

APPROVED MINUTES
BAL TIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2023 7:00 PM BAL TIC CITY HALL
130 ST. OLAF AVENUE BAL TIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor McIsaac called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Baltic City Hall, 130 St Olaf Avenue.

ROLL CALL - Answering roll call were Alderman Sinding, Oien, McGreevy and Schreurs. Attorney Hughes, ISG Engineer Heim, Maintenance Supervisor Fods and Finance Officer Branham were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor McIsaac led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 30 - Oien made a motion to approve June 30 minutes. Seconded by Schreurs. Motion carried, all voting aye.

July 27 - Schreurs made a motion to approve July 27 minutes. Seconded by Sinding. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAYABLE

Schreurs made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Sinding. Motion carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC TIME – No citizens stepped forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Ballfield Use - Alderman Sinding reported he and Fods met with Edward Clark the Baltic School Activities Director and Barb Haux of Baltic Athletic Association to discuss a facilities use agreement for the city's softball fields. Sinding said the agreement they looked at was good but wanted to look at a few more options. Branham had received three different agreements that would help finalize the decision. The item was tabled until next meeting.

Welcome Sign - Multiple choices for the welcome sign have been displayed at city hall since the last meeting. After presenting the top choices to the council, they made a final decision. McGreevy made a motion to accept sign number 3. Schreurs seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye. Branham will get the sign ordered and Fods will coordinate the installation and lighting.

Golf Cart Ordinance - Branham reported there was a golf cart ordinance that had been discussed but was never finalized. Further research will be completed comparing state and county ordinances to get an ordinance in place.

NEW BUSINESS

In preparation for Dog Days, an open container for local establishments was discussed. Schreurs made a motion to allow open container Friday, August 11th, 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM on St. Olaf from 1st-3rd Street; Saturday, August 12th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM on St. Olaf from 1st-3rd Street and 12:00 PM -4:00 PM at Baltic Heights Park; Sunday, August 13th, 12:00 PM to 3:00PM on St. Olaf. from 1st-3rd Street.

Dog House Temporary Liquor License - The Dog House plans to only sell drinks inside their establishment. Therefore, they do not need a temporary license.

Classic Corner Temporary Liquor License – Classic Corner plans to have a beer tent on Saturday during Dog Days. Since this is outside their business establishment, per Baltic Ordinance 112.05 Special Events License, they will need to find a civic, charitable, educational or fraternal organization to team up with to qualify for the special license. Allison, Classic Corner representative, said they have been talking with Wheelchair Adventures. Mclsaac recommended approving the license contingent on the finalized agreement with Wheelchair Adventures, council grants the Special Events License. Schreurs made a motion to approve a special event liquor license to Classic Corner contingent they find a suitable group to team up with. Sinding seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

Dog House Sewer Line – The Dog House reported a sewer blockage at the joint point of their line and the service main. Due to the location they are requesting a cost share in the repair. Fods felt the city use of the line was very minimal but it is a joint pipe. McGreevy made a motion or a one-time offer of 25% of the cost for the repair. Oien seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Employee Wages Review – Mclsaac asked that the city employee wage review be tabled until the September meeting. Any wage increase is recommended to be retroactive to the annual start date.

Community Events Calendar – A Community Building program was discussed. Upon the success of the Driveway Carnival and the upcoming interest in Dog Days, it is apparent citizens are looking for things to do within the community. An annual community calendar is being created. They include The Great Mid-Western Casserole Cookoff, Community Picnic and Murder Mystery Dinner. Stay tuned for coming announcements.

School Construction: Bulldog Avenue One-way Entrance – The school has requested to have Bulldog Avenue shut down to a one-way road due to the current high school expansion project. Schreurs made a motion that upon the start of school, Bulldog Avenue will be limited to one-way traffic West to East from 4th to 5th Street commencing at the football field walkway. Sinding seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. Fods will get signs ordered and work with the school.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

CIP – Heim has been working with the CIP group. They are creating a priority list. After receiving financial information from city hall a further report will be submitted.

Detention Basin – Heim said his last communication to Banner included a few adjustments to their plan to ensure compliance. The council will receive a report once an acceptable plan has been received

for their approval. Heim and Fods were commended for their continued work to keep the project moving.

Baltic Heights Park – Heim confirmed that 2 multiuse courts are still in the works for the improvement plan. Mclsaac and Wilson, Planning and Zoning Chairman, met up with the homeowners adjacent to the park. Mclsaac will follow up with Heim regarding the concerns they had about water flow. Possible options will be presented as soon as feasible solutions are found. Mclsaac applauded the citizens for working together to find a solution.

Water Main Looping – There are a few additional items that need to be worked out for the plan but should be finished by the end of the month.

Oak & Ash – Plans continue to be reviewed with Fods. Final details are also set to be submitted to DANR by the end of the month.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE – No action taken. All input was given earlier in the meeting.

FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE

Change September Meeting Date – Branham asked the council to pick an alternative date for the September council meeting since it is the same day as the election. Sinding made a motion to have the September Council meeting on Wednesday the 13th at 7:00. Seconded by Schreurs. Election results will also be canvased at that time. All ayes. Motion passed.

Summer Rec Results – Branham reported that the YMCA was very pleased with the attendance of the summer program. There were consistently 11 children in attendance. The coordination with the school using various classrooms worked very well. Schreurs asked how much of the \$50,000 the council allotted for the program. Branham stated once talks started with the YMCA, their representative took care of the rest. The city had zero expense.

Approval of Election Board – The September 12 Special Election will be held in the council chambers. An election board of Kathy Faith, Dave Linton, Julie Hanson and Lynda Johnson (alternate) was requested. Schreurs made a motion to approve the board as listed. Seconded by McGreevy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Planning Meeting Reminder – The Council was reminded the yearly budget planning meeting is planned for August 29 at 5:00pm in council chambers.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE

Driveway Carnival Report – The driveway carnival made \$928 between sign ups and free-will donations. There were 12 driveways involved, more plan to participate next year. 70 completed passports were turned in. It provided a great way to meet new people!

Dog Days – Mclsaac explained how Dog Days is a decentralized event. Coordination with multiple groups doing different events is necessary. Anyone who would like to assist next year is welcome for this

or any other community event. Sinding made a motion to approve the Friday night fireworks display with Backyard Pyrotechnics. Oien seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATES – Hughes attended a chicken program at the Siouxland Library put on Stephanie Peterson with Fruit of the Coop. She recommended, to those that are interested in keeping chickens, to look at the website “Backyardchickens.com” and the Facebook pages “South Dakota Poultry Exchange” and “Sioux Falls Chicken Tenders”. Hughes recommended attending one of her classes as she is an enormous wealth of information.


COUNCIL/MAYOR UPDATE – No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION pm per SDCL 1-25-2 SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Matters Relating to Personnel (3) for Matters Relating to Legal Counsel and SDCL 1-25-2 (4) for Matters Relating to Contract Negotiations

ADJOURNMENT – Schreurs made a motion to adjourn at 8:59pm. Seconded by Sinding. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Lacey Branham
Finance Officer


Deborah McIsaac
Mayor