

**Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room**

May 7, 2024 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams - Mayor
Rick Husted - Councilman
Stan Anderson - Councilman
Jerry Morgan - Councilman
Zack Hoffman - Councilman
Mike Anderson - Councilman
Dan Hauk - Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer
Garrett Bryan - Public Works Director
Deputy Austin - Penn Co Sheriff's Dept
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director (on Zoom)
Tim Hartman - KLJ Engineering
Dr. Sally Crowser - Wall School Superintendent
Josh Weekly - Dakota Mill & Grain
Dave Curtis, Dar Haerer, Lucy Hoffman
Cindy Weaver, Donna Bowen, Linda Eisenbraun
Dawn Hilgenkamp

(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.

Katie Bruce, Chamber Director was present on Zoom to take meeting minutes.

Deputy Austin presented the council with the April police report.

Councilman Morgan declared a conflict of interest on item #14.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to approve the minutes of the 4/18/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Morgan to approve the City of Wall, Fire Department, and Library claims. Motion carried.

Review

- Fire Dept minutes for 3/12/2024 and 4/9/2024
- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report
- Ambulance District report
- Water usage report
- Sales Tax report
- Cash & MM Balance - new format
- Budget Reports
- Review Building Permit - Wall Drug moving in two shipping containers for storing furniture, in the Husted Trailer Court on William Street.

Dar Haerer addressed the council regarding the condition of Wall Lake Rd, which is the new road in the Echo Valley Development. The road is soft on the south end due to the moisture we have had. He mentioned there are asphalt chunks in the ditch. He suggested this be looked at before the warranty runs out. Tim Hartmann from KLJ Engineering responded to the question on if the material that was used in place of the limestone on the original bid was of the same quality. He said tests were done on the material used. Tim stated he will look into the situation with Geotech. Mayor Williams requested the street committee meet with the engineer and Public Works.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Morgan to approve Change Order #2 on the 4th Avenue project to replace an old concrete pipe with new 6" sanitary service while the road is open and pipe is accessible. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by M Anderson to approve NEC Low Income Housing (Trent Pulis) building permit to construct and move in a governor's home at 1315 Gloria St. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to approve the renewal of a conditional use permit for Nana's Mercantile at 609 Glenn Street for 3 years. Motion carried.

Motion by Husted, second by Hauk to approve the street closure around Dakota Mill & Grain's bin for 6 days (May 20th-23rd & June 3-6th) for repairs. Motion carried.

Concern Form Updates:

- Creighton Rd concern – progress has been delayed due to the weather however it will be worked on once the ground dries.
- Stone Dr concern – Councilman M Anderson has been working with the property owner on previous issues and will also address the loose tin that is a safety concern if it comes off.
- Glenn St concern – the shrub has been trimmed and the lines and curb will be painted once it warms up. Mayor Williams questioned if a walkway will also be provided. Concerns have been brought to the council for the past 3 years and she would like to see the issue resolved so pedestrians do not have to walk into the street in such a busy area. She also brought up the sidewalk survey that was done previously where issues were ranked in order of importance, and she feels this area is a 10. M Anderson also said the area near the Powerhouse needs to be addressed. Mayor asked if it would be acceptable with the council to bring citizens to the sidewalk committee to address issues around town, utilizing the already completed survey, and get all areas of concern fixed. The council agreed this would be a good idea.

Wall School Superintendent Report – Dr Sally Crowser

- School is almost complete; graduation is May 18th with baccalaureate at 12:00 and graduation ceremony at 1:30pm.
- Students participated in Community Clean-up, and they paired little kids with big kids and they covered a large area so was successful.
- This year's final week of school is going to look different than normal with a final exam week. Last day of school is the 23rd with release at 2:00pm.
- Awards night is May 14th and mentioned that 30% of senior class has received Build Dakota scholarships.
- Track and Golf are still underway
- 24 students went to the School of Mines for a math contest. 15 of them placed in the top 10 with many categories having over 60 kids entered.
- No progress on the CTE wing as they are still waiting on the precast walls. However, a teacher has been hired and grants have been applied for the classroom inventory.
- Music teacher position is open and one person has applied, one science teacher position is open.

Chamber Report – Katie Bruce

- Community Center report was provided to council.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to approve First Interstate Bank and Black Hills Federal Credit Union as official depositories. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Hauk to approve Pennington County Courant as the official newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Husted to approve Mayor Williams to sign all official documents on behalf of the City of Wall. Motion carried.

Motion by Husted, second by M Anderson to appoint Mayor Williams as Emergency Preparedness Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to establish Chain of Command and location of emergency command center as follows: Mayor-Fire Chief-Assistant Fire Chief-Council President-Council Vice President-Public Works Director-Finance Officer. Emergency Command Center-Public Works building. Motion carried.

M Anderson nominated Husted as Council President, casting a unanimous ballot, second by Morgan. Motion carried.

