**CHAMBERLAIN CITY COMMISSION**

**February 16, 2021**

The Chamberlain City Commission held their first regular meeting on February 16, at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Chad Mutziger, Commissioners Ruhlman, Claussen, and Thomas, City Engineer Greg Powell, Finance Officer Nicky Gaulke and Police Chief Jason Handel.

Absent: Commissioner Clint Soulek.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Ruhlman second by Thomas, all ayes and approved the agenda.

**Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**Minutes**

Motion by Claussen second by Ruhlman, all ayes and approved the minutes from the last regular meeting.

**Public Comments**

The floor was opened for public comments with none being received.

**Bills**

Motion by Thomas second by Ruhlman, all ayes, approved to pay the following bills:

Aurora-Brule Rural Water $36.50 Water; AT&T $222.62 Phone; A&R Truck Equipment $161.58 Repair; American Public Works Assoc $215 Prof Serv; Ace Hardware $423.28 Supplies; Agtegra $4,490.01 Fuel; Aqua-Pure Inc $914.16 Chemical; Baker & Taylor Company $747.31 Books; Border States Electric Supply $901.02 Supplies; Brule County Lumber, Llc $372.05 Supplies; Burke Oil Company $818.48 Fuel; Byre Brothers, Inc $1,820 Prof Serv; Bomgaars $297.22 Supplies; Central Dakota Times $1,495.02 Publish; Cook Implement $110.40 Supplies; Central Electric Cooperative $1,820.38 Electric; Communications Center $39 Prof Serv; Chamberlain Wholesale Grocery $334.95 Supplies; Cozine Electric $14 Supplies; Card Services Center $2,945.78 Supplies; Cengage Learning $106.45 Books; Center Point Large Print $93.48 Books; Chamberlain Food Center $18.94 Supplies; Chamberlain Building Supply $127.88 Supplies; C&B Operations Llc $1,152.54 Supplies; Chamberlain Chamber Of Commerce $100 Other; Chamberlain Post Prom $500 Eco Dev; Core & Main $3,132.30 Supplies; Chamberlain Rec Dept $130 Supplies; Chamberlain Napa $327.68 Supplies; Dakota Milestones $320.37 Prof Serv; Dakota Supply Group $1,508.90 Meter Maint; Demco $137.05 Supplies; Dollar General $71.65 Supplies; Ethanol Products $1,412.20 Chemical; Electric Pump $9,046.22 Maint; Graham Tire Mitchell $584 Equip Maint; Hamiel Repair Llc $90 Supplies; Hawkins $748.80 Chemical; Hickey Heating & A/C $141.20 Repair; Ingram Book Company $735.47 Books; Innovative $175.50 Supplies; JG Welding & Repair $200 Supplies; Kelsey, Kurt $168 Prof Serv; Lakeview Sinclair $17.78 Gas; M&T Fire & Safety $1,458 Supplies; Midstate Communications $1,772.35 Phone; Midwest Turf & Irrigation $254.08 Supplies; Menning Excavating Inc $93,708.71 Improv Other; Northwestern Energy $20,554.33 Electric; NASASP $39 Prof Serv; Native Sun News $30 Prof Serv; Office Products Center $199.92 Supplies; Sioux Nation Ag Center $418.02 Animal; SD Sheriffs Assoc $115 Travel; Same Day Express, Inc $16 Prof Serv; SD Dept Of Health $802 Prof Serv; Sanford Occupational Med $70 Prof Serv; S.E.H. $19,877.84 Dredging; SD Federal Property Agency $35,083.50 Mach&Equip; Servall Uniform/Linen Company $91.95 Supplies; Sioux Valley Environmental $1,200 Chemical; Schoenfelder, Dale $10,000 Land; SD Dept Of Revenue $21.20 Supplies; Tools Plus Industries $215.88 Supplies; The Library Store $274.62 Supplies; USA Bluebook $238.41 Supplies; Variety Plus $285.26 Supplies; Vessco Inc $1,244.93 Maint; Water & Environmental Engineer $239.50 Chemical; Willrodt Motor $1,493.12 Repair; Willrodt Ford $103.85 Maint;  **General Fund: Salaries: $ 64,358.11, Total $252,270.87; Economic Development : $500; Basketball: $96.91; Library: Salaries: $5,744.23; Total: $9,572.60; Water: Salaries: $11,428.02, Total: $27,251.67; Wastewater: Salaries: $13,269.93; Total: $32,032.45; Airport: $696.23.**

**Fire Department Fund Raiser**

Merrill Ellis has proposed a fundraiser with 40% of the proceeds going to the fire department, 10% to the weekly drawing and 50% into a jackpot. Other communities have done this fundraiser calling it Chasing the Ace or Queen of Hearts. It was explained that one card is designated and each week a person is drawn to get a chance to draw a card. If they pick the card that was designated at the beginning, then they get the jackpot. It keeps growing until someone gets the jackpot card. They would like to do the drawings weekly at the Upper Crust.

