

Castlewood City Council
April 6, 2015

The Castlewood City Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Paul Friske, Brian Ries, Jeff Shepherd, Lucas Mack, Shawn Mullaney, LeeAnne Dufek and Greg Dobbs. Also present: Rick Ries, Sheila Gerhold, Cliff Ruesink, Monte McCuen, Ayrica DeBoer, Ron Gleysteen, Barb Cozad, Del and Michelle DeWall.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The minutes of March 2, 2015, and March 16, 2015, were approved on a motion by Dobbs and seconded by Mullaney with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid on a motion by Mack and seconded by Dobbs with all members present voting aye and motion passed:

GENERAL FUND: Wages 4222.87; Justin Ries, wages 92.35; Larry Goens, wages 106.20; Delta Dental, group ins. 39.00; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 1819.66; SD Health Pool, group ins. 1523.47; AFLAC, group ins. 96.68; Bass Sanitation, Inc., garbage haul 15.00; H-D Electric 1851.51; Rick Ries, comp time 6913.83; First Premier Bank, library rent 150.00; Richard Ries, cell phone 30.00; Paul Friske, cell phone 30.00; Hamlin Co. Republican, publishing 238.38; Ottertail, utilities 2087.31; Office Peeps, office supplies 196.38; Menard's, supplies 154.61; Gunderson, Evenson & Boyd, professional fees 285.00; Estelline Coop Oil, gas 1171.35; Northwest Energy, natural gas 537.30; Hamlin County Auditor, police contract 2708.33; Castlewood Building Supplies, supplies 115.44; Demco, books 25.00; Western Books, books 143.55; Doubleday Bookclub, books 163.34; Janice Schiernbeck, books 74.95; Castlewood Elevator, supplies 58.04; Mac's Inc., supplies 76.39; Castlewood Corner Market, supplies 15.46; Titan Machinery, repairs 158.50; Castlewood Locker, supplies 18.00; Glass Products, supplies 121.47; Hamlin County Treasurer, ½ taxes 3139.64; SD Public Assurance Alliance, golf course ins. 1552.02; Queen City Wholesale, supplies 306.75; TMRG Broadcasting, advertising 150.00; Big Stone Broadcasting, advertising 125.00; ITC Communications, telephone 333.85; Petty Cash, golf course starting cash \$425.00; Doug's Service & Marine, repairs 41.98; Menard's, supplies 308.99; Sheila Gerhold, range balls 545.43; Service Master, clean carpets 326.43; Zimco Supply, chemical golf course 765.32; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 4155.96.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$37,105.98

BUSINESS DISTRICT FUND: Schmucker, Paul Nohr & Associates, engineer fees 1787.50.

WATER FUND: Wages 2589.06; Electronic Federal Tax Payment, ss & wh 764.81; Rural Development, payment 1237.00; Ottertail, utilities 129.81; Department of Revenue, water testing 512.00; Delta Dental, group ins. 39.00; SD Retirement Systems, retirement 395.92; SD Health Pool, group ins. 621.64.

TOTAL WATER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$56,289.24

SEWER FUND :Menard's, supplies 331.18; First Choice Sewer & Septic, clean sewer line 418.00; Ottertail, utilities 101.17; Dakota Pump, repairs 183.67.

TOTAL SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$1034.02.

SOLID WASTE FUND: Bass Sanitation, contract 3450.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax 219.47.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$3669.47.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, all funds: \$49,885.61.

The Sioux Valley Economic Development Corp was present for two proposals. A loan request for Chuck and Ayrca DeBoer to purchase Ida's Café to open up a photography studio and also an area for young people to play games (pool, air hockey, foosball etc.) for \$15,000 was presented. They will be putting \$3000 down for a down payment, 5% interest rate and 5 year amortization schedule. A motion by Mack and seconded by Dobbs to approve the loan. All in favor and motion passed. The second request was for Del and Michelle to purchase Flinner's steakhouse for \$115,000. They have \$10,000 for a down payment. They also requested a 20 year amortization in a 10 year loan with a balloon payment at the end of ten years and also 5 % interest rate. They are also requesting \$65,000 from the SD Economic Development and the city would share a first mortgage with them. A motion by Mack and seconded by Dufek to approve the loan. All in favor and motion passed.

The golf course applications were presented. The golf course manager and golf course superintendent made their recommendations to the city council as to who they would like to see hired. The inside employees will be paid \$9.00 per hour and outside employees will be paid \$10.00 per hour.

An agreement from NB Golf Cars was presented for the Golf Course to rent 5 carts for 4 months at a total cost of \$2500.00. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Ries to approve the renting of the carts for the 2015 season. All in favor and motion passed.

A letter from the Hamlin County Commissioners was presented. The County is considering raising the hourly rate of \$25.00 for our police contract to \$29.33 per hour. The finance officer and mayor will be attending the commissioners meeting on 4-17-15 at 11:30 to discuss this.

A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Dobbs to approve a street light on Garvin Drive down on the south end near Tim Popham's new home. All in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mack to approve the first reading of the supplement budget for the Golf Course in the amount of \$150,000. All in favor and motion passed.

The quarterly investment report was presented. Discussion was held on the interest rate from First Premier for a 12 month CD is .55% with no early withdrawal penalty. A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Ries to transfer \$200,000 from Citizen's to First Premier Bank and to approve the report with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

Clean up Day is scheduled for May 4th through May 9th and on May 9th the rubble site will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Lucas Mack asked to fill in his ditch in front of his house and run culverts underneath. A motion by Dufek and seconded by Mullaney to table it until the May meeting so the ditch can be looked at.

Discussion was held on the city's mowing ordinance. The finance officer is to check and see if you have to send a notice or if you can have it mowed every 10 days without notice.

A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Mack to approve the General Journal entries. All in favor and motion passed.

The council approved \$10,000 for crack sealing and also discussed street repairs for the 2015 season. Rick is to also get Popham's to clean the streets. The bridge was also discussed and prices are to be obtained to pour cement for the walk way and also a railing.

A motion by Dobbs and seconded by Mack to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer