

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Philip City Council was held on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Haakon Co. Courthouse. Present were Mayor Michael Vetter, Council Members Trisha Larson, Terri Pelle, Brit Miller, Marion Matt, Marty Gartner and Scott Pinney. Also present were City Administrator Brittany Smith, Finance Officer Monna Van Lint, Chief of Police Ben Buls, City Attorney Stephanie Trask, and Carol Schofield.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Gartner, seconded by Matt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Gartner to approve the minutes of the last meeting(s) as published in The Pioneer Review and on the City's website. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to approve the payment of the bills from the appropriated funds as listed below. Motion carried.

Gross Salaries – July 30, 2021: Admin - \$4052.10; Finance - \$3688.53; Public Works - \$14575.57; Police - \$3293.33; Swimming Pool - \$11,456.79

Colonial Life	Employee Supplemental Ins 7/21	196.60
Credit Collections Bureau	Garnishment 7/21	261.36
EFTPS	SS/Medicare/Withholding 7/21	8374.04
NE Child Support	Garnishment 7/21	659.18
SDRS	Employee Retirement 7/21	3260.21
SDSRP	Sup Retirement 7/21	100.00

Add'l Bills – July 2021:

SD Property Management	'06 Sterling LT9511 Truck 6/21	33500.00
	'00 Cimline Crack Seal Machine 6/21	2500.00

Water Meter Project:

Core & Main LP	3" Meter 7/21	1807.78
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This Month's Bills:

A&T Mobility	Cell Phone 6-7/21	223.15
Bad River Law Prof LLC	Legal/Atty 7/21	540.00
Brock White Co LLC	Crack Sealant 7/21	1415.00
Century Business Products	Copier Maint 6-7/21	76.05
CHS River Plains	Fuel/Supplies 6/21	1111.89
Corporate Trust – US Bank	SRF #6 Pay #6 8/21	4917.84
	SRF #7 Pay #6 8/21	5766.78
Coyles Super Valu	Supplies/Resale 7/21	290.23
Delta Dental	Dental Ins 8/21	671.80
1 st Nat'l Agency	Fuel System Ins 8/21-8/22	1238.00
1 st Nat'l Bank – Philip	UB Postage 7/21	134.07

Golden West Telecom	Telephone/Internet 6-7/21	646.30
Haakon Co Treasurer	Office Rent 8/21	500.00
	'06 Truck Title/Plates 8/21	21.20
Hanson Oil	Fuel/LP 6-7/21	3347.55
Hawkins Inc	P Chemical 7/21	578.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Ins 8/21	9598.40
Ingram Pest Service Inc	RS Pest Control 7/21	60.00
Kennedy Implement	Supplies 7/21	45.48
Kieffer Sanitation	373 Residential Collections 7/21	5016.85
Lakota Contracting Inc	PD Supplies/Uniforms 7/21	128.65
M.G. Oil Co	PD Fuel 6/21	174.83
Moses Building Center	Supplies 7/21	119.96
Optilegra	Vision Ins 8/21	121.95
Petersen's Variety	P Supplies 7/21	18.16
Philip Hardware	Supplies/Resale 7/21	735.21
Philip Match Bronc Ride	2021 Approp	1500.00
Philip Volunteer Fire Dept	2021 Fireworks Approp	300.00
Pioneer Review	Publishing 7/21	1248.54
SD 811	Locates 4-6/21	24.15
SD Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax Payable 7/21	697.80
	W/P Testing 7/21	90.00
SDML	Atty Handbook Supp 2021	10.00
Sew Mine Upholstery	PD Uniforms 7/21	9.00
Stewart, Chris	Swim Lesson Refund 7/21	15.00
The Lifeguard Store	Rescue Tubes 7/21	153.44
The Philip Pit Stop	Fuel 7/21	805.21
Thomson Reuters – West	SDCL Updates 2021	20.97
Vadim Municipal Software Inc	AP Checks 7/21	270.00
Verizon Wireless	W AMR Internet 7-8/21	80.02
VISA – UMB Bank	Supplies/Uniforms 6-7/21	195.62
WR/LJ Rural Water Systems	5,212,000 gals 7/21	6515.00
	Contract Min. 7/21	2500.00
	AIR Water 7/21	45.00
	South Shop Water 7/21	22.50
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Total Bills		53,807.38

Old Business:

Motion was made by Pinney, seconded by Pelle to approve the second reading of the following Ordinance #2021-06 as presented. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**ORDINANCE #2021-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 200,
DISCRETIONARY TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY
OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PHILIP, SOUTH DAKOTA**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Philip, South Dakota, that Chapter 6, Section 200, Discretionary Taxation of Real Property of the revised ordinances of the City of Philip, be established to read as follows.

