

Castlewood City Council
February 1, 2021

The Castlewood City Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chad Ries, Jeanette Bohls, Jeff Shepherd, Heather Schmit, Michelle Barker, Jenny Olson and Mayor Brian Ries. Also present: Rick Ries, Sheila Gerhold and LeeAnne Dufek.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was presented for approval. A motion by Barker and seconded by Bohls to approve the agenda as presented with all members in favor and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ries.

The following bills, including the H-D Electric bill which was not available at meeting time, were presented and ordered paid on a motion by Bohls and seconded by C. Ries with all members present voting aye and motion passed:

GENERAL FUND: Wages 5787.43; AFLAC, group ins. 87.58; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1519.34; Delta Dental, group ins. 82.40; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 776.62; Bass Sanitation, utilities 30.00; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; Brian Ries, cell phone 30.00; ITC Communications, utilities 152.41; Ottertail, utilities 2317.72; Northwest Energy, utilities 391.93; Office Peeps, supplies 548.62; JW Roll Off Service, clean up days 437.10; Demco, supplies 35.42; Postmaster, postage 320.00; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 155.97; Dugan's Sales & Services, repairs 51.95; SD Municipal League, dues 890.76; SD Governmental Finance Officer's Ass'n, dues 40.00;; SD Municipal Street Maintenance, dues 35.00; First District Association, dues 833.13; Hamlin County Auditor, contract 3358.33; Popham Construction, sweep streets 150.00; Estelline Coop, supplies 364.94; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 1558.20; Doug's Service & Marine, ½ of new mower 24,000.00; Visa, supplies 277.21; SD Retirement, retirement 54.00; H-D Electric, street light 19.18/
TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$44,455.24.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND: Glacial Lakes & Tourism, advertising 762.00.

MUNICIPAL STREET FUND: Cadwell Sanford Deibert & Garry, LLP, professional fees 202.50.

WATER FUND: Rural Development, payment 1237.00; Visa, postage 17.60; Craig Wienke, meter deposit refund 100.00; Rick Ries, cell phone 30.00; Thein Well, new pump 9236.94; Ottertail, utilities 257.87; SD Public Health Laboratory, water testing 249.00; Hawkins, Inc., supplies 3314.66; SD One Call, locates 29.40. TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$14,472.47.

SEWER FUND: Doug Gerhold, wages 466.29; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 82.62; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 64.80; Dakota Pump, inspection 300.00; ITC Communications, autodialer 39.83; Wells Fargo, quarterly payment 6490.99.
TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$7444.53.

SOLID WASTE FUND: Bass Sanitation, contract 4950.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 345.18.
TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$5,295.18.

GOLF FUND: SD Health Pool, group ins. 635.64; Delta Dental, group ins. 41.20; Fastenal, supplies 43.70; ITC Communications, utilities 5.27; Doug's Service & Marine, ½ of new mower 24,000.00; H-D Electric, utilities 378.55.

TOTAL GOLF FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$25,104.36

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$97,736.28.

No one appeared for public comments.

Mayor's report. The mayor will be adding notes to the agenda and emailing it to all council before the meeting.

Finance Officer's report. She reported the city had received \$38,251.15 in Covid Relief Funds. An update was given on the Oak Avenue lawsuit. Sales tax for Castlewood was up \$5100 from 2019. A router for the community building was purchased for \$245 because the old router was outdated and not secure. A letter from DENR was read and the city's Distribution line and water tower improvements project will be considered for funding on March 25, 2021.

There were no building permits for January.

The mayor informed the council that Breanna Beebe and Landon Vetter would stay on the Economic Development Board for another 3 years. He also asked if any of the councilman had anyone approach them about sitting on the board and no one had. A motion by Barker and seconded by Olson to appoint Beebe and Vetter for 3-year term on the Economic Development board. All in favor and motion passed.

The flood map was reviewed and discussed. The finance officer is going to contact First District and see if they could put the old flood map on a topographical map so it would be easier to compare the new flood map with the old flood map. The flood map was tabled until the March meeting.

Discussion was held on setting a date for the public hearing on the Wellness Center. The hearing is scheduled for February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. An agenda will allow for public input 5-minute intervals. Comments may be in favor or opposing the city maintaining the Wellness Center after it is built. After public comments are heard there will be a question-and-answer segment.

The following is a list of charges for organizations and businesses that are charged for rent or use of city facilities:

Castlewood Fire District, annual rent \$900; Castlewood Ambulance District, annual rent \$300; Castlewood Elevator, land rent \$1000; Ravens baseball annual \$300; Monarchs baseball annual \$300;

Castlewood School, annual for driving range and course \$1200. A motion by Olson and seconded by Barker to leave charges the same. All in favor and motion passed.

The 2021 rates for the Castlewood Golf Course were discussed. Discussion was held on having one rate for greens. The rate for 9 holes will be \$15 and 18 holes will be \$22. The membership rates will remain the same. A motion by Bohls and seconded by Barker to change the rates for greens fees. All in favor and motion passed.

The General Journal entries for December 31, 2020 and January 31, 2021 were presented and approved on a motion by Barker and seconded by Schmit with all members present in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Shepherd to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer