

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SALEM CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL IN SALEM SOUTH DAKOTA ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to prepare the preliminary 2016 Appropriation Budget, discuss McCook Central's request to close Minnesota for playground use, and review the Armory Rental Contract.

Request from McCook Central on the use of Minnesota Street between Washington & Essex for a playground was addressed. Finance Officer Heumiller stated the insurance company was still working on the liability issue. With the knowledge of how people drive around barricades and cones, safety of the students is the main concern.

Motion George, second Mokros, to approve McCook Central's use of Minnesota Street between Washington and Essex for a playground between the hours of 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

On roll call, one (1) "Aye" (Eichacker) and four (4) "Nay" (Gessner, Johnson, Mayrose, Mokros). Motion failed.

An addition to the "Armory Rental Agreement" was discussed. Adding a rental line item for the use of the Gym for a Wellness Program (8 week booking minimum) for \$15.00 per day used (1 hour per day).

Motion Mokros, second Mayrose, carried, to add a rental line item for the use of the Gym for a Wellness Program (8 week booking minimum) for \$15.00 per day used (1 hour per day) to the "Armory Contract".

The remainder of the meeting was used to establish a preliminary 2016 Budget.

Revenues and rates were reviewed on all funds. No action on rate increases was taken.

The total preliminary budget by Fund:

General Fund, \$1,138,500.00; Gross Receipt Tax Fund, \$5,390.00; Street Assessment Fund \$70,000.00; Storm Sewer Fund \$19,730.00; Water Fund \$353,330.00; and Sewer Fund \$128,562.00. Total preliminary 2016 Appropriation Budget is \$1,715,512.00.

Some items presented and placed in the preliminary general fund budget are the purchase of fifty-two chairs at the Armory; new sweeper for the skid steer; widening the Fire Hall overhead doors. Capital Outlay for a Sweeper and City Equipment; Capital Replacement Reserves – Pool Renovation; City Park Reno & Playground Replacement; and street projects. Street projects will be prioritized once the sewer televising report is complete.

Motion Gessner, second Mayrose, carried, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #617 – an Ordinance establishing the 2016 Appropriation Budget.

Motion Gessner, second Johnson, carried, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015, at Salem, South Dakota.

Robin Rayman  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller  
Finance Officer

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