

Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room
April 4, 2024 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams – Mayor
Rick Hustead – Councilman
Stan Anderson – Councilman on Zoom
Kelly Welsh – Councilwoman
Jerry Morgan – Councilman
Mike Anderson – Councilman
Dan Hauk – Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer
Garrett Bryan – Public Works Director
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director
Dawn Hilgenkamp - WEDC
Deputy Cordell – Penn Co Sheriff’s Dept
Liliya Stone, Zack Hoffman

(All action taken in the following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise states)

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman S Anderson was present on Zoom.

Deputy Cordell with the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office gave the March police report. Mayor inquired what the community activity log indicated, and Cordell explained this is for any time they get out and interact with anyone in the community that is not regarding criminal activity. Its focus is for community relations and education.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Hustead to approve the minutes of 3/21/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Welsh to approve claims for the City of Wall, Fire Department and Library. Motion carried.

Reviewed:

- Ambulance Meeting minutes and financials
- Water usage report
- Sales Tax report
- Budget Reports
- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report

Motion by Welsh, second by Hauk to approve a building permit for Keenan Ceasar to build a 6’ privacy fence at 406 Lariat Drive. Motion carried.

Motion by Welsh, second by M Anderson to approve a building permit for Tyler Swift to move in a storage unit at 540 Mettler Lane. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Morgan to approve On Sale-Off Sale Malt Beverage and SD Wine permit for Hansen Inn & Cabins at 114 4th Ave., Wall, SD. Motion carried.

Chamber Director Katie Bruce reported:

- Community Center Activity
- “Bring on Spring” Party got lots of positive feedback
- Community Clean-up Day May 4th 7-9 AM. Rubble site will be open and Public Works will pick up tires. Wall Drug will serve breakfast afterwards to participants.

- Consensus from the council to allow closure of 5th Street next to the City Office from 9am - 4pm on June 5th for 605 Day. If the 4th Avenue project is not completed that street closure could congest traffic so it will be moved to the end of Main Street that is already blocked from construction. This is where the dancer will be set up and the Chamber will set up to give away t-shirts.
- June 22nd is the city-wide rummage sale; this will be held again the same weekend as the Scavenger's Journey this year.
- Chamber's Annual meeting will be Wednesday, April 17th at the Wall Community Center with social hour starting at 5:30pm and the meeting starting at 6PM. No Chamber luncheon in April, next luncheon will be May 14th at the community center.
- Next Chamber board meeting is May 10th at 7AM.
- Bruce will be out of the office April 30-May 3rd attending the MACE conference.

WEDC Report – Dawn Hilgenkamp:

- Kendall Nelson has resigned as director and WEDC wishes her good luck in her future endeavors. The position has been advertised in the newspaper, on the WEDC website, through Elevate and has been sent to Dakota Resources. Thank you to Liliya Stone and Kallie Ruland for helping with advertising and transitioning.
- The mailbox project for high school seniors will be done again this year and they are asking for local businesses to participate by including their items in the mailboxes.
- A consultant from Black Hills Energy will come out May 7th to meet with WEDC to develop correct response to RFI's to properly market the town. This is a free service.

M Anderson reported on the concern form addressed at the last council meeting. One issue on the form regarded a contractor was responsible for doing the work and has been contacted to have it finished.

A complaint form was received regarding no sidewalk, overgrown evergreens, and pedestrians having to walk on Glenn Street. The sidewalk is blocked by foliage and causing people to walk in the street is a safety concern. Cost sharing was discussed but pointed out this would set a precedence. Welsh stated she would visit with the landowner. Husted suggested the street committee meet with the owner to find a solution. S Anderson is on the street committee, but he commented since Welsh offered to address the issue, she can take his place. Husted asked M Anderson and PWD Bryan will also be included.

Motion by Morgan, second by M Anderson to approve the solid waste contract with revisions made by the committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Husted, second by M Anderson to approve the Wall Transfer Station lease agreement with revisions made by the committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Husted, second by Welsh to approve Attorney Trask contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to approve the Tesla agreement renewal. Motion carried.

Bids were received for the industrial park hay ground from Marty Williams for \$10,205 and from Tracy Trask for \$17,752. Motion by Welsh, second by Husted to approve awarding the bid to Tracy Trask for \$17,752 for the industrial park hay ground bid. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by Welsh to approve changing the city employees' vision and dental insurance benefits to Delta Dental and Avesis vision. Motion carried.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- Attended the SDML District Meeting held in Hill City.
- The combined city and school board election will be on April 9th. Polls will be open 7am -7pm. Absentee ballots have been coming in. She explained the process of absentee voting.
- FO Anderson will be out of office April 10-11th for SD Airport Conference in Deadwood. Mayor Williams will also be attending.
- Welsh asked how the testing for lead pipes was progressing. Public works will now be finishing up the tests. Not many residents completed the survey on their own for the water bill credit.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan report:

- The 4th Ave project is moving along with the underground work and tomorrow they will be hauling off some mud so work can continue. Contractors and City is trying to improve communication to keep residents updated.
- Public Works has been busy cleaning and moving snow from the recent storm.

Mayor Williams report:

- Airport Steering committee will meet April 12th at 10am. New people are attending the meeting as interest is growing. Airport Fly-in is scheduled for May 11th from 7-10am. Pancake and sausage breakfast will be served, and community members are welcome.
- The committee continues to work with the Pennington County Housing Authority to better the Prairie Village situation. Pennington County Housing are seeking local contractors for lawn care, painting, mechanical and general maintenance. Presently contractors are coming from Rapid City. PCH is interested in selling the facility; however, this will not happen soon with the required process. Welsh suggested advertising the need for local contractors on the city/chamber Facebook page.

Welsh mentioned Shearer Addition residents and their concern on culverts that are damaged or plugged; and a large hole on Lariat Dr. across from the storage units that are full of water. The need for gravel was also expressed. The question of asphaltting the roads in Shearer Addition was also discussed. Mayor Williams said there is documentation of discussion between council and developers when and how the road was built.

Next City Council meeting will be April 18th at 6:30pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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