

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2015**

The Faulkton City Council met in regular session on February 2, 2015 in the City Hall meeting room with Finance Officer Sallie Traver and the following council members present: Linda Bartholomew, Dave Hadrick, Danny Ramsdell, Mark Toennies and Steve Wanner. Absent Sheilah Fischer. Others present: Trevor Cramer, Roger Deiter, Jeremy Demery, Brooke Edgar, Kurt Hall, Terry Helms, Penny Ihnen, Val Jenson, Jim Moritz, Jerod Raethz, Steve Roseland, and Karen Schaefer. Mayor Slade Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all those present reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2015-2.13 Minutes: Councilman Bartholomew made the motion, seconded by Wanner, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015. Unanimous.

2015-2.14 Financial Report: Motion by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Ramsdell, to approve the finance report. Unanimous.

2015-2.15 Claims: The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Wanner seconded by Toennies. Unanimous. **Payroll Total: \$12059.88.** Mayor: \$350.00, Finance Officer: \$3120.00, Street Department: \$4243.59, Water & Sewer Department: \$4346.29.

A&B BUSINESS, INC.	LEGAL NOTE PADS	\$32.74
ALLIANCE CONTRACTING	AIRPORT GA TERMINAL CONSTRUCTI	\$33,152.13
ALLIANCE CONTRACTING+C29A3:C30B28AA3:C29	GA TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION	\$400.00
BERMAC INC.	CAR WASH, LP GAS	\$706.43
DAKOTA DUST-TEX	TOWELS, MOP, MATS, SERVICE	\$121.75
FAULK COUNTY RECORD	PUBLISHING	\$161.86
FAULKTON FIRE DEPT.	WORKMANS COMP INS. REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,844.00
HANSON'S, INC	SNOW REMOVAL	\$210.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$3,876.16
HELMS AND ASSOCIATES	ENGINEER EXP. FOR AIRPORT GA T	\$3,622.18
IRS	941 TAXES	\$2,781.55
MCLEOD'S PRINTING SUPPLY	ELECTION MATERIAL	\$74.53
NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF GOV'T	ANNUAL DUES	\$1,508.99
NORTHERN PLAINS CO-OP	HEATING LP GAS	\$442.50
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	METER SUPPLIES	\$2,964.84
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	\$3,675.50
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$185.00
QUILL CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$20.27
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	WATER PROJECT DEBT PMNT PHASE1	\$4,256.00
SD ONE CALL	SD ONE LOCATES	\$26.25
SD RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT	\$1,453.93
SD SUPPLEMENTAL	SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$100.00
SEWER DUCK, INC	CLEANED MAIN AT 512 8TH AVE S.	\$350.00
SONNYS AUTO PARTS & REPAIR	SUPPLIES	\$368.85
THE AUTO SHOP	REPAIRS TO GRADER	\$1,068.85
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE, INTERNET, FAX, WEB HOSTING	\$400.27
WEB WATER	WATER	\$6,297.70

City Maintenance Report: Raethz informed the council the new loader has arrived and is working well. City crew has been busy with snow removal and equipment maintenance.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Roseland stated he attended a Home Address webinar about development that stressed having a solid plan before jumping into a project.

Old Business

2015-2.16 Airport GA Terminal Update and Pay Request: Traver presented a pay request of \$33,552.13 for the GA terminal building. Traver asked Brook Edgar, with Helms and Associates to give a brief update on the project. Edgar stated the building is enclosed and the contractor will, with the help of heaters, try to warm the ground enough to pour the concrete floor. Motion was made by Bartholomew, seconded by Toennies, to approve the pay request. Mayor Roseland signed the request for payment.

SR Equipment for Airport: Raethz explained the SD DOT will be advertising bids for a tractor to use for snow removal at the airport and wanted to make sure the council still wanted to participate. Edgar explained to the council the State has opened the specs of the bid to include used tractors. Councilman Wanner stated there's no cost in bidding for a tractor and would recommend moving forward with the State's bidding process. All other council members agreed to move forward as planned.

Sewer Project Review and Funding Options: Terry Helms, with Helms and Associates, addressed the council about the findings from the televising portion of this past year's sewer project. He presented the council with a \$5,151,000.00 estimate to replace and reline the sewer system. Helms showed pictures of several protruding service lines into the main line, utility lines running through sewer lines, heavy root growth within the lines, and joint cracking throughout the main lines. Helms continued, stating there are larger pipes going into smaller pipes and by state regulation this would not be accepted. Councilman Wanner asked if the city is grandfathered in with the state on this matter and would that status change once we started repairs. Helms was not sure on that matter. Councilman Ramsdell asked what this would do to our sewer rates. Val Jensen, with NEOG, stated both DENR and Rural Development are taking sewer rates to \$40 per month in order for the city to be eligible for grant/loan funding. Jensen continued explaining different avenues for funding. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), could award up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding and/or a loan rate of 3.25% for a term up to 30 years. DENR has an application deadline of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. USDA- Rural Development loan rate is based on the Market Rate and is a 40 year term. They also have grant programs available and Faulkton is at 75% grant eligible. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) can award up to \$500,000 in grant funds but the city must meet the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) requirements, meaning 51.1% of households and residents must be LMI in order to qualify. Application deadlines are April 1st or October 1st. Councilman Ramsdell asked if doing this project in several phases would help to lower cost. Helms stated that in order to receive grant funds a loan would need to be secured first. Each phase would result in a new loan thus carrying several different loan rates. Councilman Wanner asked if this would be a 1 year project. Helms stated it would be a year and a half project. After a long discussion the council decided to have a public meeting that would allow residences to give their input before moving forward with this project.

