

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz, and Serviss. Harris arrived at 6:03 p.m. Interested citizens, and Attorney Hagg were also present. Town Engineer Theodorou attended via the phone. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve June 10, 2025, regular 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing for a new application from the Hermosa Community Center for an on-sale liquor license was held. Currently TW Saloon holds an on-sale liquor license for 122 Vilas Street and an additional license cannot be approved for the same address. The South Dakota Department of Revenue Special Tax Division has stated that the current license will need to be transferred or relinquished back to the town before a new license can be approved. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to dismiss the new application from the Hermosa Community Center for an on-sale liquor license based on the information received from the South Dakota Department of Revenue Special Tax Division; Vote: three aye and two nays, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to dismiss the new application from the Hermosa Community Center for a malt beverage and South Dakota wine license for the same reason as stated above; vote: three aye and two nays, motion carried.

TOWN UPDATES: Motion by Harris and seconded by Koontz to approve the RFP for the 2025 Hermosa Drainage and Sewer Assessment and Improvement Plans to be published as required; Vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to withhold the Hagg & Hagg claim until discussion in Executive Session. Serviss amended the motion to reduce the claim by \$2,500.00 for the July retainer until further discussion in Executive Session; Vote: two aye, two nays and one abstain, motion failed. Motion by Harris and seconded by Koontz to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented; Vote: all aye, motion carried. AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING, internet renewal 7/25 to 7/26, \$495.00; BENESCH, On-Call Services/Building Official Support, On-Call Services/Office Support, WWTP engineering fees, North Water Tank engineering fees, FY22 DWSRF engineering fees, \$23,722.00; TERRI CORNELISON, round trip mileage to Pierre, SD for Finance Officer School, \$188.70; DOOR SECURITY PRODUCTS, remove user and add accounts for finance officer and administrative assistant, \$146.68; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, monthly service fee for June 2025, \$568.65; HAGG & HAGG LLP, July 2025 retainer/9.25 billable hours at \$275 per hour and copies, \$5,070.50; KIEFFER SANITATION, monthly sanitation service for May 2025, \$4,142.19; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone and fax for June 2025, \$265.64; RAMKOTA HOTEL, lodging for finance officer, \$228.00; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal notices for May 2025, \$232.85; **Accounts Payable Total: \$35,060.21**, Payroll related: Total Paid on 6/13/2025: General, \$2,437.69; Water, \$173.41; Sewer, \$103.99; Promoting City/BBB, \$34.75; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, \$752.93; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$3,502.77. REPORT TOTAL; \$38,562.98.**

ADJOURN: Motion by Harris and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn the meeting with the old board members at 6:40 p.m.; Vote: all ayes, motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Oath of office was administered to Linda Kramer, Donna Ferguson and Aaron Serviss by Attorney Kent Hagg.

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

2025-2026 APPONTMENTS: Motion by Harris to elect Kramer as board president. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to elect Koontz as board president; Vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Harris to elect Kramer as board vice president; Vote: all aye, motion carried. President Koontz presided over the rest of the meeting.

BREAK: The board took a five-minute break.

ENGINEER: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Harris to approve Pay Application #7 – Baroque Advantage LLC in the amount of \$87,506.21 for work completed on the lagoon expansion project; Vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to approve Work Authorization No. 3 – Lagoon Expansion Design and new DANR permit – Benesch in the amount of \$7,500; Vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to approve Pay Application #3 – Conifer Construction LLC in the amount of \$17,429.64 (contractor currently at 80% of work completed); Vote: all aye, motion carried.

Appointment of Subcommittees:

Kelburn Koontz as Chairman and Linda Kramer as Vice Chair of the Water Committee

Kelburn Koontz as Chairman and Linda Kramer as Vice Chair of the Sewer Committee

Aaron Serviss as Chairman and Donna Ferguson as Vice Chair of the Street Committee

Donna Ferguson as Chairman and Aaron Serviss as Vice Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee – Shanna Harris as alternate

Kelburn Koontz as Chairman and Linda Kramer as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee

Kelburn Koontz as Media Spokesperson

Linda Kramer as Chairman and Donna Ferguson as Vice Chair of Abatement Committee – Shanna Harris as alternate

Oath of Office was administered to Terri Cornelison, Town Finance Officer, and Elmer Claycomb, Floodplain Administrator, by Attorney Kent Hagg. Oath of Office was administered to Kent Hagg, Town Attorney, by Board President Kelburn Koontz.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Harris and seconded by Serviss to table Permit #2025-14 – Digging Permit – 360 Vilas St – Parcel #009202; Vote: all aye, motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Oath of Office was administered to Aric Alias, Part-Time Town Marshal, by attorney Kent Hagg.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on streets, street light repairs, water and sewer departments. Holsworth and Serviss gave an update on current contracted street maintenance work.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials were provided. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the quote from Reimer Electric in the amount of \$1,050 to replace the remaining town office with LED lights; Vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil Preston from Pop's Grocery Shoppe gave a presentation on the economics of trying to make a profit and pay the current Off-Sale liquor license fees for the Town of Hermosa. The board will discuss this further in a Work Session next week Tuesday, June 1, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. Resolution 06-2025 A Resolution Establishing the Hermosa Economic Development Committee was presented by Trustee Serviss. Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to appoint Serviss as liaison between Hermosa Connects, Hermosa Area Economic Development and the Town of Hermosa; Vote: all aye, motion carried. The resolution will also be discussed at the next Work Session on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

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 Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel/Contracts at 9:15 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Harris exited the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and Ferguson exited the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion made by Serviss and seconded by Serviss to exit Executive Session at

10:15 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Serviss to allow Harris and Ferguson to be compensated for this meeting as they both had to leave early; Vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Serviss and seconded by Kramer to adjourn meeting at 10:16 p.m. Kramer noted that no motion needed after contract discussion in Executive Session; Vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Kelburn Koontz
Town Board President

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