

**TYNDALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2021**

Mayor Mike Elsberry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tyndall City Auditorium. Councilmen present were Ranek, Skorpik, Chester, Soukup (6:38 p.m.) and Travnicek. Also present were city employees Dick Jones, Linda Pesek and LeWayne Lukkes; city attorney Lisa Rothschadl, reporter Beck Tycz and guests Bob Foley, Mike Schmidt, Brad Kopp, Keith Geohring, Dean Kaul, Haley Johnson, Lacey Wittmeier, Zach Bertrand.

Added agenda items: Councilman Ranek, Tyndall Cemetery.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Travnicek, second by Chester to approve the minutes of the March 1 and March 15 meetings. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ranek, second by Travnicek to approve the claims. All voting aye. Motion carried.

A-Ox Welding, ambulance/street supplies, \$338.10; After Prom Committee, donation, \$100.00; Appearance, towel/mop service, \$54.49; AT&T, phone calls, \$71.93; AT&T Mobility, cell phone service, \$146.79; B & H Publishing, public notices, advertising, \$811.45; Barco Municipal Products, stop signs, \$347.78; Bender's Sewer & Drain, sewer line cleaning, \$586.00; Bon Homme Service, supplies, repairs, \$54.75; Robert Brattmiller, cell phone use, \$25.00; Bon Homme Yankton Electric, March well power, \$231.75; BY Water District, March water, \$5669.90; Card Services, supplies, \$1781.77; Central; Farmers Coop, LP transfer, \$50.00; City of Winner, 2017 Dodge Ram Bucket Truck, \$83,000.00; Colliers Securities, annual fee, \$300.00; Commercial Asphalt, 2% excise tax on matting, \$1242.43; Connecting Point Computer, customer support, \$55.00; Country Ford, pickup repairs, \$571.90; Crescent Electric, thermostat, \$123.21; Culligan, water, \$15.50; Dakota Pump, lift station repairs, \$133.72; Dept. of Revenue, water testing, \$30.00; Diamond Vogel Paints, traffic paint, \$171.15; East River Electric Power, March wheeling, \$7327.52; First National Bank, CW#1 loan payment, \$13,553.56; DW#2 loan payment, \$10,160.09; Ft. Randall Telephone, phone service, \$520.53; Great America Leasing, copier rent, \$72.05; Harts Floors & Appliance, stove repair-Daycare, \$123.92; Heartland Consumers Power District, March energy, \$37,511.06; Zach Heesch, cell phone use, \$25.00; Heiman, Inc., EMT, FD safety boots, \$10,017.33; Jeff Honner, cell phone use, \$25.00; Dick Jones, cell phone use, \$25.00; McLeod's Office Supply, election supplies, \$29.20; Muller Repair, battery, \$160.00; National Rural Water Assn., loan payment, \$965.61; Olson's Pest Technicians, rodent control, \$82.00; Overhead Door Company, photo cell, \$165.25; Linda Pesek, Power Forward rebate, \$100.00; R & E Enterprises of Mankato, agra lime, trucking, \$1402.44; Harlequin Reader Service, library books, \$37.44; Sanders' Refrigeration, furnace/A-C replacement \$10,082.70; Schmidt's Service, supplies, \$661.06; SD Dept. of Labor, 1st Qtr. Unemployment, \$325.22; SD Federal Property Agency, tools, lockers, towels, \$271.15; SD One Call, locates, \$2.10; SD State Treasurer, Marc sales tax, \$10,748.02; Stan Houston Equipment, street repairs, \$44.99; Tabor Lumber Coop, supplies, \$5.50; Tyndall Ace Hardware, supplies, \$232.61; City of Tyndall, utilities, \$3904.00; Tyndall NAPA, supplies; repair, \$105.39; US Bank, CW#2 loan payment, \$4460.66; Kimberly Velk, EMT continuing ed class, \$100.00; Dept. of Energy, March energy, \$16,636.29; Wesco, supplies, \$316.00; One Office Solution, office supplies, \$237.50; Williams Sanitation, garbage service, \$202.00; Zieser-Rothschadl Law Firm, attorney fees, \$130.00.

March payroll: Mayor & Council, \$959.65; Auditor, \$3401.87; Public Building, \$378.80; Police, \$5391.56; Streets, \$3332.05; Ambulance, \$16,376.88; Library, \$1320.04; Water, \$1517.92; Light Plant, \$6521.52; Sewer, \$1518.00; SDRS, \$4930.52; SDSRP, \$400.00; Wellmark, \$9249.39; Aflac, \$484.50; Delta Dental, \$396.00 Vision Insurance, \$121.59; IRS, \$12951.29.

April gas and fuel quotes: CFC, Ethanol, \$2.55/gal.; Unleaded, \$2.82/gal.; Dyed Diesel #2, \$2.20/gal.; Clear Diesel #2, \$2.456/gal. Moved by Ranek, second by Travnick to approve the quotes from CFC. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee reports: Councilman Ranek asked that nuisance proceedings be started on the Jason Johnson property at 202 W. 14th Ave. Moved by Ranek, second by Skorpik to start the nuisance complaint process on Jason Johnson's property. City attorney Rothschadl will start the paperwork.

Councilman Ranek asked that the grass blown unto the stones at the Tyndall Cemetery be removed after mowing.

Discussion was held on vehicles sitting on a property on Fir St. No one lives in the house at this time. Ranek has been approached by person interested in purchasing the vehicles but has been unable to locate the owner.

Councilman Skoprik mentioned an obnoxious banner hanging on a house at 202 W. 18th Ave. It was noted by attorney Rothschadl that it is allowed under freedom of speech rights.

