

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:04 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 with the addition of Item 6A Land Purchase Agreement Under Engineer to be pending and add Item 14 C Dumpster Camera Quote under New Business; vote: all aye, motion carried.

SPECIAL ITEMS: meeting protocol presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made and seconded to approve August 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes, August 22, 2024, budget meeting minutes, August 27, 2024, special and budget meeting minutes, and August 29, 2024 budget meeting minutes; 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.

ENGINEER: Item A Land Purchase Agreement for North Water Tank is pending. Motion and second to approve the purchase of Apple Springs Wastewater System in the amount of \$335,000 and explore other financing options with town's best interest in mind. Motion amended to include generator in the agreement. Motion died for a lack of a second. Vote on the original motion: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve the quote from Black Hills Electric Cooperative for \$35,000 for power at Lagoons; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve and authorize Kramer to sign the Wastewater Treatment Plan Construction Management and Startup Support Consulting Services Agreement from Benesh; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Use of ARPA Grand Funding and FY22 DWSRF Loan Funding; vote: Kramer, aye; Ferguson, aye; Koontz, aye; Harris, aye; motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve and authorize Kramer to sign the North Water Tank Survey, Geotechnical Investigation, Water Model Final Design, Permitting, Construction Management Consulting Services Agreement with Benesh and Black Hills Electric Cooperative quote for \$3,700 for power at North Water Tank; vote: all aye, motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion made and seconded to waive vendor fees for Hermosa Arts & History Museum – Artist Reception/Art Sale on October 5, 2024; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2024-27 – Plat Application – 440 Main St. – Parcel 013913; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to approve Permit 2024-29 – Floodplain Development – 500 & 510 Walter Street – Placement of fill for future development as long as applicant follows Floodplain Administrator's conditions; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion made and seconded to approve Payroll and Claims with amendment of Hagg & Hagg LLP invoice to state for attorney services in August 2024 and September 2024 retainer fee; vote: all aye, motion carried. BANK WEST CREDIT CARD, stamps/label maker/labels, \$570.41; BENESCH, update water map for well #2/water model, \$15,110.00; CONNIE LEIMER, trap/neuter/release program; \$66.00; CHUCK FERGUSON, August 2024 services/consult with engineer, \$4,045.00; HAGG & HAGG LLP; August 2024 attorney service and September 2024 retainer fee, \$5,841.25; PENINGTON TITLE COMPANY, ownership/encumbrance report, \$650.00; RAMKOTA HOTEL, two rooms for new officials workshop, \$297.00; RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RD1 loan-August interest/principal, \$1,278.00, RD2 loan-August interest/principal, \$417.00, RD3 loan-August interest/principal, \$222.00; US BANK, DWSRF August quarterly payment, \$1,493.23; **Accounts Payable Total: \$ 29,989.89. Utility Deposit Refunds:** Tyler Weyant, \$64.23. **Deposit Refund Total: \$64.23.** Payroll related: Total Paid On: 8/30/2024: General, \$3,541.63, Water, \$463.09, Sewer, \$209.31, Promoting City/ BBB, \$69.72, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1,143.62; South Dakota Retirement, \$1,001.26; Health Pool of South Dakota, \$1,969.00 **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$8,397.63. REPORT TOTAL: \$38,451.75.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer county log was provided to board members. Discussion was held on current abatements.

LEGAL: Kramer administered the Oath of Office to Town Attorney Kent Hagg.

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

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financial reports will be provided at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Gravel on Tower Road is pending. Motion made and seconded to approve South Dakota Department of Transportation Application for Permit to Occupy Right of Way for Christmas Parade on December 14, 2024; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the town's opposition of Initiated Measure 28 regarding the repeal of certain grocery tax as it will mean a considerable loss in revenue for the town. First Reading: Ordinance 2.077 Appropriate Funds for the Fiscal Year 2025, no action (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading scheduled for September 17, 2024). Motion and second to approve the quote from Door Security Products in the amount of \$400 to replace camera and switch at the dumpster location; vote: all aye, motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session

ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:44 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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