

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SALEM CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE IN THE MCCOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DDN ROOM IN SALEM SOUTH DAKOTA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Glenda Blindert called the meeting to order with Council Members Doug Mokros, Ron Mayrose, Mitchell Rayman, Marc Harris, Janet Karel and Dnyee Schierholz present. County Commissioners Chuck Mehlbrech and Dean Koch; Brad Stiefvater Jr. and Jerry Francis of McCook County Ambulance were also present.

Motions made were unanimous of Council members present unless roll call identifies otherwise.

Declaration of conflicts: None.

Motion Harris, second Rayman, carried, to approve the agenda.

Public comment (SDCL 1-12.1): None.

County Commissions were present to discuss the request from McCook County Commission to have the city's budget provide a subsidize the McCook County Ambulance.

BJ Stiefvater was present to answer any questions regarding the ambulance services and financials provided.

McCook County Ambulance provides ALS service to the county.

The Council, commissioners and Stiefvater discussed funding and operational details; some key points made:

- 1) Medicare and Medicaid only pay a small portion of the amount billed out for the service; and that is all the dollars received. The remainder of the bill, by law, cannot be billed to the patient as well as an increase in No Insurance/No Pay. Writing Off over 200k yearly on average.
- 2) The ambulance is a service for the county and does not generate positive income which is why it has always been subsidized.
- 3) Service is needed in the county.
- 4) To pursue a more equal funding option to subsidize the ambulance service, realizing everyone's budgets are tight and the service costs are going to continue to increase.

The city will consider budgeting dollars during the review 2025 Budget.

City Hall Community Center Project:

Motion Mokros, second Mayrose, carried, to approve the increased size of the patio to the north side of the patio – cost provide by McGough - \$15,974.69.

No changes to the downspout design will be made, and no naming rights will be sought for the building.

The fireworks/firearm's amended ordinance was presented with clarifications to two sections. The first reading will be at the September 10th meeting.

Finance Officer Heumiller presented the preliminary 2025 Appropriation Budget.

Expenditure and Revenues were reviewed on all funds.

The first reading of the 2025 Budget Ordinance will be made at the September 10th meeting.

Motion Mayrose, second Schierholz, carried, to adjourn @ 8:50 p.m.

Dated this 26th day of August 2024, at Salem, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

Glenda Blindert
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller
Finance Officer

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