

**Unapproved Minutes of
REDFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

January 7, 2008
7:00 PM

The City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Duane Sanger, Norm Sihrer, Eileen Kearney, Lue Anne Keating, Darrell Ronnfeldt via teleconference @ 7:17, Kenneth Avery, Larry Eldeen, Richard Gallup, Frank Schwartz, and City Attorney James Hare @ 7:03 pm.

STAFF PRESENT: Adam L. Hansen

VISITORS: Robin Flint, Anita Frankenstein, Lynn Moller @ 7:01, Terry DeJong @ 7:01, Rich Rische @ 7:01, Monte Mason @ 7:01, Robbi Siegling @ 7:01, Craig Johnson @ 7:03, Matthew Owens @ 7:04, LeRoy Fuerst @ 7:32.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sanger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Avery to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Eldeen, seconded by Sihrer to approve the December 17, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

FIRE REPORT: Mayor Sanger gave the Fire Report as presented to him. There was a fire on January 07, 2008 at 3:00 pm at 502 E 2nd St. The fire was caused by a faulty alarm. 16 men were on duty for one hour for a total of \$160. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Schwartz to approve the report for payment and place on file. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Kearney to accept the Community Memorial Hospital and Clinic Board Minutes dated December 17, 2007, and place on file. Motion carried. Eldeen commented on how he did not appreciate how the City Council was portrayed in the 12-17-07 CMH minutes regarding the expansion/renovation.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT: The Sheriff's Office Budget Report for the month of December was read by Mayor Sanger. Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Avery to accept and place the report on file. Motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT: Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Schwartz to accept the Library Board Minutes dated October 27, 2007 & November 26, 2007, that were distributed and place on file as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Hansen presented the November 2007 Treasurer's and Salaries Report, and the Comparison of General Fund Revenue to 2007 and 2006. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to accept as presented and place on file. Motion carried.

Enter: Ronnfeldt via teleconference @ 7:17 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

CMH Expansion Project: Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to remove CMH Expansion Project item from the table. A lengthy discussion was held on the financing, need for the project, and input from the public meeting that was held. Forgiving the 1999 sewer loan to the Hospital was discussed. Board members from CMH spoke on their commitment and the financial viability of the project.

Exit: Owens @ 7:36 pm

Enter: Owens @ 7:38 pm

Motion by Ronnfeldt, seconded by Gallup to proceed with trying to secure financing for the expansion/renovation of CMH. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Keating dissenting. Gallup reported that he received an anonymous letter concerning the CMH expansion/renovation, but since it was anonymous it was not presented to the Council.

Exit: Frankenstein, Moller, DeJong, Rische, Mason, Siegling, Johnson, and Owens @ 7:45 pm

Exit: Ronnfeldt via teleconference @ 7:46 pm

VISITORS:

Leroy Fuerst – Spink Co. Sheriffs Office: Fuerst explained the activity report for December to the Council. He reported that a new deputy had been hired, and how the shifts of the officers are handled. The issue of snowmobiling in town and on private property was discussed.

Exit: Fuerst @ 8:03 pm

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Variance Application 1107 8th Ave. E. - Mayor Sanger opened the public hearing on the application for a variance application at 1107 8th Avenue East in the City of Redfield at 8:10 pm. There being no one present to testify at the hearing and no written comments received, the hearing was declared closed at 8:12 pm. Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Avery to approve the variance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 – 2013 Hay Agreement Lease – Motion by Gallup, seconded by Schwartz to approve advertising for the 2008 – 2013 hay agreement lease, with an opening date of February 4, 2008. Bidders wishing to be considered must be current on any obligations with the City. Motion carried.

Surplus Volleyball Standards & Net – Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Schwartz to surplus one set of volleyball standards and net as they are unusable for the function intended. Motion carried.

Pay Request – Olson Construction – Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to approve Pay Request No. 3 to Olson Construction for \$70,294.05. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting “Yes.”

CMH – Physician Contract – Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Keating to approve a physician contract with Dr. Mary Morris for three years. Motion carried.

SDML Proposed Legislation – Mayor Sanger received a memo from the SDML regarding a \$0.10 tax raise per alcoholic drink that has been proposed by the SD Association of County Commissioners. South Dakota municipalities would receive a portion of the tax revenue. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Schwartz to support the legislation with Kearney and Keating dissenting.

Approve DENR Annual Wastewater Fee – Motion by Gallup, seconded by Schwartz to approve the annual DENR Annual Wastewater Fee at a cost of \$50.00. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Sanger read a letter he received from the Governors Office reporting that the City received an \$8,513 Deadwood Grant to re-shingle the old fire hall.

Sanger received a letter inviting the Council to the CMH Clinic and Foundation annual meeting on January 9th @ 7 pm in the conference room at Sunset Court.

Sanger reported that the Rib Dinner with Your Legislators is Tuesday, February 5th and Municipal Government Day at the Legislature is February 6th. A count is needed by the next Council meeting for members interested in attending.

CMH Expansion Project - Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Kearney to forgive the 1999 sewer loan to CMH on condition money to sufficiently complete the project is approved. If money is not obtained to sufficiently complete the project, the loan balance of \$54, 958.12 is not forgiven. Motion carried with all members voting "Yes".

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Eldeen commented on the problems being caused by snowmobiles being driven on private property.

Gallup reported that the bright light on the NVC tower had been dimmed.

Schwartz received a question from a resident interested in land by the City Street Shop.

PAY CLAIMS:

City Prepaid	\$5,496.38
City Unpaid	\$38,129.66
Hospital & Clinic Prepaid	\$245,499.97
Hospital & Clinic Unpaid	\$117,522.09
Additional Claims:	

Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Avery to pay the above claims. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting "Yes."

SUCH ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

Sanger explained the December Activity Report for the Sheriffs Office. Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Eldeen to accept and place the report on file. Motion carried.

Sanger received a letter about a Safety Training Class being offered January 23rd in Aberdeen at no charge to members. Motion by Eldeen, seconded by Schwartz to send Supt Haider and Supt Lesselyoung. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Duane Sanger
Mayor

Adam L. Hansen
Finance Officer

Recorder: Adam L. Hansen