

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Terry Sutton.

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

Agenda: Randolph moved and German seconded to approve agenda as presented. All voted aye.

Solberg arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes: Stapleton moved and Just seconded to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes. All voted aye.

Bills Payable: Just moved and Randolph seconded to approve the bills payable as presented. All voted aye.

Liquor: Lekness presented the January 2023 liquor report. Solberg inquired about recycling. Liquor Committee will look at options to construct a recycling container.

Police: Croymans reported on police department. Mayor Jaspers informed Council of meeting with SD Law Enforcement Training Agent to discuss the possibility of changing SD Administrative Rule that currently allows a waiver process to hire patrol officers under age 21 for a municipality with a population of under 500. A rule change will be proposed to allow the waiver for any class 1 or 2 municipality if the potential patrol officer meets certain training requirements.

Police Department Sign-on Bonus: Appel moved and Solberg seconded to authorize sign-on bonus for patrol officers as follows:

Uncertified patrol officers will receive \$500.00 with first paycheck, \$1,000.00 at time of certification.

Certified patrol officers will receive \$1,500.00 with first paycheck. Bonus pay will be incorporated into employment contract with payback if patrol officer terminates employment within the contract period.

All voted aye.

Patrol Officer Employment: Appel moved and Solberg seconded to hire Jeffrey Schmidt as part time patrol officer at a wage of \$24.00/hr. and placement on the longevity scale at 1 year effective immediately. All voted aye.

Police Department Employment: German moved and Randolph seconded to hire Ethan Hasan as full time patrol officer at a wage of \$22.50/hr. All voted aye.

Police Department Employment: German moved and Solberg seconded to hire Lindsey Zastoupil as full time patrol officer at a wage of \$22.50/hr. All voted aye.

Street/Safety: Doud reported for street department.

Public Hearing: At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held for a special event malt beverage license to operate at City Hall on March 14, 2023 submitted by the Roberts County Rescue Squad. There was no public input. Stapleton moved and Just seconded to approve the special event malt beverage license. All voted aye.

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

Building Permits: Council reviewed building permits.

Finance Report: Randolph moved and Just seconded to approve the January 2023 finance report. All voted aye.

City Attorney: No Report

Public Comment: None

Stanek Constructors Pay Request #4: Stapleton moved and German seconded to approve pay request #4 submitted by Stanek Constructors in the amount of \$139,658.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Project. All voted aye.

Ordinance 687: Appel moved and Just seconded to pass the first reading of Ordinance 687 DISCRETIONARY TAX FORMULA.

Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Appel, Just, Stapleton, Solberg, Randolph and German. Motion carried.

SDML Annual Meeting: Appel moved and Just seconded to authorize registration fee for Elected Officials, employees and spouses to attend the SDML District 1 Annual Meeting at Sisseton City Hall on March 14, 2023. All voted aye.

Information & Discussion: Alderman Just inquired about re-siding sanitation building. Mayor Jaspers will discuss with local contractor. Mayor Jaspers informed Council that Helms & Associates will be at City Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 14th to review plans for the Airport Fencing Project.

Adjourn: German moved and Randolph seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer