

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:02 pm with the following members present: Ferguson, Kramer, Koontz, and Harris. Interested citizens and attorney Hagg were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion made and seconded to approve agenda as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried.

SPECIAL ITEMS: meeting protocol presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made and seconded to approve August 6, 2024, minutes with the correction of changing the date under Roll Call to August 6, 2024: 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made and seconded to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Contracts 5:36 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to exit Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. No action taken.

ENGINEER: Engineer Anthony Theodorou reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Purchase Agreement Proposal and the WaterGEMS Model Preliminary Analysis.

PLANNING & ZONING: Permit #2024-09 and Permit #2024-27 are pending.

CLAIMS: Motion made and seconded to approve Payroll and Claims as amended; vote: all aye, motion carried. BENESCH, professional service/survey/design/construction administration/civil service/design/permitting, \$34,462.62; CHERYL NEUGEBAUER, prairie dog control, \$300.00; CHUCK FERGUSON, ball valve/repair street sign/round trip to Belle Fourche, \$179.13; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, monthly service, \$543.00; HARRIS CONTRACTING, research/meeting/minutes/emails, \$168.75; IXOM, tether cable, \$363.84; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet, \$264.36; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, software/furnace filters/labels/2 signature account, \$5,380.01; SANDER SANITATION, monthly sanitation service, \$4,590.88; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal notices July 2024, \$175.86; SUMMIT SIGNS AND SUPPLY, stop sign/no outlet sign/fairgrounds place sign, \$227.50; TURBIVILLE repair 3HP grinder pump, \$3,139.50; **Accounts Payable Total: \$ 49,795.45.** Payroll related: Total Paid On: 8/15/2024: General, \$2,631.69, Water, \$307.99, Sewer, \$184.77, Promoting City/ BBB, \$61.69, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$828.70; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$4,014.84. REPORT TOTAL: \$53,810.29.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Ferguson gave an update on a speed monitoring sign and will have more information at the next meeting. No Custer County log was received. Kramer reviewed current abatements and complaints. Board member Vicky Hendricksen had tendered her resignation at the August 6, 2024, meeting and full verbiage of her resignation letter and discussion can be heard on the town website. Motion made and seconded to not approve the request from Vicki Hendricksen to include her full resignation letter in the published Town of Hermosa board meeting minutes; vote: three aye and one abstained, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to have Trustee Ferguson and Town of Hermosa write an apology letter to Auralee Jobgen and thank her for her J-A Trucking business; vote: all aye, motion carried.

LEGAL: Two proposals were received for the Town Attorney position and will be discussed at an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. A request was received from Rick Mills with Hermosa Connects for a transcript of one of the July Town Board meetings. The town does not provide a transcript of their meetings, but voice recordings are available on the town website.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on streets, water, and sewer departments.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financial reports will be provided at the next meeting. Finance Officer Cornelison gave an update on the repairs needed for the air conditioning unit. Discussion was held on the date for the next regular board

meeting as it falls right after the Labor Day Holiday. Consensus was to leave the meeting date on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Discussion was held on software to allow board members and public to participate in town board meetings via electronic means, teleconferencing, telephone or the like as per Ordinance 30.07. Cornelison gave an update on Initiated Measure 28.

OLD BUSINESS: Gravel on Tower Road is pending.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made and seconded to accept the resignation of Vicky Hendricksen effective August 6, 2024; vote: all aye, motion carried. The town will advertise for letters of interest for the open board position. Discussion was held on a SD DOT Application for Permit to Occupy the Right of Way (for parade of lights on Saturday, December 14, 2024) and the board requested more information. This item will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made and seconded to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1-Contracts; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to accept the revised proposal from Kent Hagg for the town attorney position; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Terri Cornelison  
Finance Officer

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Linda Kramer  
Town Board President

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