

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023
REGULAR MEETING @ 6.00pm**

ROLL CALL: Styles called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 18th at 6.01 pm with the following members present: Styles, Henrichsen (absent), Ferguson, Kramer, Holsworth. Also present: Chuck Ferguson, Leah Berg, Elmer Claycomb and citizens. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerald Styles.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion made, seconded to approve agenda as presented; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

SPECIAL ITEMS: Meeting protocol, that addresses some of the issues during BOT meetings, presented by Jerald Styles. Motion made by Ferguson to adopt a special rule of order to limit the time for each speech by the BOT member to 3 minutes, no second, motion failed. 10 Minute BOT member speech time per “Robert’s Rules of Order” stays in effect.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made by Ferguson, seconded by Holsworth to approve July 5th, 2023 BOT regular meeting minutes; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: None

CLAIMS ACES Engineering INC: Permit review 2023-17 \$215.00; Ardvark Pest Control Pest control-Town office \$212.39; Golden West Technologies: Monthly service-July23 \$563.50; Midcontinent testing lab. Inc: Water testing 2nd Qtr.2023 \$5,117.00; Mt. Rushmore telephone: Phone/Internet/Fax \$257.44; Pioneer Bank and Trust: Stamps/Flowers \$434.87; Bank Charge for 2 signature acct. \$25.00; Rural Development: RD1 loan-July interest/principal \$1,278.00; RD2 loan-July interest/principal \$417.00; RD3 loan-July interest/principal \$222.00; Sanders Sanitation: Monthly sanitation service 06/23 \$4,406.41; SD Department of Revenue: Sales tax May/June 2023 \$576.95; Half of the Malt bev. fee \$75.00; SDARWS: Annual Dues, Class C Member \$385.00; South Dakota Public Assurance: Annual Insurance 2023-2024 \$14,909.25; Southern Hills Publishing: Publishing/Legal 06/23 \$262.50. Accounts Payable Total \$29,357.31. Payroll Paid On 7/14/23: Financial administration \$1,934.57, Water \$259.15, Sewer \$155.49, Promoting City/ BBB \$51.82, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax FED/FICA TAX \$606.20, Payroll related Total: \$3,007.23. TOTAL FUNDS: \$32,364.54: General \$18,967.05, BBB Gross receipts tax \$67.76, Water \$5,193.91, Sewer \$8,135.82 . Motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Ferguson to approve the claims list except Pioneer Bank & Trust Credit card payment of \$105.34, which to be reimbursed to the Town; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Second interview was done for the law enforcement applicant, background check process – pending. Custer County log provided in the packet. Curtesy calls for abatements are being made by Donna Ferguson, records provided to the BOT members.

LEGAL: Engineer expense reimbursement – pending.

ENGINEER: Water Rehab Project (WRT System)- pending resubmittal. Hermosa sidewalk project – in progress. Sewer project (Lagoon design & expansion): pending SD DANR response after the comments were addressed by ACES on July 5th, 2023. Water/Sewer Facility Plans and Black Hills Council of Local Governments-pending. Town of Hermosa water and sewer extension project-last letter not approving the designs received on May 24th, 2023. Discussion held between Leah Berg (ACES engineering), Elmer Claycomb and BOT. Motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Kramer to allow ACES engineering to resubmit the plans back to SD DANR using the Sioux Falls standards with the insulation and the details that were in the previous plans, drawings and specifications will show 6” of cover; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Hermosa Hills drainage-pending repairs. Whitney street drainage- continued monitoring the situation. Facility plans for booster, water meters-motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Ferguson to have the water meter update added to the 2024 budget; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Motion made, seconded to move water meters from section 9) Engineer to section 14) New business; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Rural development - pending.

PLANNING & ZONING: Permit 2022-25-Digging/Row– pending. Permit 2023-06–commercial remodeling permit application – pending. Motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Kramer to do the inspection for the storage loft permit#2023-06 by Chuck Ferguson and report to the BOT; Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 abstained by Ferguson, motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson, seconded by Holsworth to approve Permit #2023-19 to work in Right of Way-315 Main street; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Motion made, seconded to remove item D) Permit #2023-19 from the agenda; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Streets, streetlights, water, sewer update report by Chuck Ferguson. Quarterly reports submitted. Lagoon issues addressed. Lagoon expansion project is pending, no additional actions will be taken in the meantime. Lagoon testing done for high Ammonia levels and results received. Motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Ferguson to request ACES engineering to send all the sewer test results to Tina McFarling SD DANR; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Walter street maintenance – motion made by Kramer, seconded by Ferguson to have G.J. Holsworth & Son Inc. add/spread gravel at Dollar General approach to radius of Walter street: cost of \$390.00 will include wheel pack after grade, re-grade, final pack and grade; Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 abstained by Holsworth,

motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson, seconded by Kramer to table other maintenance costs with D.J. Holsworth & Son Inc., do more research, perform site visits to have a better idea of what needs to be done; Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 abstained by Holsworth, motion carried. Public works agreement – pending. Training expenses-none. Public works will repair “No Parking” street sign on Ferguson street.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials – presented in the packet. Department updates: Mosquito grant contract signed, the town will receive \$1299.00 grant for mosquito control expenses. Grant research – ongoing process. 2024 Budget – the board will meet on August 16th, 17th and 18th, 2023 to work on the budget. Microphone research – will be added to the 2024 budget. 1 applicant was interviewed for Finance Officer’s position. Motion made by Ferguson, seconded by Holsworth to hire Gail Boddicker as a temporary full-time finance officer for the Town of Hermosa; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Motion made, seconded to remove items E. Microphone research and F. Town office personnel from the agenda; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Voluntary annexation – pending. Town Sign- pending. Town Office and Library deck Staining-pending. Hermosa connects- Information about Hermosa Connects group and upcoming events can be found at www.hermosaconnects.com website as well as Facebook page. Law enforcement contract with Custer County-signed and submitted. Sidewalk extension-from Ingalls Blvd – pending, approximate project year 2028. Chicken ordinance pending.

NEW BUSINESS: Southern Black Hills Water (SBHW) presentation-pending. Motion made by Holsworth, seconded by Kramer to officially invite only SBHW representatives for the presentation and not the state until after; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Contractors licensing ordinance – pending. Motion made, seconded to send a letter of support for the library presented in the packet to the Custer County Commissioners; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Public nuisances – calls for abatements can be made before sending the official abatement letter to the residents.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Thank you for a good meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: Motion made, seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm; Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jerry Styles, Town Board President

Monika Serviss, Finance Officer

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