Skorpik also mentioned the low water level in the city pond. Utilities Superintendent Jones voiced his concerns of frozen water pipes but will start adding water when weather permits.

Moved by Travnick, second by Soukup to set a special meeting to canvas the returns of the April 13 municipal election for 6:30 p.m. April 15. All voting aye. Motion carried.

One bid was received for 300 tons of asphalt mat from Commercial Asphalt for \$98.00/ton. Total \$29,400.00. Moved by Soukup, second by Travnicek to accept the bid from Commercial Asphalt for \$98.00/ton of asphalt mat. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Lacey Wittmeier, representing the Bon Homme High School senior class, asked permission to place a bronze statue in the city park in memory of Zach Johnson. Moved by Skorpik, second by Chester to allow the placement of a bronze statue in the city park by the Bon Homme High School senior class. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Dean Kaul, representing the Baseball/Softball Board, gave an update on the upcoming summer ball season. The coaches have been hired, with practice to start around May 1. All levels will be participating. Kaul requested that a plexiglass screen be installed in the concession stand serving windows and boards be replaced on both field backstops. The board will be having a field work day and are willing to install the plexiglass and backstop boards if the supplies are there. He also noted that the chain link fence around the fields is getting bowed out and the batting cage fencing needs replacing. The board is checking for a price to replace the netting. The board would also like to see the outfield lighting improved in the future. He requested the supply shed be moved to the east so that a shade unit can be set up for shade and protection from foul balls. He is checking with renting a cattle shade unit from Rushco.

Logan Tycz and Jeremy Krueger entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m. They asked permission from the council to have a street dance with live music in front of their homes on West 11th Avenue. The dance would be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on June 5. All surrounding neighbors have given their permission for the dance. Moved by Skorpik, second by Travnicek to allow the street on June 5. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Kaylene Gehring & Peter Smith entered the meeting at 7:05. Gehring and Smith, ROCS representatives are looking for a place in which to serve and distribute senior meals that are prepared in Springfield and brought to Tyndall. Smith has looked at the VFW/Legion building but likes the small meeting room in the auditorium better. The room would be used Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. They would clean the area and bathrooms each day it is used. Moved by Skorpik, second by Travnicek to allow the use of the small meeting room in the auditorium for senior meals on Monday through Friday's. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Keith Bendert met with the council to ask for a variance on a lot at the corner of Holly and West 14th Ave. on which he will be moving a three-bedroom Governor's house with an attached two car garage and unattached two car garage. His request is for a 1 ½ foot variance along West 14th Ave. and a 2 foot variance along Holly Street. He also requested that a tree, which is on city property, be taken down or he be given permission to remove it. He also asked if he could fill in the ditch along Holly Street or if he needs to install culverts under driveways he installs. Moved by Ranek, second by Soukup to approve everything he asked but have Superintendent Jones look at the ditch for interference with utilities. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Travnicek, second by Chester to appoint Ginger Peschl, Connie Hawks and Diane Bauder to the Election Board for the April 13 Municipal Election and set their pay at \$10.00/hr. and \$20.00 for attending election school. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ranek, second by Chester to approve a \$20,000 automatic supplement to the Fire Department Budget from COVID funds. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chester, second by Skorpik to approve a \$25,870 automatic supplement to the Fire Department budget and a \$7963 automatic supplement to the Ambulance budget from funds received from the Hoch Family Foundation for safety garments. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Soukup, second by Chester to set clean up days for April 21-23. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chester, second by Skorpik to donate \$100 to the After Prom Party Committee. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on projects for the city's Predisaster Mitigation Plan. It was the consensus of the council to add the extension of storm sewer to the plan.

The council was presented with the contract for EMS standby services at Wagner Speedway by the Tyndall Ambulance Service. EMS Director Mike Schmidt voiced his concern about tying up one of the city's ambulance for the standby service and mentioned how the ambulance came back after races last year with dust inside of the cabin. He also stated that Tyndall Ambulance Service is being called to Springfield and Scotland occasionally to cover their calls. It was the consensus of the council to not sign the contract with Wagner Speedway this year. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Linda Pesek presented and reviewed the 2020 annual report and first quarter 2021 financial report with the council. Moved by Skorpik, second by Travnicek to approve the 2020 annual report and 1st quarter 2021 financial report. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The council reviewed an estimate to fix the pond aerator. Moved by Skorpik second by Travnicek to replace the pond aerator's compressor, cord, filter assembly and diffuser at an approximate cost of \$1963. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Skorpik, second by Chester to enter into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to review applications for summer employment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Elsberry declared the council out of executive session at 8:16 p.m. Moved by Travnicek, second by Chester to hire the following summer employees: Assistant Lifeguards, Lacey Wittmeier, \$10.50/hr.; Carter Uecker, \$10.30/hr.; Isaac Crownover, \$10.30/hr.; Daryan Stoebner, \$10.30/hr.; Swim Team Coach, Lacey Wittmeier, \$10.50/hr.; Assistant Swim Team Coach, Lisa Sobotka, \$10.15/hr.; Swimming Pool Caretaker, Tara McAllister, \$12.00/hr.; Lisa Sestak, \$12.00/hr.; Park Maintenance, Eugene Rathgeber, \$11.25/hr.; Jason Hein, \$11.00/hr.; Donald Cihak, \$11.00/hr.; Christian Uecker, \$10.00/hr. All voting aye. Motion carried.

It was decided to set \$10.00/hr. for any new lifeguards hired and add \$1.00/hr. to any returning lifeguards. The head Lifeguard position will be readvertised with a wage of \$12.00/hr.

Moved by Travnicek, second by Skorpik to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mike Elsberry, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda F. Pesek, Finance Officer