

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Henrichsen called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Ferguson, Henrichsen, Holsworth, Kramer and Koontz. Attorney Johnson and interested citizens also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Henrichsen. Henrichsen stated that Trustee Input will be eliminated from all future agendas due to not being required and inappropriate behavior as well as damaging and downgrading verbal bullying and harassment by one trustee to another, additionally violating the multiple code of conduct policies.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion made and seconded to approve agenda as amended; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Under New Business add Item F: mosquito spraying and G: Emergency Management position, move Item 14B Volunteer of the Year to before Engineer; under Planning & Zoning add Item C: Jennie Haas commercial/residential property for discussion and add Item H: Chuck Ferguson awards under Public Works.

SPECIAL ITEMS: meeting protocol presented. Motion made and seconded to remove Item C from agenda; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Henrichsen appointed Koontz to Sewer committee as Vice Chair and Law Enforcement committee as Vice Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made and seconded to approve April 2, 2024; minutes: vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: All board members are responsible for refraining from discussion and voting on issues where they may have a conflict of interest.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: Nancy Schultes and Connie Leimer were selected to receive the 2023 Volunteer of the Year; award was presented to Schultes and Leimer to honor them for their exemplary service to the community.

ENGINEER: Approval for KLJ Engineering to develop task orders; pending. Lagoon bidding and construction management; pending. Engineering staff reports/office support; pending. Highway 79 sewer repair bidding and construction management; pending. Comprehensive Plan proposal review; pending. Motion made and seconded to approval for Claycomb Engineering to perform floodplain permit requirements for the water/sewer expansion project; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve discontinuing of KLJ contract; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve contract with Alfred Benesch & Company; vote: all ayes, motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Permit 2024-13 – Mt Rushmore Telephone – Proposed directional bored fiber optic cable and buried service drops. Motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2024-13 with Mt Rushmore Telephone responsible for \$50 permit fee and all locate fees above the 20 per month allowed in Public Works Director contract; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Permit 2024-14 – Jose Main – 102 N Ferguson – Install carport over existing cement slab. Motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2024-14; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Discussion on request from Jennie Haas to occupy a portion of hair salon located at 300 E Main Street as a residence. Attorney Johnson confirmed that was allowed under the Town Ordinance. Motion made and seconded to remove Item D under Engineer and Items A & B under Planning & Zoning from the agenda; vote: all ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion made and seconded to amend the January 23, 2024 claims to reduce the amount by \$8,250 due to stop payment placed on check #17458; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve Payroll and Claims as presented; vote: all ayes, motion carried. GAIL BODDICKER, Round trip to Belle Fourche, \$73.95; CITY OF HOT SPRINGS, Wastewater service, \$1,112.40; CUSTER COUNTY AUDITOR, Dispatch contract, \$2,000; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, Monthly service – April 2024, \$765; HARRIS CONTRACTING, BRIC meeting & prep, \$75; HILT CONSTRUCTION, Guard rail repair/2nd St bridge, \$75; MIDCONTINENT TESTING LAB INC., Water testing/1st Qtr 2024, \$94.50; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, Phone/Internet, \$260.33; NELSON'S OIL & GAS, Tank rent-lower pump house, \$36; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, Bank charge for 2 signature account, \$25; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, District 9 meeting, \$561.66; RC JOURNAL LEE ADVERTISING, Pennington County Equalization publish, \$46.56; SANDERS SANITATION, Monthly sanitation service, \$3,974.49; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, Publishing/Legal notices 03/24, \$807.47; SOUTH DAKOTA 811, Message fees/Voice Out 1-3/24, \$26.88; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION, Fire extinguisher annual inspection, \$185; US POSTAL SERVICE, Annual PO Box service fee, \$120; FEMA, FIRM, \$7,000; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, Stop payment check #17458-FEMA, \$25; **Accounts Payable Total: \$ 17,255.24.** Payroll related: Total Paid On: 3/29/24: General, \$3,859.15, Water, \$311.91, Sewer, \$187.14,

Promoting City/ BBB, \$62.38, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1,144.36, HEALTH POOL OF SD, Life insurance, \$5.25. Total Payroll Related Paid: \$5,570.19.
GENERAL: \$13,377.58, BBB GROSS RECEIPTS TAX, \$81.06, WATER: \$783.04, SEWER: \$8,583.75. **REPORT TOTAL: \$22,825.43.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer County log in packet. Ferguson gave an update on current abatements.

LEGAL: None

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on streets, water, and sewer departments. Motion made and seconded to approve the quote from Black Hills Electric in the amount of \$2,551.03 for the new street light on Whitney Street near lift station approximately at 4th Street; vote: 3 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstain, motion carried. Bolted Tank Interior Floor Reseal, pending. Open Work Orders (Attached), ongoing. PACE Contract, pending and still scheduled for May. Motion made and seconded to cease lagoon pumping; vote, all aye, motion carried. Ferguson was recognized for two Certificates of Achievement he received regarding the Public Water System. Motion made and seconded to remove Items F & H under Public Works; vote: all aye, motion carried.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials presented. Work session scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Motion made and seconded to start the work session meeting at 5 p.m.; vote: 3 aye, 2 nay, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve the cost of the addition of 50 public users to the Front Desk Standard program with GWorks; vote, all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to have Finance Officer Cornelison research and bring findings to the next meeting on May 7th, the requirements for changing the employee pay periods; vote: all aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Hermosa Connects will hold a mixer on April, 22, 2024 from 5-7 pm as well as their vendor fair on June 20, 2024. Motion made and seconded to close off 2nd Street down to Whitney Street to corner of 3rd Street for the vendor fair on June 20, 2024; vote: all aye, motion carried. The fire department and residents in that area will be notified of the closure. Aqueous Film Forming Foam Products Liability Litigation is pending. Joan Harris gave an update on the Headwaters Economics.

NEW BUSINESS: Gravel on Tower Road is pending. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Retail on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine renewal applications for Corner Pantry Travel Center: License #RB2776, Pop's Corner Grocery: License # RB-25133 and Hermosa Community Center: License #27834; vote: all aye, motion carried. Kramer gave update from her attendance to the Custer County Commission meeting on April 3, 2024. The vendor permit fees will be discussed at the next work session on April 30, 2024. Mosquito spraying will be discussed at the next meeting on May 7, 2024. Motion made and seconded to appoint Linda Kramer as the Emergency Management person; vote; all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to remove Items B and C from the agenda; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: There were no items brought forward by citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tabled until the next meeting on May 7, 2024.
Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm, vote: all ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Vicki Henrichsen
Town Board President

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