

**THE MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAGNER,
CHARLES MIX COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF, the July meeting was held on Monday, July 3rd, 2023, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor, Tammy Thornton, Deputy Finance Officer, Marilee Krcil, City Attorney, Beau Barrett, and the following council: Rich Dufur, Tom Abdouch, Colby Kirwan, Jamie Soukup, Dan Cimpl and Taylor Mohr

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

The conflict-of-interest declaration statement was recited. None were cited.

A motion was made by Mohr, seconded by Cimpl for the approval of the agenda. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion of approval for the June 5th regular meeting minutes was made by Cimpl, seconded by Abdouch. All voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of June 2023 Financial Statements and Claims. Motion made by Soukup, seconded by Mohr. All voted aye motion carried.

JULY 2023 Claims

GENERAL

Avera	insurance	10,704.46
John Otte	pay	875.00
Centurylink	phone	75.36
Charles Mix Electric	electric	316.63
Companion Life		67.20
Ingram	books	256.17
Pechous Publications	prof fee	1281.56
Voyager	gas	2342.57
King Koin Laundry	prof fee	86.25
US Bank		10066.63
Ashley Yellowbull	supplies	24.51
Wagner Cancer Fund	repair	300.00
Sonnel technologies	supplies	6908.60
Commercial State Bank	supplies	652.83

Department reports

The mayor requested the department reports be typed up prior to the meeting due to time restrictions. Water/Sewer, Street, and Police and Finance Departments submitted reports. Other reports submitted-Wagner Area Growth

Public Comment

Leo Soukup was present to address the council with his concerns of unfair treatment within the city elected officials. He feels that everyone should be working alongside each other for the betterment of the city. Jeff Stewart was present to address his concern about the minutes not being updated on the city website along with his support of working together.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mohr, for the approval of the mayors signature on the Termination Agreement for the TAP grant project (Second Street Sidewalk) and to pay any final costs that have incurred. Motion seconded by Kirwin. All voted aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion of approval for the Community Access Grant regarding Walnut SW Avenue was made by Kirwin. Seconded by Abdouch. All voted aye, motion carried.

Resolution of Local Commitment

Whereas, the City of Wagner has identified the need to make improvements to Walnut Street; and

Whereas, the City of Wagner is eligible for Department of Transportation Community Access Program funds; and

Whereas, the City of Wagner does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Wagner will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Program in accordance with all program requirements; and

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Wagner will be responsible for all non-construction expenses associated with the project, and a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of all construction costs; and

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Wagner will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs to the route after the construction of the project; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor of the City of Wagner be authorized to execute the Community Access Program application.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2023.

Signed: _____

Tammy Thornton, Mayor

Attest: _____

Marilee Krcil, Finance Officer

Discussion was held on the armory audio system. The school offered to donate their old audio system to the armory and received a proposal for the installation fee. A motion was made by Cimpl, seconded by Soukup to pay the installation fee for the donated audio system in the amount of \$12,374.28. All voted aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held about the location of vendors at the Arts in the Park Festival.

The mayor declared a 5-minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kirwan, seconded by Soukup at 7:42 pm for personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1)(4), and litigation SDCL (3). All voted aye, motioned carried.

Mayor Thornton declared the meeting out of executive session at 9:49 pm.

Motion was made by Kirwin, seconded by Mohr to direct the Zoning Administrator to compose a letter to the county addressing their three properties they own within the city limits, that will soon be up for public auction. The council grants all three properties clear of any assessments. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion made by Cimpl, seconded by Abdouch for the police department to hire off duty officers for Labor Day security at a rate of \$35.00 an hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion made by Kirwin, seconded by Soukup, to approve making Mike Kazena the Director of Public Works/Wastewater/Water Superintendent at the rate of pay of \$29.00 an hour starting July 16th, 2023. Mike will maintain his regular duties as wastewater/ water superintendent along with Director of Public Works which will be the over seer of the streets, buildings, and parks departments. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kirwin, seconded by Mohr to compensate a bonus of \$500.00 each to Marilee Krcil and Kesa Alexander for additional duties expected from the council in the absence of a finance officer for the time period of June 16th- July 15th, 2023. Roll call vote was taken. Cimpl-no Soukup-yes Mohr-yes Kirwin-yes Abdouch-yes Dufur-no. Aye-4 nay-2. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirwan, seconded by Soukup to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Tammy Thornton, Mayor

Attest: _____

Marilee Krcil, Deputy Finance Officer

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