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CITY OF DODGE JANUARY 14TH MEETING MINUTES

City of Dodge Board Meeting January 14th, 2025

The Dodge City Council met on January 14 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Joki absent, Presiding Directors Acosta, Wolff, Gervers and Fredrick. Mark Kaffar, Mark Klein and Deputy Auditor Beckman. Beckman kept notes of the meeting.

Director Acosta called the meeting to order.

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors- Brad Duttonhefer, Jarret Jones, Toni Jones, Kenny Weisz and Gigi Romero. Gigi Romero from Halliday wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the letter that was written to assist the purchaser of her Dodge property.

Director- Gervers moved to approve the agenda with removal of Executive Session to regular meeting. Director Frederick seconded the motion all I's motion carried.

Director- Wolff moved to approve the Minutes of the December 2024 regular meeting. Director Frederick seconded the motion all I's motion carried

Mark Klein CPA will research payoffs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 loans for sewer and streets will have updates for us in February for next council meeting. Director-Gervers moved to approve the Financial Reports for December 2024. Director Wolff seconded the motion all I's motion carried

Bills presented for December 2024: Vizion Signs- \$540.00, Basin Auto Parts- \$70.33, One Stop Country Store-\$241.38, Ferguson Waterworks Pit Meters Pit Lids-\$3,042.60 Southwest Water Authority-\$936.85, ND Information Technology Department-\$21.20, Farmers Union Oil-\$2,802.40, Mark J Klein-\$90.00, Consolidated-\$148.77, Capital One Trade Credit-220.00, Southwest District Health Unit-\$50.00, MDU-\$1,288.06, Consolidated Telephone-\$158.67, Union Bank Transfer to Debt Reserve-\$313.65, Jones Construction-\$20,598.39, City of Halliday Garbage Contract-\$5,625.00,

MDU-\$1,542.05 Moore Engineering-\$2,087.50 Amazon Supplies-\$1,490.77 League of Cities-\$70.00 US Postal Service-\$365.00

Director- Wolff moved to pay bills Director- Frederick seconded the motion all I's motion carried

Commissioner of Police-Director Gervers, nothing to report.

Commissioner of Utilities-Director Wolff, nothing to report.

Commissioner of Streets-Director Acosta, nothing to report.

Commissioner of Buildings and Property – Director Fredrick, nothing to report.

Auditor- No update

Update on Clinton Hamon camper will be discussed at next council meeting.

Auditorium floor will be looked at and further discussion will be addressed at next meeting.

2025 Spring Conference for Jenn Beckman was approved. Director-Gervers moved to approve.

Director- Wolff seconded the motion all I's motion carried.

Garbage Contract 2025- will be revised and discussed at the Special Meeting 01/20/2025.

Teresa Van Deusen- removed from the Cities bank account was discussed. Director Gervers moved to approve. Directors Frederick seconded the motion all I's motion carried.

ND Pers and HSA will go in effect February 1, 2025 along with wage increase. Director Gervers moved to approve. Wolff seconded the motion all I's motion carried.

Special Meeting will be held on January 20, 2025 to discuss communication errors between Mayor Joki and the City Council members.

Director- Gervers moved to adjourn. Wolff seconded the motion and motion carried

Subject to revision and approval by Dodge City Council

Kendall Joki, Mayor
Jenn Beckman, Deputy Auditor
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Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt (standing) visits with Commissioner Mark Pierce and Commission Chairman Gene Wolf about ways to better clarify how bills and voucher statements are reported.

moved to approve the temporary use permit for 2025, while also stating this as an example of why the county's current request for proposal (RFP) related to hiring a company to review and update county zoning ordinances was so important to make sure these oversights did not happen again. Commissioner Casey Voigt seconded the motion.

Commission Chairman Gene Wolf expressed concern about granting a temporary use permit to a company without requiring a bond, even with previous practice of the commission, saying cleanup or maintenance of the site could come back on the county and/or landowner since the company would not have to put up any money in the form of the bond.

Commissioner Mark Pierce agreed with Wolf, saying he was concerned about setting a precedent of not requiring bonds, while Wolf added that an argument could be made over whether a temporary use permit was even needed without the bond.

"In other words, you have no stake in it if you don't have meat in it," he said, while Pierce said, "The problem is you set a precedent."

Folk replied, saying, "I have a hard time telling an existing company that has been operating for however many years without this that now they have to have it."

Folk and Voigt both moved to amend the initial moment to table the discussion until later in the meeting so they could get input from Mercer County State's Attorney Todd Schwarz.

Schwarz agreed with the concerns raised by Wolf and Pierce, adding that just because the bond was not previously required (which he said was an oversight) did not prevent the current commission from taking corrective action to ensure the

bond was in place now. He said if the Energy Sand Solutions did not want to take out a bond, then at the least there should be a signed agreement that the company waives their right to have Mercer County be responsible for any fixes or cleanup, meaning those would fall back on the landowners and company to address among themselves.

Schwarz said he recommended the commission pursue the bond requirement, saying this is cleaner and easier to put in place.

Folk moved to amend her motion to grant Energy Sand Solutions a three-month temporary permit so the company could continue working while also meeting the necessary requirements, while still adding she did not think it was fair to punish the company for a mistake that the county had made. Schwarz said this was not a punishment but rather corrective action to make the situation right.

Voigt again seconded Folk's new motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Rick Bauman absent from the meeting.

Prior to the Jan. 15 meeting, Schwarz reviewed the three RFPs the county received to do the work of helping reviewing and rewriting Mercer County's zoning ordinances. The commission wanted Schwarz's recommendation, but the decision was left to them; Schwarz was not present at the meeting at the time of this discussion.

Voigt said he spoke with Schwarz and that both wanted to ensure the legal as well as the engineering side of this project were addressed by whichever company the project is awarded to. He recommended going with the proposal from Donovan & Kaffar PLLP and Apex Engineering for this reason.

Both Pierce and Folk said

they also came intending to recommend the commission approve this company's proposal. Pierce said he liked that this proposal included a "cost not to exceed" portion that meant the companies had some skin in the game as they would not charge the county above what they quoted in their proposal, while Voigt pointed out Donovan & Kaffar and Apex Engineering were the companies that put together the county's current stormwater management ordinance, so they had experience in working on and creating ordinances in Mercer County.

Voigt moved to award the bid to Donovan & Kaffar and Apex Engineering, with Folk seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Klein with the Mercer County Fair Board spoke about the major shortfall facing the board in planning for the 2025 Mercer County Fair after the poor attendance at the 50th Anniversary Mercer County Fair last year.

Klein said the fair board applied for a stipend of \$61,000 from Mercer County but was now asking for \$150,000 from the county.

He said the board needed about \$75,000 just to break even and pay the loans on the hoop barn buildings, not including the money that would actually be needed to put on a fair in 2025.

Klein said the board has applied for some donations to help with the shortfall as well, but the payments were coming due in early February, so he was asking the commission to approve an increase now so those payments could be made on time.

Pierce asked Klein what action the fair board was taking to address the poor turnout and money shortfall to ensure that it does not continue to be a problem. Klein said

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
City of Beulah
Beulah, NORTH DAKOTA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for Municipal Engineering Services
The City of Beulah is seeking written proposals to provide the services of a City Engineer on behalf of the City. Proposals shall be mailed to City of Beulah, Attn: Jennifer and Beaver, 120 Central Ave North, Beulah ND 58523, no later than 4 p.m. CT Friday, April 18, 2025. To receive the full RFP details, contact Jennifer Wolf, Operations Director Assistant; via e-mail at jennifer@cityofbeulah.com or call 701-873-4637. (01-23-2025, 01-30-2024, 02-06-2024)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GUARANTEED ENERGY AND OPERATIONAL SAVINGS CONTRACT PROVIDER
City of Beulah
Beulah, NORTH DAKOTA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for Guaranteed Energy and Operational Savings Contract Provider
The City of Beulah requests proposals to evaluate qualified providers for the development and implementation of energy and operational efficiency projects on a guaranteed energy and operational savings contract basis for the Public Works and Mine Building. This Request for Proposal (RFP) will provide a competitive means in which to select a provider to implement the improvements in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 48-05-09 through 48-05-13. Proposals shall be mailed to City of Beulah, Attn: Jennifer and Beaver, 120 Central Ave North, Beulah ND 58523, no later than 4 p.m. CT Monday, February 28, 2025. To receive the full RFP details, contact Jennifer Wolf, Operations Director Assistant; via e-mail at jennifer@cityofbeulah.com or call 701-873-4637. (01-23-2025, 01-30-2024, 02-06-2024)

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