New Business

2015-2.17 Wireless internet upgrade at Community Center. Jeremy Demery explained the wireless internet in the community center was donated by Western Telephone Company and now by Venture Communications. The system is out dated, slow, and can only service 6 users at a time. This makes it difficult for local groups to host training classes thus turning away potential renters to the community

center. Demery stated there are two options the city could do to upgrade this service. One being the school could extend their system to include the community center thus allowing 60 to 70 users at one time. Demery would be the IT person for this system. The system would be a closed network (more secure) and password protected. This option would cost the city a onetime fee of \$725.19. The second option for the city would be to upgrade the service and maintain it themselves at a cost of \$645.97 plus installation. After a short discussion the council felt having this system through the school where Demery could maintain it was a better option. Motion was made by councilman Hadrick, seconded by Bartholomew, to join the schools wireless system for the community center at a onetime cost of \$725.19, upon school board approval. Unanimous.

County/City Law Enforcement: Faulk County Commissioner Roger Deiter addressed the council about raising the city's share of cost for law enforcement. Deiter explained the county wide law budget is \$279,000 and does not include the jail's budget. The cities current stipend to the county is \$35,000 and is approximately 12.5% of the county's budget. According to Deiter, based on population the city should be paying \$92,070 yearly or 1/3 of the county's law enforcement budget. Deiter stated the commissioners were not asking for an immediate raise because they understand it's a large increase. Deiter then provided rough figures showing the cost of \$83,375 if the city were to provide its own law enforcement with one staff member. Deiter continued by showing the council that Redfield reimburses Spink County \$350,000 annually for county law enforcement. Deiter also provided figures from the City of Gettysburg, who operates their own department, with an annual budget of \$155,000. Commissioner Steve Roseland stated the Commissioners felt the two cities were more comparable to Faulkton. Mayor Roseland ask what other towns in Faulk County were paying. Commissioner Roseland stated no other town pays for law enforcement in the county. Mayor Roseland asked what the county does with the \$6,500 stipend for the Emergency Management personnel. Sheriff Hall explained he has taken over that title but has never received an increase in wage for doing so. **Library** Deiter then addressed the council about possibly taking over the County Library. Deiter stated the building is in rough condition and is operating more like a city library than a county library. Commissioner Roseland indicated no other counties are responsible for a city library. Councilman Hadrick stated county residents also have access to the library so technically it's still a County library. **New Jail** Commissioner Roseland stated that the current design of the new jail could provide facilities for City Hall and asked if the city would be interested in leasing this space from the county. Traver asked if they had a lease amount in mind yet. Commissioner Roseland stated they do not as they don't have total construction costs at this time. Mayor Roseland stated this additional space would be a good place for the county library. After more discussion the council tabled all issue presented by the county commissioners.

2015-2.18 Family Crisis Center Resolution 2015-01. Penny Ihnen, from Family Crisis Center, updated the council on services they provide in cases of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hand, Faulk and Spink counties. Motion was made by Councilman Wanner to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Bartholomew. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION #2015-01

WHEREAS, the City of Faulkton desires to ensure that the citizens of the City of Faulkton have a locally managed entity to assist families in need of assistance and victims of domestic violence/sexual assault;

WHEREAS, the Family Crisis Center, Inc. is a locally controlled entity;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Faulkton hereby endorses the Family Crisis Center, Inc. as the official entity of choice to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence/sexual assault in the City of Faulkton.

Dated this 2th day of February, 2015.

Slade Roseland, Mayor
City of Faulkton

ATTEST:

Sallie Traver, Finance Officer
City of Faulkton

2015.2.19 2017 County Signing Project Agreement: Traver explained to the council this agreement is through the County and is 100% paid by federal safety funds. Because the city agreed to be a part of this project, the SD DOT needs approval from the council and signed by authorized personnel. Councilman Hadrick motioned, seconded by Bartholomew, to authorize Mayor Roseland to sign said agreement. Unanimous.

District 6 Meeting: Mayor Roseland informed the council this year's meeting is in Ipswich on March 18th. Traver asked who would like to go. Dave Hadrick, Danny Ramsdell, Mark Toennies, Jerod Raethz, Slade Roseland, and Sallie Traver will be attending. A public notice will be posted for this meeting.

2015-2.20 Temporary Liquor License. This being the time and place fixed by published notice for a hearing on the following application for a Temporary Liquor License.
J&J Bar.....Legion Hall.....February 14, 2015
No objections were made and motion was made by Councilman Wanner seconded by Ramsdell, to approve said application. Unanimous.

Other Business: Trevor Cramer, Faulk County Director of Equalization, asked the council to consider having their own review board instead of combining with the County. He has reassessed all personal property in Faulk County that will result in big changes in the assessment value on these properties and may create questions from property owners. After more discussion the council will hold a special meeting to appoint a Board of Equalization.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-2.21 Executive Session Time: 8:34 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Wanner, to go into executive session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about a proposed or pending litigation or about contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2). Out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. No action taken.

2015-2.22. 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: 8:54 p.m.

Slade Roseland, Mayor

Sallie Traver, Finance Officer