

**Unapproved Minutes of  
REDFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

March 3, 2008

7:00 PM

The City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Duane Sanger, Norm Sihrer, Eileen Kearney, Lue Anne Keating, Darrell Ronnfeldt, Kenneth Avery, Larry Eldeen, Richard Gallup, Frank Schwartz, and City Attorney James Hare

STAFF PRESENT: Adam L. Hansen

VISITORS: Buffy King @ 7:22 pm, Leroy Fuerst @ 7:29 pm, Jonathan Waldner @ 7:29 pm

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

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Kearney to amend the agenda to add Pay Request #7 & 8 to Gray Construction and Pay Request #6 to HKG Architects. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Gallup, seconded by Avery to approve the February 19, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

FIRE REPORT: Mayor Sanger gave the Fire Report as presented to him. There was a fire on March 1, 2008 at 7:46 am at 504 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. The fire was caused by an unknown source. 21 firefighters were on duty for three hours for a total of \$630. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to approve the report for payment and place on file. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Mayor Sanger questioned the CMH bylaw term limit change from two (3 year) terms to three (3-year) terms. Ronnfeldt explained that in the past it has been a problem with members leaving the board at the same time. Concerns over the three-year terms were discussed. Motion by Ronnfeldt, seconded by Avery to accept the Community Memorial Hospital and Clinic Board Minutes dated February 25, 2008, and table the recommended bylaw change until the next Council meeting. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT: The Sheriff's Office Budget Report for the month of January 2008 was read by Mayor Sanger. Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Schwartz to accept and place the report on file. Motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT: Motion by Keating, seconded by Eldeen to accept the Library Board Minutes dated February 25, 2008 that were distributed and place on file as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Hansen presented the January 2008 Treasurer's and Salaries Report, and the Comparison of General Fund Revenue to 2007 and 2006. Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Eldeen to accept as presented and place on file. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

**Buffy King – HKG Architects:** King appeared before the Council to give an update on the library construction project. Gray Construction reported to King that they are about two weeks behind due to various weather issues, and that the elevator is being installed this week. Mayor Sanger asked about the upcoming change order. King informed the Council she is working on it and HKG will contribute \$500 towards the changes.

Exit: Waldner @ 7:35 pm

King informed the Council that the original library roof will need new shingles. She reported the results of the asbestos shingle test, and proper disposal techniques are being researched.

Motion by Keating, seconded by Sihrer to approve Pay Request #7 to Gray Construction for \$54,703.80, Pay Request #8 to Gray Construction for \$85,341.60, and Pay Request #6 to HKG Architects for \$2,060.75 for the Carnegie Library Project. Gallup reiterated to King the City's policy regarding pay requests. Pay requests are to be at City Hall by Thursday prior to a Council meeting in order to be processed. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting "Yes."

Exit: King @ 7:51 pm

**Leroy Fuerst – Spink Co. Sheriffs Office:** Fuerst appeared before the Council to give the February 2008 Activity Report.

Enter: Waldner @ 7:53 pm

Fuerst introduced the new deputy Jonathan Waldner to the City Council and explained that Waldner will attend law enforcement training this summer.

Exit: Walder @ 8:00 pm

Continuing education and keeping law enforcement certificates current was discussed. Speeding on different streets throughout the City was discussed. Fuerst explained to the Council that identity theft is becoming an issue in the community. Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Schwartz to approve the February 2008 Activity Report and place on file. Motion carried.

Exit: Fuerst @ 8:11 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

**Notice of Abatements Served – None**

**North Main Street Embankment –** Mayor Sanger informed the Council that an application has been submitted on the Turtle Creek Embankment study. Sanger read a letter that will be sent to the State of South Dakota committing \$100,000 towards the project cost on behalf of the City of Redfield. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to approve the statement of assurance and authorize Mayor Sanger to sign. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Abatement of Taxes** – Hansen explained to the Council that the Spink County Auditor requested abating taxes on a property at Countryside Estates. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Sihrer to abate the taxes in the amount of \$280.05 and have President Gallup sign the abatement. Motion carried.

