

APPROVED MINUTES
 BALTIC CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EOY MEETING
 December 28, 2023, 6:00 PM BALTIC CITY HALL
 130 ST. OLAF AVENUE BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mayor Deborah McIsaac called the special end of year meeting to order at 6:12 PM in the Baltic City Hall, 130 St. Olaf Avenue. Answering roll call were Aldermen Ryan Sinding, Nikki Oien and Brian McGreevy. Councilman Travis Schreurs was absent. Also, in attendance City Attorney John Hughes and Finance Officer Lacey Branham.

Mayor McIsaac led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

McGreevy moved Oien seconded to approve the following claims. Motion carried.

A&B BUSINESS	\$51.15	COPIER CONTRACT
ACE HARDWARE	\$29.99	WATER MAINTIANCE
AMERICAN PLAYGROUND CO	\$2,875.00	PARK EQUIPMENT
CLASSIC CORNER	\$83.50	DECEMBER FUEL PURCHASES
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	\$1,500.00	CONTRACT SET UP
CORE & MAIN	\$715.00	WATER MAINT - HYDRANT MARKERS
DELL RAPIDS LUMBER CO	\$3.69	WATER MAINT
DSG	\$2,219.59	WATER/SEWER METERS
EFTPS	\$1,094.01	Q4 COUNCIL PR TAX
EFTPS	\$1,879.48	DEC 15 PR TAXES
EFTPS	\$1,953.49	DEC 30 PR TAXES
HEALTH POOL OF SD	\$2,885.70	DECEMBER HEALTH INSURANCE
I&S	\$7,836.25	ENGINEERING SERVICES
INTERSTATE OFFICE PRODUCTS METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	\$29.49 \$173.84	OFFICE SUPPLIES WATER/SEWER MAINTANCE
MICRO COMM	\$1,538.70	WATER TOWER PANEL
MIDWAY SERVICE	\$2,621.81	STERLING REPAIR
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,659.19	PARK EQUIPMENT
NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$13.49	VEHICLE MAINTANCE
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$206.08	DECEMBER PUBLICATIONS
PAUL CLARKE	\$57.50	BUILDING INSPECTION DEC 9
PAUL CLARKE	\$57.50	BUILDING INSPECTION DEC 13
PAUL CLARKE	\$107.50	BUILDING INSPECTION DEC 16 & CELL
PAUL CLARKE	\$57.50	BUILDING INSPECTION DEC 21
SDRS	\$2,192.00	DEC RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION
US POST MASTER	\$207.57	DECEMBER UTILITY MAILING

\$33,049.02

Baltic American Legion and Classic Corner were present to discuss operating agreements. Councilmen Sinding and McGreevy will work with the businesses to finalize the terms.

A second reading was done for Ordinance 313 – End of Year Supplemental Budget. Oien moved Sinding seconded to approve. Motion carried.

At the August 8th meeting, council approved one-way traffic from West to East on Bulldog Avenue from the football field walkway to 5th Street. Since the beginning of school there have been some traffic concerns. Oien moved Sinding seconded to make the entirety of Bulldog Avenue a one-way street for the duration of construction. Motion carried.

Kathy Faith asked if the book club could meet in the council chambers. Their group gets together on Friday's every 6 weeks in the afternoon. Council agreed to use of the chamber area.

A strong foundation of the community was lost last week. In honor of the passing of Leo "Bud" Skancke, Mayor McIsaac issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Leo G. (Bud) Skancke departed this earthly life on December 24, 2023; he was a devoted carpenter and builder, beloved landlord to many who still called him friend. He recalled building over 100 homes and helped during construction of the Baltic School Gymnasium in the community during his career while raising a family with his wife Joyce.

WHEREAS, Bud has always been pleasant and helpful to anyone seeking his assistance. Perhaps his greatest gift was his vast knowledge of building and infrastructure details in the community of Baltic.

WHEREAS, Bud was an avid genealogist and remembered many details of Norwegian settlers in the area and throughout Minnehaha County. He spent countless hours caring for the St. Olaf Cemetery in Baltic, was a volunteer at Baltic Fire Department and delighted in his close relationship with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

WHEREAS, the City of Baltic appreciates and respects (Bud) Skancke for his commitment, friendship and contributions to the citizens of Baltic.

WHEREAS, Leo G. (Bud) Skancke departed this life and was a beloved and dedicated citizen of the Baltic area who will be remembered in the hearts of the Community for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEBORAH MCISAAC, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIC, ON BEHALF OF THE BALTIC CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM December 29, 2023 AS:

"Leo G. (Bud) Skancke – A CELEBRATION OF LIFE" DAY

Branham presented a fines list to be added to our ticket books. Council will review the information collected and make a final decision at a coming meeting.


A 2nd reading was done on Ordinance 314 – Water & Sewer Rate. McGreevy moved Oien seconded to approve Ordinance 314. Motion Carried.

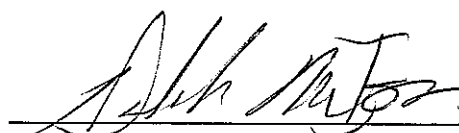
At 7:32 PM Alderman Sinding moved Oien seconded to go into executive session for matters relating to personnel and matters related to legal counsel.

Alderman Sinding moved McGreevy seconded to come out of executive session at 8:13 PM.

Council approved the following wages for 2024: 5% increase for office personnel, mayor \$500 per month, council \$300 per month, committee & special meetings: Chair \$100 per meeting members \$50 per meeting. Attorney Hughes reported that he has tried to reach out to Grant Park Capital's attorneys with no response. With no further business to discuss, at 8:13 PM Sinding moved McGreevy seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lacey Branham
Finance Officer


Deborah McIsaac
Mayor