

**REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 02, 2024**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Roxie Cooper, Jerry Davidson, Monica Burke, Michael Weyrich, Bruce White, and Randy Wiege present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Police Officer Meyer, Building Official Smit, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2024-001

Motion by White, seconded by Cooper, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 18, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2024-002

Motion by White, seconded by Burke, to approve the claims as presented. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

**CLAIMS- January 02, 2024**

**ESTIMATED WAGES – JANUARY 2024**

MAYOR	550.00
COUNCIL	2,700.00
CITY ATTORNEY	1,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	300.00
CHIEF OF POLICE- Josh Bach	4,000.00
POLICE OFFICER- Anthony Spencer	3,120.00
POLICE OFFICER- Greg Meyer	3,360.00
POLICE ASSISTANT- Jim Smit	1,760.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- DJ Werlinger	3,600.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- Derek Daniels	3,520.00
LIBRARIAN – Tarah Mitchell	1,890.00
LIBRARY ASST.- Olyn Smith	100.00
FINANCE OFFICER – Cory Heckenlaible	3,960.00
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	2,368.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,228.00</b>

**GENERAL LEDGER**

SD DEPT REVENUE & REGULATION- Garbage Tax	359.49
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement December	6,268.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,628.46</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection December	5,932.69
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- City Hall	200.20
ALL NET CONNECTIONS- 1yr Exchange Renewal	123.00
AMAZON CAPITAL- Hale Hall 91.93, Police 33.48	125.41
GALL'S- Police	145.98
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- December Liquor	7,494.81
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- December Liquor	2,163.16

SUNDANCE STATE BANK- Riley TIFD	2,119.05
WHITEWOOD DARE- Reimburse for Southern Glazers	421.25
FITZGERALD LAW FIRM- Legal Services	4,620.00
AT&T MOBIL	387.16
STEWART SIGNS- New Reader Board	19,148.00
WESTERN STATIONERS- City Hall	223.98
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
WELLS FARGO VISA- Police 44.19, City Hall Lights 201.52, Vision 70.88, Election 70.57	387.16
SCOTT PETERSON MOTORS- PW Pickup Repair	123.98
BJ'S- City Hall 46.88, Police Fuel 490.04	536.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,211.27</b>

**LIBRARY**

AMAZON CAPITAL	23.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23.99</b>

**WATER/SEWER FUNDS**

AMAZON CAPITAL	46.83
POSTMASTER	255.00
CENTURY LINK	81.56
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$383.39</b>

**AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS**

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 12/29/23	3,350.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,435.80</b>

Action 2024-003

Motion by White, seconded by Davidson, to approve the Black Hills Pioneer as the official newspaper of the City of Whitewood. All members present voting yes, motion carried,

Alan Aker was not in attendance to discuss his concerns regarding his property along South Street. This item will be added to the next agenda for the January 16, 2024, meeting.

Police Chief Bach presented Officer Meyer with a certificate and pin for his life saving role of a local resident.

Action 2024-004

Motion by Cooper, seconded by White, to enter into Executive Session at 5:42 PM. for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3). All members present voting yes, motion carried.

At 6:08 PM, Mayor Harmon announced that Executive Session had ended.

Action 2024-005

Motion by Wiege, seconded by Davidson, to create an Escrow account to deposit all further Tax Increment Financing payments from TIF #2, received from Lawrence County into. These payments will be held in Escrow until all legal matters have been resolved. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2024-005

Motion by Burke, seconded by White, to no longer hold Certificate of Occupancy certificates from Roger Riley, and issue them if all homes meet all building code requirements. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2024-006

Motion by Wiege, seconded by Burke, to approve a 5% pay increase for all full-time employees who currently have health insurance through the city, a 10% pay increase for all full-time employees who wish to pay 50% of their health insurance premiums, and a 15% pay increase for all full-time employees who wish to have no health insurance through the city. Part-time employees will receive a 5% pay increase. This excludes the library employees as the library board sets their wages. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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MITCHELL U. HARMON  
Mayor

Attest:

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CORY HECKENLAIBLE  
Finance Officer