The decision was made to advertise the unit and that sealed bids will be opened at the city council meeting on June 3, 2019.

Time for Public Comments: None

Gary Madsen, representative from the American Legion, requested time with the council to discuss various topics. The solution for handling the water that will drain off of the new legion building is going to be handled by cutting out a section of the sidewalk and putting a metal cover over that area so that the water will run into the gutter and find its way to the storm drain in the front and the water off the back of the building will run off into the alley. The legion is planning on holding a consignment auction sometime in August and requesting permission from the city to hold it in the parking area of the baseball field. The council does not have any objection—just let them know when a definite date has been set.

The council discussed the proposal which had been received earlier from Mark Deraney, AMKO Advisors, to go out after bids to refinance the loans that are currently thru Rural Development. Todd Wilkinson was unable to attend the meeting, however; he did write a letter to the Mayor with his opinion.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Steffensen to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with AMKO as long as the City has no financial responsibility at this time for this company to look for better rates for the current loans. All in favor—Carried.

Heartland Consumer Power District will be holding their Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 9th in Madison. At this time, the finance officer will be making reservations for four individuals to attend the meeting.

The council reviewed a building permit application received from Dawson Christeson for a privacy fence. Marshal had talked to him regarding the location of the fence due to the fact that the City is planning on extending the storm sewer project that was started earlier and would go thru his property. Dawson said that he had no problems with that; therefore, Motion was made by Lundquist, seconded by Falconer to approve this building permit for a fence to be installed at the S½ NW 1-110-53 S 108' of Lot 1, Block 11, according to County Auditor's Plat of Outlots—502 South 3rd Street with the understanding that the City has an easement to access that area for storm drain installation. All in favor—Carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Falconer, seconded by Lundquist. All in favor—Carried.

Sue Falconer, Finance Officer

Amiel Redfish, Mayor

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