

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
BALTIC CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
March 11, 2025 7:00 PM BALTIC CITY HALL
130 ST. OLAF AVENUE BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Interim Mayor & Council President Brian McGreevy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Baltic City Hall, 130 St. Olaf Avenue. Answering roll call were Alderman Steve Boeve, Nikki Oien, Interim Mayor and Alderman Brian McGreevy, City Attorney Mae Pochop. Also in attendance Finance Officer Lacey Harrington and ISG Engineers Justin Heim and Parker Hamann. Missing from the meeting was Alderman Edward Clark-Jessen and Public Works Supervisor, Ryan Fods.

Brian McGreevy led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council reviewed the February 11, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes. Boeve made a motion to approve February 11, 2025 minutes, Oien seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Claims Payable. Boeve made a moved to approve the Claims Payable, seconded by Oien. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Time

Lynn King from 46 N 6th St. came forward to raise concerns about minors on UTVs, dirt bikes, etc. Discussion was had on calling the Minnehaha Sheriff's Dept and Finance Officer Harrington will let our SRO Officer, Nick know so he is aware.

Cassandra Breen from 505 Caitlin Ave. came forward with concerns on the frisbee golf course location. Breen explained that people are climbing her fence, frisbees are hitting her house/roof and they are littering on here property. Discussion was had on possibly moving that hole. ISG will explore possible solutions and will discuss those solution possibilities at the next meeting.

Fire Chief, Michael Koopman, came forward to give us a rundown of statistics from their 2024 year. For those statistics, you can reach out to Mike Koopman or stop down to City Hall.

Zach Nebben from 413 Kringen Ave came forward to congratulate the City of Baltic on the recent Transportation Alternatives Grant. Nebben inquired on the path that he has heard we may provide on the South end of the school between 4th & 5th St. This conversation is new, and no decisions have been made.

OLD BUSINESS

Veteran's Memorial – Baltic Legion

McGreevy discussed a meeting that he and Boeve had with the Legion. Commander Branham discussed the location and specifics. Boeve made a motion to approve the location of the Veteran's Memorial on 4th & Lovely pending the approval of the rendering of the design, Oien seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Grant Park Development Update

McGreevy presented the council with an update on the Grant Park detention pond. No memorandum was needed due to all guidelines are in the original agreement. The location of the detention pond will be at the 2nd location that was presented in the agreement down by Murphy's pond. Construction on the detention pond will begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning Members

Brian McGreevy stated that he recommended Zach Utecht and Steve Boeve as members and recommended Jake DeJong for Chairman of Planning & Zoning. Harrington advised that we need to schedule a P&Z Meeting to appoint those members at that meeting.

5th & Lovely 4-Way Stop

Alderman Boeve presented the council with the suggestion of a solution to the speeding on Lovely Ave. Boeve discussed different options including a 4-way stop at 5th and Lovely, a blinking pedestrian light with a button, etc. ISG's Heim commented that it can cause some confusion which may bring more of an issue but would need to research this more. Heim stated that sometimes it causes a false sense of security for pedestrians and there is more risk for pedestrians than before. Discussion was had on sending out a survey to see what the community members want.

Xcel Grant – Tabled until later this summer.

Apparel Order

Finance Officer Harrington presented the council with a request to order City of Baltic logo wear for the public works crew, the office staff and council. Harrington also asked about ordering some to have on hand for purchase or prizes. The council agreed this would be good to have and is within the budget to order.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Watermain Looping & Oak & Ash Project – No update, just waiting on restoration in the spring.

Main Lift Station – ISG working on the contractor review with 605 Companies. ISG anticipates starting this project in the spring. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for later this month.

Transportation Alternatives Grant – City of Baltic was awarded for this grant. Parker stated ISG is currently working on a proposal for that project as well as letters that will go out to the properties adjacent to that project. Heim discussed specifics of that project.

5th Street Improvements – Heim discussed specific plans for the paving project for 5th Street. Heim asked the council to make a motion allowing them to go out for bids on this project. Oien made a motion to allow ISG to out for bids for the 5th Street Paving project, Boeve seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Update

Harrington stated the 2024 Drinking Water Report is in and posted on the website and available at City Hall.

Finance Update

Finance Officer Harrington gave a reminder of the Board of Equalization Meeting on March 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Harrington advised objection paperwork will need to be in by March 13th, 2025 and you can get the paperwork online, at City Hall or can be emailed.

With no further business to discuss, Boeve made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Seconded by Oien, all ayes, motion carried.

Lacey Harrington
Municipal Finance Officer

Brian McGreevy
Interim Mayor/Board President