Powell stated that his only concern is that every bar and restaurant in town will want to do the same thing.

Commissioner Thomas stated that they actually looked into doing one of these fundraisers for the Veterans Park. He stated that other communities that have done these have been very successful.

It was asked how you keep track of the weekly balances and ensure that there is no theft going on?

Mayor Mutziger stated that he wouldn’t be opposed to allowing it if there was someone from the fire department there and helping keep checks and balances. It was noted that this kind of fundraiser is only legal for nonprofit fundraising.

Mayor Mutziger stated that in the future if they do these, whoever the fundraiser is for should have a representative there to oversee also.

Motion by Ruhlman second by Claussen, all ayes and approved the fire department fundraiser to be held at the Upper Crust contingent upon a representative of the benefiting organization be present for the weekly drawings.

**Barger Fund Applications**

Powell stated that the Senior Citizens Center would like to apply for $20,000 of Barger funds for a 20 KW generator and the installation and connections necessary to operate without power if needed. They noted the inconsistent and unreliable power as being the reason they would like this generator. They serve an average of 56 meals a day to the senior citizens of our community and have several freezers and refrigerators that they could lose a lot of food in with extended utility outages. Commissioner Thomas stated that in emergencies, the center could also be a place where people in town could go for shelter.

Another application Powell received was from Rob Brown at the campground wanting to apply to purchase up to 50 8-12foot trees for the campground. It was noted that we lost a lot of trees again with the last flood. Powell stated that he would rather the City purchase the trees rather than applying for Barger funds. Commissioner Thomas added that Modern Woodman has been good about helping with trees also.

Powell then asked the Council to consider the City applying for a new fish cleaning station. He added that Game Fish and Parks has no responsibility to upkeep the fish cleaning station, so we have taken care of it. A new fish cleaning station will cost approximately $60,000 after installation. He added that we had considered applying for a grant on this in the past, be we hadn’t proceeded as there were more important projects.

Commissioner Claussen stated that a lot of people do not fish in this area because of the fish cleaning station. He added that they launch in other places because they don’t want to clean their fish at our current cleaning station.

It was noted that Game Fish and Parks has grants available for trails and recreation but not anything on a fish cleaning station.

Motion by Thomas second by Ruhlman, all ayes and approved supporting the Barger Foundation grant applications for the senior center and fish cleaning station.

**Brenda Burull**

Powell stated that Brenda Burull came to him with concerns about the way things were proceeding on some conditional use and zoning requirements so he asked her to come meet with the Council.

Burull stated that this has been going on for years and the neighboring property that was rezoned has still not demolished the house, built the privacy fence and has not completed construction on the shop.

She added that she built her garage and put up a small retaining wall as the eaves from the neighbor’s shop drain right on her.

She added that when we started this, she didn’t care whether the lilac bushes stayed or not. She said that he put his garage so close to the property line that she no longer had the option to buy land from him so that she can build a double wide garage. She added that he also has several 50 gallon barrels right on the property line and who knows what is in them?

Powell stated that part of the rezone being granted to Brad Hickey was that he was required to build a fence, fix the eaves-drainage and tear down the house.

Mayor Mutziger stated that he had Greg send a letter of condemnation to Hickey and Powell did it with 60 days to tear down the old house and 90 days to construct the fence. It was noted that if at the end of sixty days the house is still there, we will tear it down and charge him and the same thing with fence.

Burull asked what the follow up is on this and noted that it has been many years and letters have went out yet the City has done nothing in the past.

Powell stated that we have never condemned it before, so now we will have the authority to tear it down.

**Schedule Board of Equalization**

Motion by Thomas second by Claussen, all ayes and approved to schedule the Board of Equalization meeting for March 15th through March 19 starting at 6:00 PM on March 15th. The length of the meeting will depend on the number of appointments scheduled.

**Police Report**

Chief Handel stated that we got the used Tahoe outfitted and in patrol. He added that the 2014 that needed the water pump replaced also has a cracked engine block. That vehicle is basically scrap metal now. Handel had heard that the Kansas State Highway Patrol have used vehicles with around 40-50,000 miles so he called them but their prices with no equipment is right around $25,000. He also looked at state bid for a Dodge Charger with all-wheel drive base price is $25,000, the Ford is at $36,000, and the Dodge Durango is $33,000.

Mayor Mutziger stated that Nicky can look at the budget and see if we can find the funds to do it.

**Other Matters**

Powell stated that we have had several water issues with the cold temperatures. He added that at this point, none of them are city. There is a water line break by the Smoking Mule and at a trailer house. We also have received 8 or 9 notifications that there are frozen water meters.

Powell presented the menu from Mule and Swenson’s slip rates as per the contract requires us to review.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Ruhlman second by Thomas, all ayes and approved to adjourn at 6:51PM.

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Chad Mutziger, Mayor

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Nicky Gaulke, Finance Officer

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