

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - BALTIC CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, 4:00 PM
BALTIC CITY HALL
130 ST. OLAF AVENUE, BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McIsaac called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Baltic City Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Aldermen Ryan Sinding, Brendan Tidemann, Nikki Oien and Travis Schreurs. Also present was Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Fods, Finance Officer Linda Hunnel, CRM Lacey Branham, BADF Chairman Zach Nebben and SMGA\BADF Ryan Solberg.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McIsaac led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cash vs. Accrual Method of Accounting FO Hunnel asked the Council to consider switching the municipality's method of accounting to Cash basis vs. Accrual basis. Hunnel considers the cash basis much easier to implement and completely adequate for a city the size of Baltic. The matter was deferred until the Sept. 13th meeting.
- b. Garbage Rate Increases Hunnel spoke of the loss in sanitation revenue since the new contract pricing went into effect April 2022. The city is currently losing money every month on garbage services.
- c. Hunnel presented information on a five dollar a month increase in rates. The matter was deferred until the Sept. 13th meeting.
- d. Meadow and Valley View Sewer Interceptor Payments FO Hunnel reported that the auditors had questions about paperwork from 2004 concerning an agreement between the City of Baltic and Dell Rapids Lumber and any future benefactors of an oversized sewer main installed in the Meadow and Valley View Addition to the city. Maintenance Supervisor Fods is looking into the issue to determine if all responsible parties have been billed their share of the sewer main expansion.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2023 Budget Workshop

Ryan Solberg from the Baltic Area Development Foundation spoke to the council about the importance of municipal support. Solberg talked about the efforts of the BADF to bring new businesses to Baltic. The BADF is requesting a \$10,000 contribution for their 2023 budget. Also discussed was the upcoming water contract with MCWC. Baltic will need to secure future water usage needs during these negotiations. Future infrastructure needs were discussed: a new or additional water tower and the usage of ARPA funds. Councilman Sinding said rip rap is badly needed in Baltic's River Park as there are spots of intense erosion. Contacting the Corp of Engineers, Senator Thune's office, and other agencies was discussed.

FO Hunnel had presented Council with budget reports, along with posting them on the city website. Hunnel went over the reports with Council, details including the following; property taxes, wages, council wages, department breakdowns of expenditures, maintenance expenditures, fund balances, SD FIT balances, Capital Improvement Funds and Verizon leasing revenue. Hunnel asked that payments from the Verizon lease and the 25% of general fund sales tax revenue deposited into Capital Improvements Fund yearly be kept in the General Fund in 2023 to build that account balance. Changes to the worksheets included adding \$5000 to the Dell Rapids Ambulance request for a total contribution of

\$10,000. City Hall supplies were reduced \$5000 to allow this change. The First Reading of the 2023 Municipal Appropriation Ordinance #304 will be on September 13, 2022 at the regular monthly meeting of the Baltic City Hall.

VI ADJOURN There being no further business before Council, Sinding made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Tidemann seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye. The next regular monthly meeting of the Baltic City Council will be held on September 13, 2022 at 7 PM at the Baltic City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda D. Hunnel Finance Officer



Deborah Mclsaac Mayor