6-200 DISCRETIONARY TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide reduced taxation of the following identified properties pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137.

6-200.1 INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES

Any new industrial structure, or any addition, renovation, or reconstruction to an existing structure, including a power generation facility, which new structure or addition has a true and full value of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, added to real property shall qualify to be assessed pursuant to the discretionary formula described in Section 6-202. *((Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137(2))*

6-200.2 COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

Any new commercial structure, or any addition, renovation, or reconstruction to an existing structure, which new structure or addition has a true and full value of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more shall qualify to be assessed pursuant to the discretionary formula described in Section 6-202. *((Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137(4))*

6-200.3 COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Any new commercial residential structure, or addition to an existing structure, which new structure or addition has a true and full value of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, added to real property located within the Corporate limits of the City of Philip, South Dakota, shall qualify to be assessed pursuant to the discretionary formula described in Section 6-202. For purposes of this section, a commercial residential structure shall contain four or more units. *((Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137(5))*

6-200.4 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Any new residential structure, or any addition to or renovation of an existing structure, located within a redevelopment neighborhood, which new structure, addition, or renovation has a true and full value of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more, added to real property shall qualify to be assessed pursuant to the discretionary formula described in Section 6-202. *((Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137(7))*

In order to improve the quality of housing, all real property located within the Corporate limits of the City of Philip, South Dakota shall qualify as property located in a redevelopment neighborhood. The redevelopment neighborhood is being established because the area includes buildings or improvements which, by reason of age, deterioration, obsolescence, and dilapidation injuriously affect the area to the detriment of public health, safety, morals or welfare; and, because the redevelopment of housing is being prevented by the predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness; the deterioration of site improvements, and obsolete platting. *(Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-141)*

6-200.5 SPECIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

All commercial, industrial, and nonresidential agricultural property which increases more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in true and full value as a result of reconstruction or renovation of structure shall qualify to be assessed pursuant to the discretionary formula described in Section 6-202. All real property qualifying under this section completed on November 01, 2020 and thereafter, as determined by the Director of Equalization, is classified in the manner prescribed in this section. *((Pursuant to SDCL 10-6-137(8))*

6-201

VALUATION

Any real property located within the Corporate limits of the City of Philip, South Dakota, classified pursuant to the following, shall, following construction, initially be valued for taxation purposed in the usual manner, and that value shall be referred to as the “Pre-Adjustment Value.” The assessed value to be used for tax purposes shall follow the discretionary formula described in section 6-202. Following the five-year period under this section, the property shall be assessed at the same percentage as is all other property for tax purposes.

Reconstruction and renovation as used in this chapter means only improvements that increase the true and full value of the structure and shall not include normal maintenance and repair.

The assessed value during any of the five years may not be less than the assessed value of the property in the year proceeding the first year of the tax years following construction.

Any structure that is partially constructed on the assessment date may be valued for tax purposes pursuant to this Ordinance and the valuation may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property in the year preceding the beginning of construction.

Property owners of any of the above described property, may request the City Council not apply the discretionary formula, in which case the full assessment shall be made without application of the formula. In waiving the formula for the structure of one owner, the City Council is not prohibited from applying the formula for subsequent new structures by that owner.

6-202

DISCRETIONARY FORMULA

Any real property improvements qualifying for the discretionary formula pursuant to this chapter shall be assessed as follows:

First Year	20% of Pre-Adjustment Value
Second Year	40% of Pre-Adjustment Value
Third Year	60% of Pre-Adjustment Value
Fourth Year	80% of Pre-Adjustment Value
Fifth Year	100% of Pre-Adjustment Value

6-203

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective with the taxing period from July 01, 2020 through October 31, 2021 and shall be reflected with the taxes payable effective January 01, 2022 and each successive taxation year thereafter unless repealed by the City Council of the City of Philip, South Dakota.

Pursuit to SDCL 10-6-140, any real property receiving benefit from the previously adopted Discretionary Taxation Ordinance, will continue to be assessed and taxed through the course of the said discretionary formula.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2021.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

First Reading: July 8, 2021

Second Reading: Aug. 2, 2021

Yeas: 06 Nays: 00

(Published: July 15 & Aug. 12, 2021)

New Business:

Airport Hangar Building / Apron Reconstruction Projects:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved and allocated the multi-year grant funding in the amount of \$122,238 (from \$977,762 to \$1,100,000).

Meter Project:

Council was updated on the progress of the project. It was reported that some of the s/points have been installed. In addition, the south tower signal is weak so it will be moved outside the south shop building in the near future.

The city has been awarded \$23,625 in funding from West River Water Development District (WRWDD) for the project.

Motion was made by Gartner, seconded by Pinney to approve the following Resolution #2021-08. Motion carried with Matt abstaining.

**RESOLUTION #2021-08
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF WATER DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUNDS
TO WATER FUND CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Philip, South Dakota, that the Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$125,000.00 from the water depreciation reserve funds to the water cash management account for the Automatic Meter Reading Project.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2021.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

Artesian Well Project:

There was no update available on the project.

Building/Flood Plain Dev. Permits:

Tessa Nelson – remove carport.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to approve the above permit as presented. Motion carried.

Special Event Applications:

Motion was made by Pinney, seconded by Matt to approve the Philip Chamber of Commerce's application as presented to host Scotty Philip Days on Aug. 13-15, 2021. A copy of the Chamber's and

NS Inflatable’s insurance have also been provided. (For the record, Moses’ property will not be utilized for the event.) Motion carried.

Council discussed medical cannabis and how to proceed with regulating and licensing said facilities. It was mentioned that the City has adopted a temporary ordinance that will be in effect until the SD Dept. of Health has issued rules.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that the City has not received any inquiries about licensing a facility. In addition, more information from the State would be beneficial before developing final rules and regulations.

Following, motion was made by Matt, seconded by Gartner to table the medical cannabis discussion until next month. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the following L/P Propane bids received during July 2021:

	<u>July 7th</u>	<u>July 19th</u>	<u>July 30th</u>
Hanson Oil	\$1.39/gal.	\$1.49/gal.	\$1.49/gal.
Midwest Cooperatives	\$1.55/gal.	\$1.59/gal.	\$1.59/gal.

Departmental Reports:

Administration

Motion was made by Gartner, seconded by Miller to approve the second reading of the following Ordinance #2021-07. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**ORDINANCE #2021-07
2021 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE
MOWER PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, the City of Philip, South Dakota, had appropriated funds and approved the purchase a new mower in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Philip did not receive nor incur the expenses for the new mower until 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the following Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance be and hereby is adopted in order to recognize the revenues and expenses that will be forthcoming for the new mower.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
43100 STREET	
43411 Mach & Equip – Non Cap	\$ 2,800.00
43500 AIRPORT	
43411 Mach & Equip – Non Cap	\$ 2,800.00
<u>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$ 5,600.00</u>
<u>TOTAL APPROP. & ACCUM.</u>	<u>\$ 5,600.00</u>

MEANS OF FINANCE

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
10400 CMA UNASSIGNED	
10400 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 5,600.00
<u>TOTAL CMA UNASSIGNED</u>	<u>\$ 5,600.00</u>
<u>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE</u>	<u>\$ 5,600.00</u>

Dated this 2nd day of August 2021.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

First Reading: July 8, 2021
 Second Reading: Aug. 2, 2021
 Yeas: 06 Nays: 00
 (Published: July 15 & Aug. 2, 2021)

Motion was made by Pinney, seconded by Matt to approve the first reading of the following Ordinance #2021-11. This reflects taking only that of the available growth (\$204,897 or 0.39%) in property taxes and, banking 5.3% of CPI (loss of 2.1% CPI from 2018). For the record, the growth does not include the reported discretionary growth of \$552,929 as the County rolled it forward to the property values but neglected to apply it as growth to the City. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**ORDINANCE #2021-11
 2022 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the City of Philip, South Dakota that the following sums be and hereby are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality for fiscal year 2022.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
410 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
411 Legislative (Pub./Const./Ins.)	\$ 100,875.00
412 Executive/City Adm	\$ 112,300.00
413 Elections	\$ 600.00
414 Admin/Finance	\$ 119,725.00
419 Public Works/Cap Building	\$ 178,500.00
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>\$ 512,550.00</u>
420 PUBLIC SAFETY	
420 Police Department	\$ 164,300.00
422 Fire Department	\$ 20,000.00
423 Code Enforcement	\$ 1,900.00
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	<u>\$ 186,200.00</u>
430 PUBLIC WORKS	
431 Street Department	\$ 100,000.00
Sidewalk	\$ 2,000.00
Street Improv. 2nd Cent	\$ 173,000.00
Streetlights/Electricity	\$ 29,000.00

433 Lake Wag / Artesian Well	\$ 5,000.00
435 Airport	\$ 45,000.00
438 Rubble Site	\$ 9,600.00
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>\$ 363,600.00</u>

440 HEALTH & WELFARE

441 West Nile Virus	\$ 3,000.00
444 Dog Kennel	\$ 150.00
446 Ambulance	\$ 4,500.00

<u>TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE</u>	<u>\$ 7,650.00</u>
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450 CULTURE & RECREATION

451 Swimming Pool	\$ 77,000.00
452 Parks/Recreation	\$ 5,350.00
455 Library	\$ 2,550.00

<u>TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION</u>	<u>\$ 84,900.00</u>
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460 ECONOMIC DEVELOP.

460 Economic Development	\$ 9,650.00
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<u>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP.</u>	<u>\$ 9,650.00</u>
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470 DEBT SERVICE

471 Principal	\$ 31,730.00
472 Interest	\$ 33,270.00

<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>
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COMMITTED/CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCUMULATIONS

Ord. #6-106 2 nd Cent Committed ROW/Infrastructure	\$ 35,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Rubble Site	\$ 1,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Street	\$ 40,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Police	\$ 10,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Airport	\$ 10,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Swimming Pool	\$ 5,000.00
Resolution #2021-10 Gen. Fund Buildings/Improv	\$ 30,000.00
<u>TOTAL COMMITTED/CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>	<u>\$ 131,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL APPROP. & ACCUM.</u>	<u>\$ 1,360,000.00</u>

2022 MEANS OF FINANCE

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources are applied.

	GENERAL
	FUND
UNASSIGNED CASH BALANCE	\$ -
DESIGN. FROM LAST YR. APPROP.	\$ 42,900.00
COMMITTED 2nd – ROW/INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ -
ASSIGNED CASH – CAP. OUTLAY	\$ 11,500.00

310 TAXES

General Property Tax	\$ 554,300.00
All Prior Property Taxes	\$ 2,500.00
Sales Tax	\$ 550,000.00

Penalty & Interest - Del. Tax	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 1,107,300.00</u>
<u>320 LICENSES & PERMITS</u>	
Licenses & Permits	\$ 8,250.00
<u>330 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.</u>	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 74,650.00
<u>340 CHARGES FOR GOODS & SERVICES</u>	
Charges for Goods & Services	\$ 30,150.00
<u>350 FINES & FORFEITURES</u>	
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 500.00
<u>360 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</u>	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 48,760.00
<u>380 AIRPORT REVENUE</u>	
Airport Revenues	\$ 34,990.00
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	<u>\$ 1,360,000.00</u>

2022 PROPRIETARY FUNDS

WATER

WATER REVENUE

Depreciation Reserve	\$ -
Estimated Water Revenues	\$ 287,800.00
<u>TOTAL EST. WATER REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 287,800.00</u>

WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Water	\$ 194,675.00
Depreciation Reserve #2015-07	\$ 93,000.00
<u>TOTAL WATER APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 287,675.00</u>
ESTIMATED WATER SURPLUS	<u>\$ 125.00</u>

SEWER

SEWER REVENUE

Res. Cash – WW Sewer Surcharge	\$ 32,000.00
Res. Cash – SW Sewer Surcharge	\$ 23,100.00
Depreciation Reserve	\$ 65,045.00
Estimated Sewer Revenues	\$ 212,245.00
<u>TOTAL EST. SEWER REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 332,390.00</u>

