

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 @ 6:00pm**



ROLL CALL: Holsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Henrichsen, Holsworth, King, and Schumack. Attorney Johnson, Berg, Ferguson, Harris and interested citizens also in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance led by Holsworth.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended (under Whitney Street Drainage, add proposal for gravel in alley between 3rd & 4th, discussion purposes only plus Law Enforcement issue under Executive Session); vote; all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made and seconded to approve February 15, 2022, regular meeting minutes; vote; all ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion made and seconded to approve the claims as presented; vote; all ayes; motion carried. A&B Business Solutions, Monthly Charge, \$580.17; ACES, Staff Report: 2021-25, 2021-36, 2022-02, \$4,467.50; Banyon Data Systems, Payroll, PSN Module, Utility Billing, Fund Actg, \$2,715.00; Belt, Vonda, Cleaning supplies, ladder, \$59.59; Black Hills Cooperative Inc, Monthly charge, \$3928.91; Boddicker, Gail, Mileage to Custer, x 2 trips (60.84) Utility Easement Filing (Heartland Storage) (30.00), \$90.84; Ferguson, Chuck, February 2022 Contract, \$2,446.34; Ferguson, Chuck, Snow removal, Inspections, \$380.00; Lingo, Monthly billing, \$33.24; Miller Construction, Haul base course, alley work, \$1,803.36; Southern Hills Publishing, February 2022 monthly billing, \$242.20; Tem-Tech, Installed new hour meter, \$275.88; USA Blue Book, Motor, PH Test Kit, \$612.98; Verizon Connect, Monthly billing, \$32.38; Payroll related: Board of Trustees, \$600.00; Finance, \$2,888.55; Meter Reading, \$164.50; EFTPS, 941 payroll tax deposit, \$820.19; SD Retirement Fund, February 2022, SDRS, \$714.04; TOTAL: \$22,880.67.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Introduction of Deputy Megan Heggen, a new officer in the Custer County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Office provided the monthly log report. McGraw reported there were many calls but no extreme issues. He reported the Sheriff's Office is in the process of hiring another officer. Citizen requested Custer County to be more vigilant in the school zone – especially on 3rd Street, a main thoroughfare for school traffic – as she is seeing more and more people that don't heed to the Stop signs. They were also asked to have patrol available at 7:00 am rather than 7:30.

LEGAL: Pennington County Extraterritorial Agreement: Pennington County Commissioners are reviewing the Agreement; no response has been received at this time.

ENGINEER: Water Rehab Project (WRT System): continue as pending due to awaiting results from water test. N Second Street Box Replacement Guard Rail: pending. Lone Coyote Subdivision (Preston Sub) Preliminary Plat Application: discussed under P&Z on agenda. Hermosa Sidewalk Project: The SDDOT engineer's estimate came in much higher than anticipated, therefore, the town must decide how to proceed with the project. Motion made and seconded to go forward with the program up to that allotted amount we originally intended to use and then whatever that amount for the overbid go into that scope of the bid to that amount and then we will reallocate to the next project after we find out what we get for that amount; vote; all ayes, motion carried. Sewer Project (Lagoon expansion); no updates. Town of Hermosa Water and Sewer Extension Project, the Change Order 1 that was discussed at the February 15, 2022, meeting is related to the easement area and reroute. The proposal is \$34,512.80; this includes installing the water and sewer taps on the Shorb property. Berg reported there is no gate valve between the Flying J and Dollar General and if there is a need to isolate the area, a gate valve is essential. RCS provided a proposal for cutting in the gate valve at \$6,000.00. The location and approval for the gate valve will be discussed on March 15, 2022, meeting. Water/Sewer Facility Plans: DANR is in the stage of reviewing the facility plans; issue pending. Hermosa Hills Drainage: no update. Whitney Street Drainage: Berg has not had any further discussion related to any additional testing, coordination or follow up beyond the meeting with FMG Engineering since the meeting earlier in February. The inspections have been completed on Phase II of the school expansion project and Berg suggested issuing a temporary Certificate of Occupancy because of the on-site issues that are not complete. A temporary CO would give them time to make corrections; the drainage is the specific issue. Berg will send contractor informing them of the temporary Certificate of Occupancy. No action taken on discussion regarding bid for gravel to be placed in the alley between 3rd and 4th Streets.

