

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Terry Jaspers, Alderwomen Appel & Randolph, Aldermen German, Just, Solberg and Stapleton.

**Others Present:** Erin Cameron, Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Leif Redinger, Terry Sutton, David Staub, Kraig Archer, Gordon Nielsen, Samantha Stickland

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jaspers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Just moved and Solberg seconded to approve agenda as presented. All voted aye.

**Minutes:** Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes. All voted aye.

**Bills Payable:** Solberg moved and Appel seconded to approve the bills payable as presented. All voted aye.

**Liquor:** Lekness presented the February 2022 liquor report.

**Police:** Croymans reported on police department.

**Travel:** German moved and Appel seconded to authorize Officer Isaacson to attend training in Mobridge, SD on March 22-24, 2022, for Chief Croymans to attend SD Police Chiefs Spring Conference on April 19-21, 2022 in Deadwood, SD and for Finance Officer to attend Floodplain Management Training on April 5, 2022 in Aberdeen, SD. All voted aye.

**Street/Safety:** Doud reported for street department.

**Hire Street Dept. Laborer:** Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to hire Delwin Williams as Street Department Laborer at a beginning wage of \$17.25 per hour. All voted aye.

**Water/Sewer:** Spencer reported for the water and sewer department.

**Water Treatment Plant Bids:** Leif Redinger with Helms & Associates was present to discuss bids on the Water Treatment Plant. Bids were received on March 10, 2022 as follows:

Stanek Constructors, Inc.

Base Bid – \$3,994,250.00

Alternate 1 – \$136,505.00

Swanberg Construction, Inc.

Base Bid – \$4,146,345.00

Alternate 1 – \$138,000.00

American General Contractor's Inc.

Base Bid – \$4,323,048.01

Alternate 1 – \$185,594.00  
Northern Plains Contracting, Inc.  
Base Bid – \$4,276,134.53  
Alternate 1 – \$254,000.00  
NorthStar Logistics LLC  
Base Bid – \$4,600,595.29  
Alternate 1 – \$273,602.47

Mayor Jaspers informed the Council of the intention to transfer 2,500,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund to assist with payment of the project. Since the City was not able to obtain support from the SWO Tribe to utilize Federal Funds through the IHS Sanitation Facilities Program an option to pay back the General Fund would be to impose a surcharge to all utility accounts. Further discussion and consideration will take place at a later meeting. Stapleton moved and Just seconded to accept low bid from Stanek Constructors, Inc. for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid 1 in the amount of \$4,130,755.00. All voted aye.

**Notice of Award:** German moved and Appel seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign the Notice of Award to Stanek Constructors, Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant Project. All voted aye.

Building Permits: None

**Finance Report:** Just moved and Randolph seconded to approve the February 2022 finance report. All voted aye.

**City Attorney:** No Report

**Public Comment:** None

**Transfer Agreement between USA, SWO Lake Traverse Reservation and City of Sisseton:** German moved and Randolph seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign Transfer Agreement between USA, SWO Lake Traverse Reservation and City of Sisseton for installed facilities associated with a wastewater improvement project conducted by IHS. All voted aye.

Municipal Election Canceled: The Municipal Election scheduled for April 12, 2022 is canceled due to unopposed incumbents. Certificates of Election will be presented at the May 2022 meeting.

**Malt Beverage License Public Hearing:** At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held for a 2021-2022 retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine license. There was no public input. Stapleton moved and Just seconded to approve the 2021-2022 retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine application for GF Buche Co. Buche Hardware. All voted aye.

Visitor: Gordon Nielsen & Kraig Archer, Valley View Country Club Board Members, addressed Council regarding plans for improvements including cart paths, access road and irrigation system at Valley View Country Club. To date, VVCC has paid the City \$27,452.00 in rent based on 1%

of liquor & food sales of the \$60,000.00 that the City donated to VVCC in 2016-2017. VVCC Board Members plan to request additional funding to assist with the improvement projects at a later date when more details are determined for the projects planned.

**SD Game, Fish & Parks Recreational Trails Grant:** Leif Redinger provided an updated cost estimate and trail plan for Cedar Park and future trails. German moved and Just seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign SD Game, Fish & Parks Recreational Trails Grant Application to develop a trail in Cedar Park. All voted aye.

Regular City Council Meeting Date: Council discussed possibly changing the date of regular City Council meetings. Council will consider at April meeting based on any input from the public.

Information & Discussion: The April 12, 2022 municipal election is canceled. SDML District 1 Annual Meeting will take place in Webster, SD on March 17, 2022. Mayor Jaspers informed Council that First District is in the process of reviewing zoning regulations and will provide input on updates. Roberts Regional Railroad Authority will be meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 regarding potential funding through a federal RAISE grant administered by the SD DOT. Mayor Jaspers indicated his intention to issue a letter of support for the funding. Mayor Jaspers informed the Council that the Library will be advertising for a part time position. Just inquired about plans to repair drywall in lobby area of City Hall.

**Adjourn:** Appel moved and Stapleton seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer