

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SALEM CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL IN SALEM SOUTH DAKOTA ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Robin Rayman called the meeting to order with Council Members George Eichacker, Laura Gessner, Ben Johnson, Ron Mayrose, Doug Mokros and Robin Westhoff present. Craig Cheeseman was also present.

Mayor Rayman stated the special meeting was called to finalize the 2014 Appropriation Budget; utility rates; and discuss Phase II of the baseball field complex improvement plan.

Craig Cheeseman reviewed Phase II of the baseball field complex improvement plan. The plan has been revised leaving a driveway open on the west side of the baseball field. There are no city funds for this project; but Council consensus was to allow the improvements of curb & gutter and addition of grass in an area on the west side of the baseball field complex as long as proper drainage and access to the fenced in area north of the armory was in the plan. Cheeseman informed the Council that an application to host the 2015 State Legion Tournament is being submitted; and the baseball fund has enough funds to start on Phase II.

The remainder of the meeting was spent finalizing the 2014 Appropriation Budget and utility rates. Discussion was held on the operating costs of the water treatment plant; necessity to replace the UF Filters sooner than scheduled; sewer rate requirements for DENR grants (currently \$22.00); and the current garbage, water & sewer rates.

Capital projects in 2014 will be the replacement of water main on Norton from Hill to Pierce; rebuild and matting of Dakota Street from Norton to Drake; and replacement of sidewalk on the south side of City Hall. Major repairs: remodeling of the two restrooms in City Hall into one ADA compliant restroom; replacement of the front doors on the armory; replacement of (5) UF Filters in the Water Treatment Plant and cleaning and televising 4 times the number of sewer mains. Future projects discussed: **2015** – Street rebuild on Norton from Hill to Pierce.

Motion Gessner, second Mayrose, carried, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 600 an ordinance revising Water Rates; an increase of \$1.10 to the water flat fee and increase of .0001 cents to the cost per gallon. Rate increase is necessary to maintain the required 110% ratio of revenues to operating costs required by DENR and accommodates additional annual funds into the filter replacement reserve. The rate increase will generate approximately \$11,680.00 in revenue.

Motion Mokros, second Gessner, carried, to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 599 the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance - General Fund \$1,010,090.00; Sales Tax Fund \$5,390.00; Street Assessment Fund \$80,000.00; Storm Sewer Fund \$12,840.00; Water Fund \$447,377.00; Sewer Fund \$161,153.00 – total 2014 Budget \$1,716,850.00.

The 2014 Appropriation Budget dedicates \$215,000.00 to the General Fund Capital Replacement Reserve account for the following:

Pool Renovation - \$75,000.00; Street Projects - \$65,000.00; Park Playground Replacement - \$25,000.00; Fire Hall - \$50,000.00.

The 2014 Budget adds \$50,000 to the General Fund Capital Outlay accounts:
City Equipment - \$25,000.00; Street Sweeper - \$25,000.00.

Motion Mayrose, second Gessner, carried, to approve the 2014 Tax request of \$299,388.00 for the General Fund and 2014 Street Assessments of \$34,169.61 to be filed with the McCook County Auditor.

Motion Mokros, second Mayrose, carried, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2013, at Salem, South Dakota.

Robin Rayman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller
Finance Officer

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