

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Koontz called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6: p.m. with the following members present: Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz, Harris and Serviss. Interested citizens, Attorney Hagg, and Town Engineer Theodorou were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Koontz.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve the July 18, 2025, special meeting minutes as presented; vote: four aye and Harris abstained, motion carried. Motion by Koontz to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2025 regular meeting with the following changes: under Claims change from directed to requested the Town Attorney and under Old Business change per operating dollar to dollar per operating hour for off-sale liquor; 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.

TOWN UPDATES: No items presented.

ENGINEER: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve Notice of Award Schedule A of the North Water Tank to Quinn Construction in the amount of \$532,453.00; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Kramer to approve the FEMA BRIC Grant 2025 Consulting Services Agreement in the amount of \$436,920.00; vote: all aye, motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to table Permit #2025-16 until the next regular meeting; Motion was amended by Harris and seconded by Ferguson to table until necessary information is received; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Serviss to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented: vote: all aye, motion carried. A & B BUSINESS, monthly printer/fax fee, \$554.96; BANK WEST, classic web banking fee, \$25.00; BANK WEST CREDIT CARD, adobe/stamps/plungers/business cards, \$192.83; BATTLE CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT, April/May/June 2025 TIF #1 taxes, \$2,638.06; BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOP, utilities electric June 2025, \$3,160.03; CUSTER COUNTY AUDITOR, April/May/June 2025 TIF #1 taxes, \$8,503.25; CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL, April/May/June 2025 TIF #1 taxes, 31,129.07; CHUCK FERGUSON, July 2025 contract services, repair alley and mow lot across from town office, \$3,270.00; GOLDEN WEST 23TECHNOLOGIES, set up marshal email account/configure board president and vice president emails, \$360.00; LOWER 48 INSTRUMENTS, vegapuls c 11 radar transmitter, \$885.20; MIDCONTINENT TESTING LABORATORIES, lagoon testing, \$52.00; RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RD1 Loan-July 2025 interest & principal, \$1,278.00; RD2 Loan-July 2025 interest & principal, \$417.00; RD3 Loan-July 2025 interest & principal, \$222.00; SOLBERG KNOWLES & ASSOCIATES, indoor/outdoor panels for WWTP, \$27,269.23; US BANK, August 2025 quarterly SRF loan payment, \$1,493.23; **Accounts Payable Total: \$81,449.86. UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUNDS: SAVANNA WARREN, \$86.44; Deposit Refund Total: \$86.44.** Payroll related: Total Paid on 7/31/2025; General, \$4,905.68; Water, \$391.86; Sewer, \$164.39; Promoting City/BBB, \$54.80; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1,451.98, SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT, \$1,158.86; HEALTH POOL OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$2,087.14; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$10,214.71. REPORT TOTAL: \$91,751.01.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Town Marshal Alias gave a Marshal report. Discussion was held on recent abatement given to property owners regarding mowing and weed-eating yards. It was stated that if a resident has a complaint, they should file a written complaint.

LEGAL: Attorney Hagg stated he is currently working with Pennington County on establishing an extraterritorial agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS: Serviss gave an update on plan to repair streets. North 2nd Street is currently scheduled to be repaired by Dakota Asphalt. Serviss is also searching for town owned space to stockpile gravel and rip rap to have on hand for repairs. Engineer Theodorou reported on currently discharging from WWTP and system has passed all required testing. Lagoon expansion project should be 95% complete by the end of the month and then issues with Fairgrounds Place will be addressed. Jerry Styles reported that contractor removed the dirt needed for the lagoon expansion project from the lots on Main Street and Hermosa Area Growth & Development will provide a letter to the town stating contractor met all obligations. Holsworth reported on contracted street maintenance work. Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to approve the purchase of three loads of $\frac{3}{4}$ base course gravel for Holsworth to complete needed repairs; vote: two aye and three nays, motion failed. Repair of Vac Truck is pending until the next meeting due to the need to receive more information on estimate of cost for parts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Serviss reported that he had attended the Hermosa Connects and Hermosa Area Growth and Development meeting on Monday night, August 4, 2025. The group is still seeking someone to coordinate the enhancement of in-home daycares. The Huckster event will be held next year on the same day as the rock show, which will be June 6, 2026. Fuel the Growth will be held October 6th through the 9th in Rapid City. The group is still working on the ambulance project.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials will be presented at the next meeting. Cornelison is currently working on budgets for budget meetings scheduled for August 13th, 14th and 15th starting at 4:00 p.m. each day.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to remove Future of the Hermosa Library from the agenda; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The first reading of Ordinance No. 2.077A Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance was held. Mark Einerwold stated he has circulated a petition and collected thirty signatures to request the board not to approve the supplement to the Legal budget. The first reading of Ordinance 116.04 Alcoholic Beverages, Malt Beverages and Wine License Requirements and Fees was held.

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 Harris to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel/Contracts at 8:14 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to exit Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. There were no motions made from executive session.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Harris and seconded by Kramer to adjourn meeting at 10:15 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Kelburn Koontz
Town Board President

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