

Castlewood City Council
March 1, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was presented for approval. Councilman Bohls asked for a park and rec grant available through the state Game, Fish & Parks be added to the agenda. A motion by Schmit and seconded by Bohls to approve the agenda with the added item. All in favor and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ries.

The minutes of February 1st and February 15th, 2021 were approved on a motion by Barker and seconded by Shepherd with all members present in favor and motion passed.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid on a motion by Bohls and seconded by Schmit with all members present voting aye and motion passed:

GENERAL FUND: Wages 5733.43; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 1558.20; Visa, supplies 15.50; H-D Electric, utilities 19.18; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1519.34; Delta Dental, group ins. 82.40; AFLAC, group ins. 87.58; SD Retirement, retirement 830.62; Rick Ries, cell phone 30.00; Brian Ries, cell phone 30.00; Bass Sanitation, utilities 30.00; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; American Carpet Care, clean carpets 221.20; Ottertail, utilities 2132.40; ITC Communications, utilities 147.19; Northwest Energy, utilities 437.13; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 141.33; Avera Heart Hospital, supplies 90.00; Hamlin County Auditor, police contract 3358.33; Department of Transportation, bridge inspection 242.63; Blue Tarp Financial-Mac's, supplies 85.74; Estelline Coop, supplies 138.75; Office Peeps, supplies 82.60; SD Retirement Systems, services and fees 44.96.
TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$17,208.51.

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND: Michelle Achterberg, new home incentive 5,000.00.

WATER FUND: SD Public Health Laboratory, water testing 232.00; Ottertail, utilities 214.82; Visa, postage 15.60; Rural Development, payment 1237.00.
TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$1699.42.

SEWER FUND: Hamlin Co. Republican, utility forms 625.00; ITC Communications, utilities 39.83; Ottertail, utilities 136.47.
TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: 801.30

SOLID WASTE FUND: Bass Sanitation, contract 4950.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 345.19.
TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: 5295.19.

GOLF FUND: Visa, dues 50.00; H-D Electric, utilities 439.40; SD Health Pool, group ins. 635.64; Delta Dental, group ins. 41.20; Doug's Service & Marine, repairs 1141.89; Nivel Parts, repairs 483.32; Fastenal, supplies 10.76; Menard's supplies 237.96; American Carpet Care, clean carpets 345.10; ITC Communications, utilities 5.27.
TOTAL GOLF FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3390.54.
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$32,623.68

No one appeared for public comments.

The mayor did not have a report.

The finance officer's report was the city received the grant papers for the new siren. A discussion was held on the use of the bleachers.

There were no building permits issued for February.

Discussion was held on the FEMA flood map. An email from FEMA was given to the council and the data is not ready because of changes and mistakes. The finance officer contacted FEMA and they are going to make a map overlapping the old flood map with the new flood map for the city council to review.

A housing incentive for Michelle Achterberg was presented for approval. A motion by C. Ries and seconded by Bohls to approve the \$5,000 housing incentive with all members present in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on the code enforcement officer. The current code enforcement program through the SD Municipal League is being terminated. Code Enforcement Specialists from Burke, SD would like to provide code enforcement for the City of Castlewood. The council would like Joel Johnson from Code Enforcement Specialists to attend the March 15, 2021 meeting via zoom to answer questions.

A motion by Barker and seconded by Olson to appoint Terra Ching, Roxanne Bass, Mary Bohls, Gayle Hulscher, Donna Holman, Kathy Pommer, Jan Schiernbeck and Wanda Laue as election officials to work an election should it be necessary. All in favor and motion passed.

March 15, 2021 is the scheduled date for the Equalization meeting.

Discussion was held on the wellness center. The finance officer explained what grants are available and what grants the city does not qualify for. A question was asked "What if the city doesn't take over the Wellness Center?" Lois Wiarda stated they would have to develop a non-profit organization to take care of it. The council was told the Wellness Center will be turn key when it is given to the city. They have big corporations interested in participation for their employees. Discussion was also held on a public vote. A motion by Bohls and seconded by C. Ries to move forward with the city owning and maintaining the Wellness Center after it is built and turn key ready. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bohls, Olson, C. Ries, Barker. Nay: Schmit and Shepherd. Majority in favor and motion passed.

The General Journal entries for February were approved on a motion by Shepherd and seconded C. Ries with all member present in favor and motion passed.

Councilman Bohls discussed the city applying for a Game, Fish and Parks grant for a pickle ball court and canopies at the ballfields. The grant is for a 50% match on an outdoor recreation activity. The deadline for the grant is April 30th. The finance officer is to check and see if canopies would fall under this grant. Price quotes are to be obtained and discussion will be held on March 15th concerning the grant.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Olson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. with all members present in favor and motion passed.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer