

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2015**

The Faulkton City Council met in regular session on December 7, 2015 in the City Hall meeting room with Finance Officer Sallie Traver and the following council members present: Linda Bartholomew, Sheilah Fischer, Dave Hadrick, Danny Ramsdell, Mark Toennies and Steve Wanner. Others present: Roger Deiter, Troy Hadrick, Jody Moritz and Jerod Raethz. Mayor Slade Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all those present reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2015.12.172 Minutes: Councilwoman Bartholomew made the motion, seconded by Hadrick, to approve the November 2, 2015 meeting. Unanimous.

2015.12.173 Financial Report: Motion by Councilman Wanner, seconded by Fischer to approve the finance report. Unanimous.

2015.12.174 Claims: The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Wanner. Unanimous. **Payroll Total: \$12,269.34** Mayor: \$300.00, Finance Officer: \$3120.00, Street Department: \$3769.74, Water & Sewer Department: \$4374.10, Rubble Site: 705.50

A & B BUSINESS, INC.	2016 CALENDARS	\$82.25
AARON SWAN & ASSOCIATES	MATERIAL TESTING FOR TAXILANE	\$1,030.00
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	FUND SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUPPORT F	\$795.00
BERMAC INC.	FUEL	\$309.29
BUSINESS FORMS AND ACCOUNTING	TAX FORMS	\$146.00
DAKOTA DUST-TEX	BATHROOM SUPPLIES & MAT SERVIC	\$127.90
EILERS	WINTERIZE FB FIELD IRRIGATION	\$285.00
FAULK COUNTY RECORD	PUBLISHINGS	\$420.44
FAULKTON HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$21.97
FAULKTON HRC	HRC DEBT SER. PYMNT FOR 8 PLEX	\$3,700.55
HABERLING, MEGAN	CPR REIMBURSEMENT	\$100.00
HANSONS INC.	FIX TRENCH ON ROAD CAUSED BY S	\$2,985.70
HEALTH POOL OF SD	GROUP HEALTH INS. PREMIUM	\$3,675.80
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEER FOR TAXILANE IMPR.	\$2,762.19
HOMAN ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$1,314.93
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	941 TAXES	\$2,798.14
JEROD RAETHZ	AIRPORT BECAN LIGHTS REIMBURSE	\$206.93
NCFE - FAULKTON BRANCH	HEATING FUEL - SHOP	\$403.16
NORTH WESTERN ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	\$2,727.57
NORTHERN WIRELESS COMM.	SHOP INTERNET	\$39.95
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$189.00
QUILL CORP	PRINTER TONER	\$74.99
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	WATER PRJ DEBT PYMNT PHASE 1	\$4,256.00
SD RETIREMENT	SD RETIREMENT	\$1,399.52
SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLA	SUPPLEMENTAL RET. PLAN	\$100.00
SONNYS AUTO PARTS & REPAIR	FILTERS FOR EQUIPMENT	\$414.67
SOUTHERN HILLS FIRE & SAFETY	TESTING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$289.00
THE AUTO SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$518.35
TOENNIES PLUMBING HEATING	REPAIRS TO SHOP HEATERS	\$13.27
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	FO PHONE, INTERNET FAX, WEB	\$409.39
WEB WATER	WEB WATER	\$7,509.46
ESTATE OF CHRIS FIX	WATER METER DEP. REFUND 816 HU	\$100.00
MEYER, AVIS	WATER METER DEPOSIT REFUND 914	\$64.00
PFEIFER, COLLEEN	WATER METER DEPOSIT REFUND 101	\$100.00

City Maintenance Report: SCADA System Raethz explained the probe for the clear well tank, that operates the pumps for the city's water system, no longer is working. Raethz needed to manually fill clear well tanks which then fills the water tower. He received a new quote from DCI, for updating the current SCADA system and replacing the probe for \$24,548.00. Due to the emergency for repair, Raethz explained DCI will be here on Tuesday, December 8th, to replace only the probe in hopes to fix the system. However, the new probe may not be compatible with the old SCADA system. If this would occur Raethz is asking the council for approval to purchase the mentioned SCADA system. Councilman Wanner asked if this quote includes everything needed to fix all the issues with the system. Raethz stated yes. Councilman Ramsdell asked Raethz, if we don't approve this then you will need to manually run the system. Raethz stated yes it will be a constant monitoring of the water system. Raethz continues explaining if we had colder temperatures we might have issues with pipes breaking as water is not flowing constantly. After more discussion **2015.12.174:** Councilman Hadrick made a motion seconded by Wanner, to approve the purchase of the SCADA System from the quote received by DCI for \$24548.00 if the new probe equipment does not fix the systems problem. Unanimous.

Raethz state the bid notices for the utility tractor will be in the paper this week. Bid opening will be on December 23rd at noon and awarding of bids will be at the December 28th Special meeting.

Mayors Report: Roseland stated Officer Koens told him he had an extra video camera that could be placed in the hallway of city hall. The council would have to purchase a screen to connect to the camera. The camera would be for security purposes. If the council is interested they will look into the total cost to install camera.

Old Business

2015.12.175 Resolution 2015-07 Vacating portion of an Alley: Councilman Wanner stated he looked at the alley in question and said he didn't have a problem with vacating it. Mayor Roseland stated the only problem he would see is if they put a fence up and block the alley there would be no access for service personnel. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that was her concern as well. Councilman Wanner explained they still have to allow access for utility personnel. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated she thought it would be nice to keep it all clear. Councilwoman Fischer stated she didn't think it would be a problem to close it. Councilman Toennies stated if there was a fire in the area the Fire Department will find access to the alley. Councilman Ramsdell asked if there could be a clause in the resolution to allow access for utilities. Councilwoman Fischer stated when she had the alley behind them vacated there was a utility clause within the resolution. Councilwoman Bartholomew motioned to have this resolution tabled until the next meeting. Councilman Toennies seconded the motion and asked Sallie Traver, Finance Officer, to find out if we can have a clause within the resolution to allow access for utilities. Unanimous. Councilman Toennies asked to have The Hansen's attend the next council meeting to discuss this with them.

New Business

Development Board Requesting funds for Full Time Director: Roger Deiter stated we all have had a lot of good conversation about this topic and thanked the council for taking the extra time before tonight's meeting. Because we have already had discussed the expectation of this position we don't need to focus on that tonight but rather focus on what the City's commitment would be if this board would choose to go forward with supporting this. There are two parts to that commitment. The financial commitment and then the City's involvement in operations. The financial side is a three year commitment. In 2016 they are asking for the already budgeted amount of \$10,000. For 2017 they are asking for \$20,000.00 and then 2018 they are asking for \$30,000.00. At the end of 2018 the City, County and Development boards would review how things are going and decide if they want to continue to supporting this position going forward. On the operational side, if the city and county are going to be the funding source, then the boards should be more involved and be responsible to the tax payers. To do this the Development Corporation would like to create and executive board. This executive board would have the officers from the Development board, and then someone appointed from the City and County to represent their boards. Deiter then asked if there were any questions the council had. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated the Development Corporation really needs a full time Director because there's so much out there to be done that a part time person can't do. Deiter explained all members of the Development Corporation are volunteers. With the members having term limits now there will be less stability on that board so having a fulltime Director becomes more important. Councilman Ramsdell asked for a one year commitment. Deiter stated that would not be fair because it's going to take time for things to happen. For example; Jensen Rock and Sand came to the Development Corporation three years ago asking where they could put a cement plant. It's finally going to happen. If we would've had a person working on this daily we

wouldn't still be talking when and where. That's why a three year commitment is needed. Councilman Ramsdell stated with towns our size he does not believe it's a full time position. This is a risky job and there's a lot of turnover in this type of a position. There has been a lot of good development without a full time director. That's just a lot of money to invest. Deiter explained that Trevor knows this is a three year commitment and he is still willing to take that risk. Mayor Roseland explained Trevor will be a line of communication to all boards and committee's in Faulkton and believes that is what is important. Roseland continues by stating he believes if Trevor would have been involved with the Housing and Redevelopment Commission (HRC) the 8-plex complex would not have been built. Councilman Ramsdell said everyone was on board with building that building including the council so why would Trevor change that decision. Ramsdell said building the 8-plex was a quick decision made by everyone and look where it got us. We now are spending \$3677.00 every month for the 8plex. Councilman Wanner stated we don't have to make a decision until August when we approve the budget. Deiter explained we really don't have until August because Trevor needs to make a decision by January 1, 2016. The County Commissioners have allowed Trevor to do this part time job for a year and they can't continue to do that. Councilman Hadrick stated he does not feel this council is making a quick decision we all have been to meetings in regards to this. Hadrick does agree with Ramsdell that this is a lot of money but with the proposal asked we are getting 2016 as a free year to see how this goes. Hadrick continues with saying we can't ask Trevor to take this job without the commitment of three years. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that everyone should have a comprehensive plan showing what we are going to be doing in the future and that is what the Development Corporation does. Councilman Toennies stated as the city we have to also think about saving what we have so we can grow. Nothing is worse than seeing a town decline. Faulkton seems to be at a standstill and without having someone work at growing Faulkton we will see it start to decline. Councilwoman Bartholomew explained that is one reason to have someone driving this full time. Councilman Wanner stated he would not vote for this unless there was a contract that clarified there would not be a dime more than what is being proposed. Wanner continues saying he has talked to several people in town about this issues and not one person thought it was a good idea. We have enough on our plate right now with the upcoming sewer project and more. Councilman Hadrick stated he agreed with Wanner and after the three years the Development Corporation should be self-sustaining and the city should back out from supporting. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that in a small community, the private and public sectors need to continue to work together. Councilman Hadrick stated if we are going to support the Development for this position then we also need to support our dedicated employee. Councilman Toennies asked if this position would be able to help the city find funding for a new pool house or new bathrooms at the park. Troy Hadrick explained the Development Foundation, once they meet their goal to raise \$300,000, would allow around \$15,000.00 to put back into the community to help pay for a such items at a pool house. Finance Officer, Traver, explained this can only be a verbal commitment as the current board cannot motion on future budget expenditures. After a longer conversation all members of the council, except for Councilman Wanner who opposed, and Councilwoman Bartholomew who abstained due to conflict of topic, verbally agreed to give the Development Corporation \$20,000 in 2017 and \$30,000 in 2018 with proper motions being done at the August budget meeting.

Slow traffic Sign: Finance Officer Traver stated Kathy Otter asked if the city could put up a slow traffic sign on 14th Ave South due to speeding vehicles heading to the Hospital. Councilman Wanner asked if the Law Enforcement would be willing to patrol the area. Mayor Roseland stated he would call the Sheriff's office to patrol.

2015.12.176 Moving Permits: Motion was made by Councilwoman Toennies, seconded by Wanner, to approve moving permit for a new 10x12 Garden Shed that was moved to 415 10th Ave N. Unanimous.

2015.12.177 2015 NECOG Joint Cooperative Agreement: Motion was made by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Bartholomew, to sign and enter into the 2016 joint cooperative agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for \$1533.89. Unanimous.

2015.12.178 2015 Budget Supplement Ordinance # 38. Mayor Roseland read for its First Reading Ordinance No. 38 entitled, "Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Faulkton, Faulk County, South Dakota for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1st, 2015". Second reading will be on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

2015.12.179 Vacation Policy update: Motion was made Councilman Toennies, seconded by Hadrick, to allow half of the accrued vacation hours, in one years' time, be transferred to the next year. Unanimous.

Planning for District 6 Meeting: Mayor Roseland stated the City will be host their District 6 meeting on March 29th, 2016. The Mayor asked the council to help with gathering door prizes for this event once the date gets closer.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015.12.180 Executive Session Time: 8:10 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Wanner, to go into executive session for litigation and/or personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 Out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. **2015.12.181 Employee Hire:** Motion was made by Hadrick, seconded by Fischer, to hire Don Hahler as a part time maintenance and snow removal help at the rate of \$10.50 per hour. Unanimous.

2015.12.182 Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Toennies. Motion carried. Time: 8:18 p.m.

Slade Roseland, Mayor

Sallie Traver, Finance Officer