

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Koontz called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:01 p.m. with the following members present: Ferguson, Koontz, and Serviss. Kramer attended via the phone for a part of the meeting. Harris was absent. Interested citizens, Attorney Hagg, Town Engineer Theodorou and Town Planner Putnam were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Koontz.

CALL FOR CHANGES: (Date typo on agenda updated to July instead of June) Pledge of allegiance led by Koontz, Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to add Item 6D Introduction of Benesch Floodplain Administrator and to accept the agenda as amended; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve June 24, 2025, regular meeting minutes and July 1, 2025, special meeting minutes as presented; vote: all aye, 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.

TOWN UPDATES: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve board president to sign letter of commitment from Custer County Emergency Management to confirm agreement to participate in Custer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ENGINEER: Oath of Office was administered to Town Engineer Anthony Theodorou and Town Planner Neil Putnam by Attorney Kent Hagg. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve the purchase of additional riprap for the lagoon in the amount of \$82,651.03; vote: all aye, motion carried. Engineer Theodorou introduced Maria, Floodplain Administrator, with Benesch.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to table Permit #2025-14 – Digging Permit – 360 Vilas St – Parcel #009202 until the next regular meeting; vote: all aye, motion carried. The staff report for Permit #2025-15 – Digging Permit – 440 Main St – Parcel #015959 and #015958 was presented for informational purposes only. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to table Permit #2025-16 – Carport – 51 N 5<sup>th</sup> St – Parcel #009284 until receipt of site plan, location of structure and type of structure is received; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented: vote: all aye, motion carried. A & B BUSINESS, monthly printer/fax fee, \$554.05; BANK WEST, classic web banking fee, \$25.00 and Semi-annual wastewater Revenue Bond payment, \$26,415.00; BANK WEST CREDIT CARD, adobe/stamp/copy paper/FO registration/certificate for SAM renewal, \$276.81; BAROQUE ADVANTAGE LLC, Pay Application #7, \$87,506.21 and Pay Application #8, \$174,746.78; BENESCH, Lone Coyote Water & Sewer Extension engineering fees, \$845.50; BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOP, electric utilities May 2025, \$2,946.88; BLACK HILLS POWER EQUIPMENT, replacement blades for lawnmower, \$87.00; CBH COOP, propane for town shop, \$349.11; CONIFER CONSTRUCTION, Pay Application #3, \$17,429.64; CHUCK FERGUSON, June contract services, \$3,120.00 and two additional locates/17 hours lagoon pumping and fuel, \$621.00 RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RD1 Loan-June 2025 interest & principal, \$1,278.00; RD2 Loan-June 2025 interest & principal, \$417.00; RD3 Loan-June 2025 interest & principal, \$222.00; SHP Holdings LLC, publishing/legal notices June 2025/renewal, \$424.45; **Accounts Payable Total: \$317,264.43.** Payroll related: Total Paid on 6/30/2025; General, \$3,757.11; Water, \$213.56; Sewer, \$128.02; Promoting City/BBB, \$42.67; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1,138.71, SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT, \$858.50; HEALTH POOL OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$2,087.14; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$8,225.51. REPORT TOTAL: \$325,489.94.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer County log was provided. Town Marshall Alias gave an update on law enforcement. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to continue limiting town enforcement of abatements for an additional six months excluding any health and safety issues; vote: all aye, motion carried.

LEGAL: Attorney Hagg completed the annual review of Open Meeting Laws in South Dakota that is now required per SDCL 1-25-13.

BREAK: The board took a seven-minute break.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing was held regarding a new application for Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License from Popp's Grocery Shoppe. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Kramer to approve the new application from Popp's Grocery Shoppe for a Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License; vote: Aye: Kramer, Koontz and Ferguson; Serviss abstained; motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson was not in attendance at the meeting. Serviss and Holsworth gave an update on current contracted street maintenance work. Town Engineer Theodorou reported that the town had received the discharge permit from DANR and gave an update on the sewer and water projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Serviss gave an update on the Hermosa Connects and Hermosa Area Growth & Development he had attended on Monday, July 7, 2025. Serviss also provided information on the process of annexation.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials will be presented at the next meeting. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Auto Supplement from Account #101-10100-36000 Miscellaneous Revenue to Account #101-43100-42900 Street Budget in the amount of \$3,265.00 which is the amount received from Progressive Insurance for the digital speed sign that had to be replaced; vote: all aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to table Resolution 06-2025 A Resolution Establishing the Economic Development Committee for a period of sixty days; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The Future of the Hermosa Library item is pending until the next meeting.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input. For full verbiage, please see the video recording posted on the town's You Tube channel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel/Contracts at 8:14 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to exit Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to direct the office staff to update our permitting documents with the new fee schedule that was received from Benesch; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Terri Cornelison  
Finance Officer

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Kelburn Koontz  
Town Board President

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