PLANNING & ZONING: P&Z February 22, 2022, minutes: no action. Permit 2021-36; Lone Coyote Subdivision: Preston and his engineer need to submit an updated plat – construction administration services and the warranty items need to be addressed; issue is pending. Permit 2021-25; Southern Hills RV Park: motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2021-25, per the recommendations of the Staff Report; vote; all ayes, motion carried. Permit 2022-03; Digging/Grading Permit – Midco – Construct Cable Communications system in town of Hermosa. Midco to be contacted to request media links, details for the website, public presentations, etc. Motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2022-23; vote; all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Street light on Main Street to be repaired. Water: SDARWS scheduled to return to Hermosa to conduct additional leak detection tests on March 2, 2022. Streets, Street Light Repairs, Water & Sewer Department: Boddicker to schedule a time for a presentation to the board regarding electronic meters. Land Application Contractor: the field must be chiseled before land application can occur. Area citizen has offered to provide a tractor for rent in order to chisel the ground so the ground can accept the land application. CMOM Program Development: Holsworth reported this is a sewer yearly maintenance compliance report, will also have one for water. SDARWS Water System recommendations: SDARWS provided recommendations the town/public works should be performing to work towards and put into scheduling, will continue to monitor. PACE, the company that specializes in pipe cleaning, TV inspection, root control, trenchless spot repair will be on site March 8 to camera and jet the sewer system. Aim High to send a proposal to take down tree in ROW on Fairgrounds Place and have it taken away. Motion made and seconded to have tree taken down and disposed; vote; all ayes; motion carried.

FINANCE OFFICE: Due to approved off-site accounting assistance, monthly financial are pending. Town Office software discussion: Finance Office has researched replacing the Utility Billing, Payroll, and Fund Accounting software program with gWorks, a firm from Omaha, NE. It was decided to postpone switching programs until late summer/early fall.

OLD BUSINESS: Annexation: Gumbo Lilly, Fairgrounds Place: Before involuntary annexation can occur, State Statute requires a study be performed to determine the need for annexation of the contiguous lands and identify the resources necessary to extend or expand the municipal boundaries; ACES presented the Proposed 2022 Annexation Study at this meeting. Citizens will be advised per certified letter that a Public Hearing will be held on Public Hearing : 1st board meeting in April. Town Sign, pending. Berg contacted DOT and learned we cannot have the town sign in the ROW. There is no variance option. ADU Zoning Ordinance, pending. Town Office: Deck Staining, pending. Library: Deck Staining, Mud Jacking, pending. 2022 South Dakota Legislature, pending

NEW BUSINESS: 2nd Reading Hermosa Ordinance 30.01: 2nd Reading Hermosa Ordinance 30.05: 2nd Reading Hermosa Ordinance 30.06: motion made and seconded to approve these ordinances as presented; vote; all ayes, motion carried. 2nd Reading Hermosa Ordinance 30.07: motion made and seconded to approve. Discussion: trustees were encouraged to vote no or amend this ordinance as there may be extenuating medical or emergency circumstances that trustees are just not able to attend the required four meetings of attendance in a quarter. Motion made and seconded to table approval of the 2nd Reading Ordinance 30.07 to amend the ordinance to provide for the disability of a trustee or immediate family member; vote; all ayes, motion carried. Food Pantry: motion made and seconded to approve signing the Food Pantry lease that will be housed in the lower level of the town office; vote; all ayes, motion carried. The Food Pantry is under the auspices of the church and will be required to provide proof of insurance. Motion made and seconded to accept the resignation of Trustee Berni Flug as he is moving from the community; vote; all ayes, motion carried. The March 15 agenda will include a notice that a trustee seat is open, and the board will begin to accept letters of intent for the open seat; vote; all ayes; motion carried.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: Citizen voiced concern regarding the discussion indicating that digging/grading permits will be issued based on a case-by-case basis; concerned there may be discrimination circumstances that could occur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made and seconded to enter executive session at 8:05 pm allowable by SDCL 1-25-2 personnel and contract; vote; all ayes, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to exit executive session at 9:16pm; vote; all ayes; motion carried. No motions made in executive session.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Thanks to Chuck Ferguson for the excellent job he provides to the town. King: appreciates attendance of citizens and looks forward to them attending with solutions to the issues. Henrichsen: disappointed in the ordinance changes. Holsworth: thanks to the board, finance office.

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm; vote; all ayes, motion carried.

Dan Holsworth, Town Board President

ATTEST:

Gail Boddicker, Finance Officer
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