Husted nominated S Anderson for Council Vice President. Hawk nominated Morgan for Council Vice President. S Anderson then offered to withdraw his nomination if Morgan would accept the nomination. Morgan accepted the nomination of Council Vice President. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams distributed the 2024-2025 committee assignments to the council.

Motion by Hoffman, second by M Anderson to approve the volunteer list for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to approve 2024/2025 PACKAGE (ON SALE/OFF-SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE to Wall Drug Store, 510 Main St., Wall, SD 57790; Wall Drug-Backyard, 115 Fifth Ave., Wall, SD 57790, and Wall Auto Livery, 311 S. Blvd, Wall, SD 57790. Motion carried with Husted abstaining.

Motion by Hawk, second by S Anderson to approve 2024/2025 PACKAGE (ON SALE/OFF-SALE) MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE to Moyle Petroleum, Common Cents Food Store, 207 S Blvd, Wall, SD 57790; Sleepy Hollow Campground & RV Park, 118 W 4th Avenue, Wall, SD 57790; Badlands Saloon & Grille, 509 Main St., Wall, SD 57790; Badlands & Company, 513 Main St, Wall, SD 57790; Omni Hospitality, 600 Main St., Wall, SD 57790; Badlands Frontier Cabins, 1101 Glenn Street, Wall, SD 57790, BJ's Country Store Wall, 218 S Boulevard, Wall, SD 57790; Stay Wall LLC, 606 Glenn St., Wall, SD 57790; and Hansen Inn-One Shot, LLC, 114 4th Ave, Wall, SD 57790. Motion carried with Hoffman abstaining.

Motion by Morgan, second by M Anderson to approve 2024 SPECIAL EVENT MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE to Wall Rodeo-Celebration Rodeo, Wall, SD 57790. Motion carried.

Motion by Hawk, second by Husted to approve 2024 SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE and Noise permit for the Celebration Committee with the request to waive the noise permit fee. Motion carried with Hoffman abstaining.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Hawk to approve Beer/Liquor Garden permit for Badlands Saloon & Grille. Motion carried.

Motion by M Anderson, second by Morgan to approve Noise permits for Wall Drug, Badlands Saloon & Grille, and Stay Wall, LLC. Motion carried with Husted and Hoffman abstaining.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- The last utility billing was run through the new software program. Glitches have been addressed. The fund account and payroll will be converted hopefully by the end of summer.
- FO Anderson attended SHRM conference last week, gave a summary and felt it was beneficial.

Public Works Director Report – Garrett Bryan:

- Sunday morning some residents called about a water leak. Pipe had split about 12 feet. Public Works were able to get water access back to residents temporarily and repairs were completed by Monday morning.
- Helping with 4th Ave project as needed.
- Mowing and getting pool ready.
- Repairs were made but Well #1 is still not working.

Mayor's Report – Mary Williams:

- WDT Regional Leaders breakfast was May 7th and WDT President Bolman and Foundation Director Leinen presented missions and visions of WDT. Twenty-eight community leaders, business people, and WDT Trustees attended from Wall and Philip.
- Mayor met with Sgt Swanson, Reserve Deputy Lampert and Reserve Deputy Lind to keep communication open. Advised council if they would like to be included in these meetings to let her know.
- Consultants, provided by Black Hills Energy, will meet with WEDC Board members on Thursday on how to market the Industrial Park and go over best practices in responding to RFI's from companies seeking a new location.
- WHS senior mailboxes are being done again this year by WEDC. The deadline to bring items for the boxes is May 17th.
- Airport Grand Re-Opening and Fly-in is this Saturday from 7-10AM with breakfast served by the ambulance service and fire department for free will donation. There will be a shuttle bus available for anyone who wishes to go to Main Street to shop.

A complaint of a dog running at large was received but was after agenda finalized. By Ordinance needs to be looked at and Carolyn will send first letter out.

Discussion regarding placing a siren for the Shearer addition residence as currently they might not be able to hear it. Garrett said that Pennington County Emergency Management, Dustin Willert, provides guidance on siren locations.

Councilman Hoffman brought up the following items for discussion: He feels something needs to be done about the sidewalk issue on Glenn St as it has been brought up at the last two meetings. Also, all the sidewalks need to be looked so pedestrians have a safe place to walk. He suggested we look at the study that was already done. He also spoke with people in his ward regarding the speeding issue on Glenn St and suggested an adjustment of speed limit and imprinted rumble strips. He thanked Deputy Christopherson for patrolling the area around the 4-way stop during Wakin Bacon's ribbon cutting. He also asked council members to go through current ordinances as many of them are outdated. Mayor advised this will be next after the zoning ordinances are completed and asked Hoffman to join the committee that will work on this.

Next City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Motion by Hustead to move into executive session at 8:15pm for the purpose of discussing legal/personnel issues according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:15pm. Seconded by Hauk. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 8:53pm.

Motion by Hauk, second by S Anderson to hire Dani Herring as the WEDC director at \$24.50 per hour. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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