

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Henrichsen called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Ferguson, Henrichsen, Holsworth, Kramer and Koontz. Interested citizens and attorney Hagg were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Henrichsen.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of Hagg & Hagg LLP invoice under Item 6 Claims and Elmer Claycomb Floodplain Administrator oath under Item 12 Appointments; vote: all ayes, motion carried.

SPECIAL ITEMS: meeting protocol presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made and seconded to approve June 4, 2024, minutes as presented: 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.

CLAIMS: Motion made and seconded to approve Payroll and Claims as amended; vote: all ayes, motion carried. CBH CO-OP, Shop propane, tank rental fee, \$312.24; CONNIE LEIMER, Trap/Neuter/Release program, \$191.15; TERRI CORNELISON, Mileage to Finance Officer School, \$145.86; CHUCK FERGUSON, Lagoon maintenance/gravel Fairgrounds Place/spray weeds, \$1,026.00; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, Monthly Service – June 2024, \$576.00, HAWKINS INC, Lagoon pipe parts, \$1,525.26; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, Phone/internet service June 2024, \$258.03; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, Stamps/shipping/SOS certificate/chair, \$883.20; PIONEER BANK & TRUST, 2 signature account, \$25.00; SANDER SANITATION, Monthly sanitation service, \$4,024.80; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, Publishing/legal notices 5/24, \$100.30; VONDA BELT, Lysol/garbage bags, \$32.53; VAN WAY TROPHY & AWARD, Name plate-Simon, \$17.50; HAGG & HAGG LLP, Attorney Services 2/29 – 6/17/24, \$6,195.00; **Accounts Payable Total: \$ 15,312.87.** Payroll related: Total Paid On: 6/14/24: General, \$2,479.09, Water, \$238.99, Sewer, \$143.44, Promoting City/ BBB, \$47.77, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$739.61, **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$3,648.90. REPORT TOTAL: \$18,961.77**

OLDBUSINESS: Rick Mills with Hermosa Connects gave an update on the vendor fair Saturday, June 22, 2024. Vicki Henrichsen submitted her resignation to the code enforcement committee.

LEGAL: Attorney Kent Hagg stated he had sent letter to the Custer County School District regarding issues with the retention pond on the school property. Motion made and seconded to accept the resignation of Mitch Johnson as Town Attorney; Vote: all ayes, motion carried. Attorney Kent Hagg was appointed as the interim Town Attorney and oath of office was administered by President Vicki Henrichsen. The advertisement of a new town attorney was tabled until the next meeting on July 2, 2024.

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting with the old board members at 6:45 p.m.; Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Motion made and seconded to accept the canvass of votes for the Hermosa Precinct #1; vote: all ayes, motion carried. Oath of office was administered to Kelburn Koontz and Shanna Harris by Attorney Kent Hagg.

RECOMMENCEMENT WITH NEW BOARD: Roll call with the following members present: Henrichsen, Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz, and Harris. Trustee Conduct and Obligations were acknowledged and signed by all board members.

2024-2025 APPOINTMENTS: Motion made and seconded to elect Henrichsen as board president; Vote: 2 ayes, 3 nays, motion failed. Motion made and seconded to elect Kramer as board president; Vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried. President Kramer presided over the rest of the meeting. Motion made and seconded to elect Henrichsen as board vice president; Vote: 2 ayes, 3 nays, motion failed. Motion made and seconded to elect Koontz as board vice president; Vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried. Kramer asked Henrichsen if she would be willing to chair the water committee and

Henrichsen declined, stating “due to circumstances of the scenario and previous precedence, I will decline.” Kramer asked Henrichsen if she would participate in any of the committees and Henrichsen declined to serve on any committee at this point. The assignment of subcommittees was tabled until the next meeting on July 2, 2024.

ENGINEER: Anthony Theodorou PE reviewed the Hermosa Sewer Extension to Lone Coyote Subdivision document that was presented. Motion made and seconded to approve Anthony getting a shovel ready project estimate and investigate funding options; vote: all ayes, motion carried. The board also gave Anthony permission to call K & D Perforators in Upton, WY to ask them to give us a proposal to re-perforate our well #2, to run a log on it and to pump it for a bit with the re-established capacity.

PLANNING & ZONING: nothing was presented.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer County log was included in the board packet. Ferguson gave an update on the increased presence of deputy sheriffs in the town recently and how it is appreciated. Abatements were discussed and will be addressed.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on streets, water, and sewer departments. Ferguson stated that the water issue at 355 Main Street will be taken care of this week. A copy of the open work orders was provided to the board.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials will be presented at the next meeting. Cornelison reported she had attended Finance Officer School and a budget workshop and felt it was beneficial. Cornelison requested that the bank proposals be tabled until the next meeting on July 2, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Shelly Martin gave an update on the Christmas Carnival to be held at the Hermosa School. The town has not collected vendor fees in the past and will continue the policy for this year as well. Gravel on Tower Road pending. Kramer gave an update on the Custer County Commission meeting she attended on June 6, 2024. Motion made and seconded to remove and reword item 18D surplus items and move to a work session along with item 18E Rework Ordinance 50.02 Meters, and also review the mowing and nuisance ordinance to a work session as well as removing all of Item 10 Board of Trustees from the agenda, remove all of item 11 Recommencement with New Board from the agenda, remove Item 12A Election of Board of Trustee Officers from the agenda and move item 18A vendor fees to a work session; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: Audience had input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No items presented.

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm, vote: all ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Linda Kramer
Town Board President

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