

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK POINT CITY COUNCIL

The Elk Point City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00pm in the council chambers of City Hall located at 106 W. Pleasant Street with Mayor McCreary presiding and these members present: Penfield, Abraham, Irwin, Irlbeck, and VonHaden. Hurlbert was absent. Also, present were: City Attorney Thompson, City Administrator Tuttle, Police Chief Limoges, Finance Officer Hammitt, and Public Works Director Job.

Motion made by VonHaden seconded by Irwin to approve the agenda. All in favor.

Penfield moved and Abraham seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4 and 13, 2024, council meetings. Unanimous.

Motion and second, Penfield/Abraham to approve the following salaries and bills and to instruct the Finance Officer for payment of the same. All in favor. Salaries: General Fund: \$59,397.80; Enterprise Fund: \$28,981.58; Fringe Benefits: General Fund: \$17,836.62; Enterprise Fund: \$8,728.84; Bills: Ace Hardware-supplies: \$1,752.58; Aflac-insurance: \$1,513.32; Border States-supplies: \$60.79; Canon Financial Services, Inc.-copier lease: \$177.00; Cardmember Services-supplies: \$1,282.05; City of Sioux Falls-professional services: \$87.00; City of Vermillion-tipping fees: \$5,179.27; Code Enforcement Specialists-professional services: \$864.99; Colonial Life-insurance: \$42.24; Core & Main-supplies: \$547.10; Dakota Pump, Inc.-inspection: \$2,970.00; East River Electric-power: \$76,133.51; Equipment Blade, Inc.-supplies: \$180.00; Erika Hammitt-mileage & phone reimbursement: \$235.24; Fenske, Nicholas-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Geary, Andrea-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Hanson, Mark-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Hawkins, Inc.-supplies: \$1,054.12; Hurlbert, Kristopher-tax abatement: \$2,936.62; Hutcheson, Kim-travel & phone reimbursement: \$292.30; Jack's Uniform & Equipment-uniforms: \$492.40; Job, Trevor-phone reimbursement: \$300.00; Joe's Tree Service-maintenance: \$650.00; Johnson, Jasper-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Jones' Food Center-supplies: \$76.56; Kalin's-repairs: \$99.00; Leader-Courier-publishing: \$40.00; Limoges, Jacob-phone reimbursement: \$300.00; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies: \$72.89; MidAmerican Energy-utilities: \$110.40; Midcontinent Communications-utilities: \$940.65; Midwest Alarm Company, Inc-monitoring services: \$97.13; Midwest Ready Mix-rentals: \$4,055.00; Mockler, Todd-phone reimbursement: \$274.00; Oedekoven, Brian-tax abatement: \$1,914.88; One Office Solution-office expense: \$163.77; Orkin-maintenance: \$79.64; Per Mar Security Systems-monitoring services: \$565.44; Pham, Joe-phone reimbursement: \$100.00; Public Health Laboratory-professional services: \$41.00; Pyle, Kirk-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Richarz Repair, LLC-repairs: \$24,605.34; Sanford Occupational Medicine-professional services: \$124.00; SD Water & Wastewater Assoc-dues: \$10.00; Sioux Valley Environmental-repairs: \$575.00; Southeast Farmers Elevator-fuel: \$2,809.10; South Dakota Municipal League-dues: \$2,123.00; South Dakota One Call-locate tickets: \$53.55; State Industrial Products-wastewater program: \$2,374.95; Strawn, Willis-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Teamsters Local 120-union dues: \$269.00; The Wave-maintenance: \$39.02; Trudeau, Corey-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Tudogs Computing-repairs: \$90.00; Tuttle, Derek-phone reimbursement: \$300.00; Union County Electric Coop.-utilities: \$3,803.00; VanRoekel, Troy-phone reimbursement: \$120.00; Verizon Wireless-utilities: \$208.21; Wellmark-insurance: \$20,050.54

Robin Schiro spoke during public forum.

Jeremy Harkness, representing Black Sheep Food Services, is requesting a \$90,000 UDAG loan through the city for his new business located at 122 W. Main Street. He discussed his business plan for the building. The council requested more information from Mr. Harkness and tabled it until the regular meeting in January.

First Reading was given to Ordinance No. 430, an Ordinance Providing for the Supplemental Appropriations for the City of Elk Point, South Dakota during the Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion made by Penfield, seconded by VonHaden to approve the 2025 Trailer Court License for LMAC, VMAC and MAC Courts for Midwest Investment Management. Unanimous.

Discussion was held on the electric rate increase from East River Electric. Department Heads will meet with the rates and fees committee and bring a Resolution for the council to adopt.

Discussion was held on Resolution #2015-5, a Resolution Establishing Incentives for New Housing Construction in the City of Elk Point, SD. Council agreed to rescind the Resolution. A draft will be brought to the next council meeting.

Penfield moved and Irlbeck seconded a motion to accept Willis Strawn's resignation as a full-time police officer. All in favor.

Motion and second, Penfield/VonHaden to hire Austin Edwards as a full-time police officer starting at \$22.00/hour as recommended by Police Chief Limoges. Unanimous.

Discussion was held on credit card and ACH payment options contract with Nuvei. Council and City Attorney Thompson had a couple questions to address with the contract. Finance Officer Hammitt will bring the contract back to the next regular meeting with this additional information.

Motion to adjourn, Penfield/VonHaden. All in favor.

Attest: Erika Hammitt
Finance Officer

Deb McCreary
Mayor

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