SEWER APPROPRIATIONS

Sewer	\$ 263,465.00
SRF Loan Principal	\$ 26,775.00
Depreciation Reserve Res. #2015-08	\$ 42,000.00
<u>TOTAL SEWER APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 332,240.00</u>
ESTIMATED SEWER SURPLUS	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

GARBAGE

GARBAGE REVENUE

Estimated Garbage Revenues	\$ 69,900.00
<u>TOTAL EST. GARBAGE REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 69,900.00</u>

GARBAGE APPROPRIATIONS

Garbage	\$ 2,500.00
Garbage Contract	\$ 60,720.00
Undesignated – Rubble Site	\$ 6,500.00
<u>TOTAL GARBAGE APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>\$ 69,720.00</u>
<u>TOTAL EST. GARBAGE SURPLUS</u>	<u>\$ 180.00</u>

TOTAL ENT. FUND REVENUE	\$ 690,090.00
TOTAL ENT. FUND APPROP.	\$ 689,635.00

<u>TOTAL EST. ENTERPRISE SURPLUS</u>	<u>\$ 455.00</u>
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The Finance Officer is hereby directed and authorized to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies in this Ordinance to the Haakon County Auditor.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

Passed First Reading: Aug. 2, 2021

Passed Second Reading:

Yeas: 06 Nays: 00

(Published: Aug. 12, 2021)

Airport

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Gartner to approve submitting an application to the FAA for funding assistance through the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA), and authorize the mayor’s signature thereon and any applicable grant agreements. The funding offered through the ARPA is \$22,000 for airport operations and maintenance. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Fire

Motion was made by Gartner, seconded by Matt to approve the first reading of the following Ordinance #2021-19. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**ORDINANCE #2021-09
2021 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE
PHILIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – HOT WATER POND IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Philip, South Dakota, will act on behalf of and as the fiscal agent for the Philip Volunteer Fire Department who has recently been awarded grant funds from the Philip Area Community Foundation to make necessary improvements to the Hot Water Pond recreational area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Philip, did not anticipate this responsibility when preparing the 2021 Municipal Appropriations budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the following Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance be and hereby is adopted in order to recognize the grant fund revenue and expenses that will be forthcoming for the Philip Volunteer Fire Department’s Hot Water Pond improvement project.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
42200 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
43311 – Improv Other Than (Non Cap)	\$ 9,500.00
<u>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL APPROP. & ACCUM.</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>

MEANS OF FINANCE

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
36700 CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	
36700 Contributions & Donations	\$ 9,500.00
<u>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

Passed First Reading: Aug. 2, 2021
Passed Second Reading:
Yeas: Nays:
(Published: Aug. 12, 2021)

Police

The monthly report was reviewed.

Rubble Site

Sewer

Council reviewed the final quotes from Dakota Pump to repair the west lift station. The current estimate for the control panel and two pumps is \$25,684.56 plus electrical and installation. The panel and pumps have been ordered with a lead time of approximately four weeks.

Street

The monthly report was reviewed.

Swimming Pool

The quarterly report noted that the last operational day for the pool is Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021.

Water

The quarterly report was reviewed. The water loss for the month of July 2021 was reported at 5.1%.

Motion was made by Gartner, seconded by Miller to approve TC Energy's request to terminate the water purchase agreement with the City, effective Aug. 20, 2021. Motion carried.

The City and water system operators (Coyle, Pearson, and Shipp) have been presented the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence from the SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Training/Travel Requests:

CA Smith will be attending the SDML Policy Meetings on Aug. 19th in Pierre.

At 7:19 p.m., motion was made by Pinney, seconded by Gartner to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2(1), personnel. Motion carried.

At 7:27 p.m., motion was made by Pinney, seconded by Matt to come out of executive session with the following action:

Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Gartner to offer the open police officer position to Andrew "AJ" Bartlett at an hourly wage of \$15.50. Offer is contingent upon satisfying pre-employment screenings. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Public Comments:

None.

In Other Business:

City Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6th in observance of the legal holiday.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Rm.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Vetter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Brittany Smith, City Administrator

(Published once on Aug. 12, 2021, at approximate cost of \$_____)