

REGULAR MEETING MONTHLY
APPROVED MINUTES
BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
April 12, 2023 7:00 PM BALTIMORE CITY HALL
130 ST. OLAF AVENUE BALTIMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mayor Mclsaac called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Baltimore City Hall, 130 St Olaf Avenue. Answering roll call were Aldermen Sinding, Oien, McGreevy and Schreurs. Also, in attendance City Attorney John Hughes, Justin Heim of ISG, Finance Officer Linda Hunnel, Public Works Supervisor Ryan Fods and Community Relations Manager Lacey Branham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mclsaac led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schreurs had the following amendments to the March 14 minutes: *IX. New Business a. Motion by McGreevy and seconded by Oien to forgive the parking ticket of Brent Wilson. Motion Carried, McGreevy, Oien and Schreurs voting aye. Sinding abstaining. IX New Business e. Motion seconded by Sinding. All ayes. Motion carried in regard to summer rec contracts to be negotiated by Mayor Mclsaac. XV. Motion carried, all voting aye in regard to attorney litigation fees.* Schreurs made a motion to approve the March 14 minutes as amended. Seconded by Sinding. All Ayes. Motion passed. Schreurs made a motion to approve the March 28 minutes as presented. Seconded by Sinding. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Sinding made a motion to approve the April 4 minutes as presented. Seconded by Schreurs. All Ayes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAYABLE

Hunnel asked for one addition to the presented claims. Polzin, school Business Manager, delivered a statement with our portion of election expenses. Hunnel asked that \$338.42 be paid. Oien made a motion to approve the claims with the addition. Sinding seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC TIME

Woody Houser asked for the return of his Lot 74 earnest money. These funds have been held in a Trust with the City Attorney since the silent bid previously. Houser owns Lot 75. He explained that he and his business partner still have plans to build but current costs are challenging. Schreurs made a motion to authorize Hughes to void the purchase agreement with Houser and return the \$7500 earnest money, seconded by McGreevy. All ayes. Motion passed.

Deb Qualseth asked the deputy in attendance to increase patrol midmorning, during the lunch hour and after school hours. Speeding remains to be an issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Rec job positions have been posted. These positions need to be filled before the registration can be opened. There was \$50,000 earmarked for the program at a prior meeting. Due to the arrangement with the YMCA, the need for the previous earmark of will be much smaller than expected, if at all should the city be able to secure corporate grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Chad Hanisch with Rae's Greenhouse said there would like to set up a greenhouse on the corner of 5th & Lovely. Their season runs from the end of April through mid-June. Schreurs made a motion to approve the peddlers license, seconded by Oien. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kim Harms with Monkey Business Treats explained they will be offering unique prepackaged treats not offered in stores. There isn't a set day at this time that "Clyde" will be in town. Listen for the sweet sound of the ice cream truck this year! McGreevy made a motion to approve the peddlers license, Sinding seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The contract with Verizon is up for renewal. The new agreement, which is 5 years, has upgrades to the current hardware. The antennas on the tower will increase as will the coverage power. Schreurs suggested finding out if the funds received were earmarked for anything. Hunnel will investigate. Sinding motioned to authorize Mayor Mclsaac to sign the contract, Oien seconded. All ayes. Motion passes.

Hughes explained that the city has the right to control the on/off sale of alcohol. The city has retained a local option, which allows the Council to determine how a license or operating agreement will be. This allows the city to generate revenue from alcohol sales within the city.

Hunnel wanted to inform the council that Finance Officer's School registration has opened. School is June 7-9 and will be held in Pierre. She recommends it if a new Finance Officer is hired soon. After discussion the council felt the expense wasn't enough to vote on. Recommended using judgement on what was appropriate for cost.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Fods informed council that he's used Road Guys for chip sealing in the past. He felt they gave the best pricing. Fods went on to explain that after the job is complete the City will go back and sweep the remaining rocks off the street. McGreevy asked Fods to get a second quote and make a decision on the best offer. This year Elm Street, 6th Street South of Lovely Avenue, Chloe Street, East side of David Avenue, Jans Circle, Richards Circle and Bonnies Circle will be sealed. McGreevy motioned to have Fods get a second quote and accept the best priced offer. Sinding seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. Schreurs made a motion to accept the agrilime quote from Bryan Rock not to exceed \$4000. Seconded by Oien. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fods agreed that Lovely Avenue warrants repair but cost is out of budget right now. He suggested that we get a bid to do a mill and overlay with crown to help water shedding. Council agreed to let Fods move forward with the repairs.

Fods addressed the many questions of what is happening at the Lovely Ave site (previously known as the trailer park.) Soukup is doing prep work for more dirt to be moved in from the school project. The SWIPP permit from the state must be approved before anything else can be done.

FINANCE OFFICER UPDATE

Finance Officer Hunnel provided an expense and income worksheet for the council. Council likes the presentation and easy layout of the document.

The school requested the city have a participant in the selection of the Teacher of the Year Committee. Council agreed that it should be someone who has a child in school. Councilman Sinding volunteered to fill the position with Schreurs as back up. Branham will notify Superintendent Sittig of the decision.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Heim with ISG asked if there has been any feedback from citizens on the preliminary plans. The plan has been posted to the March 28th meeting packet, but Branham will put it on the homepage of the City Website with an option for comments. The drawing will also be posted on social media for citizen feedback.

Attorney Hughes stated he resent the Development Agreement on April 4, 2023 to Grant Park Capital with no reply to date. On April 6 he did get notification from the Clerk of Courts that Schoenbeck & Erickson, PC out of Watertown are now representing the Grant Park Capital development. Hughes has been contacted by a Grant Park homeowner who expressed discontent with the dirt pile close to his yard. He was also contacted by a lot owner who was frustrated at not being told about the litigation or that building permits were on hold at the time of the lot sale. Any further action with the development is pending on response from the Developer and his legal team.

COUNCIL/MAYOR UPDATE

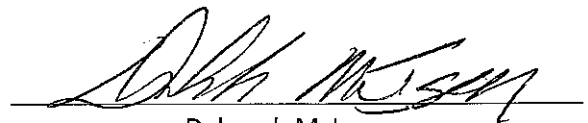
Mayor Mclsaac informed everyone of the process of a recall. She presented an example of a petition form and State Municipal Guidelines. Hughes added the statutes under South Dakota Codified Law should be a point of reference as well. It was made clear that a recall is not just collecting signatures. It also includes presentation to the Finance Officer, a meeting of the City Council and possibly a court hearing all prior to a recall election among other steps. Sinding asked Jamie Ingemansen, South Dakotans for Transparent Government Chairman, if she had the petition available for viewing. She did not.

Hunnel brought the sealed ballot box forward from the election. She asked McGreevy to leave the council table as he was a candidate in the election. After opening the box, she had Alderman Sinding call out the vote and Oien record the response. While the votes were being counted she asked Alderman Schreurs to randomly go through the voter registration and confirm the name and voter number with what was written on in the poll book. Once all votes were tabulated each of the three councilmen signed their names. Councilman Schreurs then announced the official results: Brian Tweet 82 vs Brian McGreevy 123 with 1 ballot unmarked. Hunnel then thanked the election workers for their long day. Schreurs made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM. McGreevy seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:00 PM in City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Deborah Mclsaac
Mayor