

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014**

The Faulkton City Council met in regular session on December, 1 2014 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, and Mark Toennies. Absent: Steve Wanner. Others present: Jerod Raethz. Mayor Slade Roseland called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. with all those present reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

2014.173. Minutes: Councilman Bartholomew made the motion, seconded by Fischer, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Council Meeting. Unanimous.

2014.174. Financial Report: Motion by Councilman Ramsdell, seconded by Hadrick, to approve the finance report. Unanimous.

2014.175. Claims: The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Hadrick seconded by Fischer. Unanimous. Payroll Total: \$11237.29. Mayor: \$200.00, Finance Officer: \$3000.00, Street Department: \$3712.31, Water & Sewer Department: \$3961.73, Rubble Site: \$363.25

AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	SD DOT DRUG TESTING	\$54.40
BAUERS SUPER VALU	SUPPLIES	\$50.91
BERMAC INC.	DIESEL, GAS	\$1,074.26
BORMANN LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$405.00
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	CUTTING EDGES	\$799.16
DAKOTA DUST-TEX	BATH TISSUES, MAT SERVICE	\$167.25
EILERS	WINTERIZE FOOTBALL FIELD	\$285.00
FAULK COUNTY	SOLAR SPEED DATA SIGN	\$749.00
FAULKTON HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$13.98
HANSONS INC.	SNOW REMOVAL, GRAVEL	\$300.00
HEALTH POOL OF S.D.	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$3,876.16
HELMS AND ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING FEES	\$4,446.93
HOMAN, CHAD	WATER METER DEP. REFUND	\$100.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	941 TAXES	\$2,516.55
NORTHERN WIRELESS COMM.	INTERNET SHOP	\$39.95
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	AIRPORT	\$2,708.17
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$68.00
RUNNINGS	CAGES	\$119.97
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	WATER PROJ DEBT PYMNT PHASE 1	\$4,256.00
SD RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT	\$1,319.45
SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLA	SUPPLEMENT RETIREMENT	\$100.00
SONNYS AUTO PARTS & REPAIR	FUEL FILTERS	\$14.19
STEPHENSON, SHAE	WATER METER DEPOSIT REFUND	\$100.00
THE AUTO SHOP	REPAIRS TO PLOW TRUCK, & MOWER	\$520.88
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	AIRPORT INTERNET	\$388.59
WEB WATER	WEB WATER	\$6,686.00

City Maintenance Report: Raethz informed the council he was not able to get the new north & south city signs up before the snow came. This project will have to wait until spring. Raethz asked the council if all staff could carrying over vacation time into the 2015 year. Councilman Toennies suggested changing

the handbook to allow a certain amount of vacation hours to be carried over from year to year thus eliminating the council from approving this every year. After some discussion the council approved all staff's vacation remaining at the end of the year be rolled into next year. Discussion about changing the vacation policy will be talked about at a later date.

Mayors Report: Mayor Roseland stated with the New Year upon us it would be a good time to make changes to the policies such as the vacation or even changing the time of the council meeting. He asked the council to bring ideas of change to the January meeting. Roseland also wants to have a special meeting to go over the DOT Plan that was done this past summer. He stated Councilman Bartholomew asked about putting together a comprehensive plan for the city as a whole. Roseland stated he does not want to jump into spending a lot of money right away but to create a plan for the city to fix or replace several blocks of sewer lines per year until project is complete and paid for at completion. Roseland stated he will be setting set up a meeting with a representative from Happy Homes out of Aberdeen and asked for a second volunteer to join him and Councilman Hadrick. No one volunteered at this time. Roseland announced Joe Bartmann, with Home Address, will be meeting with the Faulkton Housing Committee Wednesday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm. Roseland also announced there is a Community Meeting at the Community Center December 6th starting at 6:00 pm. All public is welcome to attend.

Old Business

2014.176. Trade Old Loader: Raethz discussed with the council the possibility of trading in or to surplus the old loader. Trading the old loader in would allow for additional attachments and still stay within budget. After a long conversation, motion was made by councilman Ramsdell, seconded by Bartholomew to trade in the loader. Unanimous.

2015 Water/Sewer rates: Finance Officer Traver discussed current rates with the council. Traver explained Web Water increased their base rate by 2% and the usage rate per 1000 gallons by \$0.20. Traver suggested to the council the Web Water increases should be passed through to the customers. Traver also recommended staying with the yearly 3% increase on both water and sewer base rates. After a long discussion the council decided they will pass a resolution at the year-end meeting on December 29, 2014 to increase the water base rate 5% or \$1.22/month. Increasing the sewer base rate 3% or a \$0.74 increase/month. And a \$0.20 increase on the usage per 1000 gallons/month.

New Business

2014.177. DOMESTIC ANIMALS ORDINANCE NO. 32: Mayor Roseland read for its First Reading Ordinance No. 32 entitled, "Domestic Animals." Motion was made by Councilman Toennies, seconded by Councilman Ramsdell to have the second reading on December 29th, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. with eliminating the breeds of dogs listed under vicious animals. All council members voted aye except Fischer who opposed eliminating the breeds of dogs.

Animal Licensing Fees: Roseland explained to the council the dog licensing fees have been at \$1.50 for neutered dogs and \$3.00 for non-neutered dogs for years and suggested a change. After some discussion the council decided to approve by resolution at the December 29, 2014 council meeting at noon to raise the licensing fees to \$5.00 for sterilized animals or \$10.00 for non-sterilized animals.

2014.178. Off-Sale Liquor License Renewals: Motion was made by Councilman Bartholomew, seconded by Ramsdell to approve the following 2015 applications for Off-Sale Liquor Licenses: Hugh Mack, (d/b/a Faulkton Pharmacy Inc.), Shane Machtemes, (d/b/a BerMac Inc.). Unanimous.

2014.179. On-Sale Liquor License Renewals: Motion was made by Toennies, seconded by Hadrick, to approve the following 2015 applications for On-Sale Liquor License Renewals: Jerod & Richard Raethz, (d/b/a Short Stop Bar), Peggy Speck, (d/b/a J&J Recreation). Unanimous.

Gross Receipts Tax Review: Mayor Roseland stated this topic would be a great idea to have a community meeting on and get the view of the public. Councilman Ramsdell was opposed to adding this tax as he feels everyone is taxed enough. Councilman Fischer stated this tax would be a source of income for the city to do repairs such as replacing the park bathrooms. After more discussion the topic was tabled.

Rubble Site Closed: Mayor Roseland announced the Rubble Site is closed for the season. Raethz stated if citizens need access to the rubble site to contact the city office to schedule a time during work hours.

2014.180. 2015 NECOG Joint Cooperative Agreement: Motion was made by Councilman Bartholomew, seconded by Fischer, to sign and enter into the 2015 joint cooperative agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for \$1508.99. Unanimous.

December Special Meeting: The council agreed on a special meeting on Monday, December 29th at noon in the City Finance Office.

City Christmas Party: Mayor Roseland asked the council about having a City Christmas party with all staff and council members. Each person would be responsible for their own ticket. After some discussion the council decided to have the Christmas Party on December 14th at 6:00 at Dot T Steakhouse.

OTHER BUSINESS

2014.181. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Hadrick, seconded by Ramsdell. Motion carried. Time: 7:43 p.m.

Slade Roseland, Mayor

Sallie Traver, Finance Officer