**Deadwood Grant – Old Fire Hall** – Sanger informed the Council that he received some correspondence in regards to shingling the old fire hall. A restricted covenant, Dept. of Labor form, and a Civil Rights Form needs to be signed before proceeding with the project. Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Sihrer to authorize Mayor Sanger to sign the required forms. Motion carried.

**Bridge Inspections** – Sanger read a letter from the SD Dept. of Transportation stating the City is due for bridge inspections during 2008. The City needs to select an engineering firm to do the study. Motion by Sihrer, seconded by Eldeen to hire Clark Engineering to conduct the study. Motion carried.

**Dakota Central R C & D** – Sanger informed the Council that the City has been a member since 2005. Motion by Gallup, seconded by Schwartz to pay the \$40 membership fee. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**Main Street Project** - Mayor Sanger explained to the Council that Clark Engineering was in town last week to address some issues on the Main Street project. Sanger read a letter from Clark Engineering highlighting concerns they have on drains, sidewalks, and light poles. Gallup asked that a drop inlet be installed on the south end of town to help alleviate drainage issues. Eldeen inquired about the sidewalk at the Senior Citizens Center, and Mayor Sanger said he thought it will all be fixed. Mayor Sanger stated that the City plans to advertise in April for the Main Street project and May for the curb and gutter project.

Sanger received a call from the law firm in Washington D.C. that is handling the DME & Canadian Pacific Railroad merger. They requested a letter of support from the City regarding the project. Mayor Sanger read the letter the City sent to Washington D.C. supporting the merger.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Eldeen commented that he had been asked if the City would tear down an old dilapidated building on the 400-block of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Eldeen reported that he was approached about a drainage issue at the Peterson-Bahde-Coleman apartments on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East.

Keating asked what needed to be done with trains not having reflective tape on train cars. She was referred to Washington D.C.

Ronnfeldt commented that he looked at trees around town that might be dying. It was the consensus of the Council not to remove the trees at this time.

Ronnfeldt asked if the old sidewalk on the west side of the Fire Hall was going to be removed. He informed the Council that the pole building at the street shop is in bad shape and needs to be fixed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Ronnfeldt find a contactor to look at the building.

Kearney informed the Council that she received a complaint on the City's cleanup policy for snow on the sidewalk. She asked about if vehicles will be ticketed for parking on Main Street in the early morning hours when the street needs to be swept.

Gallup had a question if the City still planned to draw down a Drinking Water Consolidated Grant for the Main Street project. He received a request for a new pump for the Water Dept. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the purchase of a pump.

PAY CLAIMS:

City Prepaid	\$5,511.32
City Unpaid	\$252,594.59
Hospital & Clinic Prepaid	\$54,045.84
Hospital & Clinic Unpaid	\$177,823.56
Additional Claims:	

Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Avery to pay the above claims with the addition of Pay Request #7 to Gray Construction for \$54,703.80, Pay Request #8 to Gray Construction for \$85,341.60, and Pay Request #6 to HKG Architects for \$2,060.75 for the Carnegie Library Project, and \$300 for fire chief compensation to the Redfield Fire Dept. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting "Yes."

SUCH ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Sanger informed the Council about Redfield hosting the District 6 Municipal League meeting Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Sanger read a letter from SDSU regarding a good roads seminar March 12 & 13.

Mayor Sanger received a letter about a conference on the one call system. Gallup will ask Supt. Lesselyoung if he would like to attend.

Mayor Sanger informed the Council that April 30 – May 1st is the annual Code Enforcement meeting in Pierre.

Mayor Sanger read a brochure about the annual Asphalt Conference in Pierre April 2 - 3. Motion by Ronnfeldt, seconded by Sihrer to send Supt. Haider to the conference and pay the registration fee of \$100. Motion carried.

Sanger received a request from Devin Rogers to remove the existing curb at 306 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. Rogers will place new curb that is able to be driven over. Motion by Ronnfeldt, seconded by Sihrer to allow Rogers to proceed, contingent upon conforming to City specifications. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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Duane Sanger  
Mayor

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Adam L. Hansen  
Finance Officer

Recorder: Adam L. Hansen