

Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room

June 6, 2024 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams - Mayor
Rick Hustead - Councilman
Stan Anderson - Councilman
Jerry Morgan - Councilman
Zack Hoffman - Councilman

Members not present:

Mike Anderson - Councilman
Dan Hauk - Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer
Garrett Bryan - Public Works Director
Sargent Swanson - Penn Co Sheriff's Dept
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director
Dani Herring - Economic Development Director
Travis Hirshey - Mead & Hunt
Jim Coats

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sgt. Swanson presented the council with the May police report.

Motion by Hoffman, second by S Anderson to approve the minutes of the 5/21/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

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

Reviewed:

- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report
- Golf Course financial report
- Ambulance financials
- Sales Tax report
- Budget Reports
- Building Permits – Mike Jager-placing a storage shed at 312 Kelly Ave.

Jim Coats addressed the council to request a variance that would allow the sale of recreational marijuana on Main Street. He commented it will be on the November ballot and feels Wall should be “ahead of the game.” The council agreed this is not a decision that can currently be made as the sale of recreational marijuana is illegal. Coats inquired on the availability of medical licenses and if the current holder of the license application is still interested as it depended on the re-zoning of agricultural land. Mayor commented that this item will be addressed as it is on the agenda. Coats then commented he has a group interested in having a tent on main street. Mayor reminded Coats a tent had previously been turned down and it would need to be a structure like the other buildings currently on Main Street.

Councilman Hoffman asked for clarification on who is responsible for upkeep ~~on the city~~ of sidewalks. The mayor explained the property owner is financially responsible. Hoffman indicated some areas on the bike path that could use some work and there could be better signage. He will coordinate with Public Works to fix these issues.

Public Comments:

- Jim Coats commented he has an uncle who holds a medical marijuana card and doesn't feel welcome in Wall because he can't smoke marijuana in or around his hotel room and can't drive outside of town for concern of being stopped by law enforcement. Coats asked Sgt. Swanson what options his uncle has? She explained business owners are allowed to have their own rules. If it is allowed on private

property, he would need to know how long the effects last, so he is not driving while impaired.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Hoffman to approve a building permit to replace shingles with metal roof for St Patrick's Church at 703 Norris Street and waive the fee if this has been done for other churches in the past. FO Anderson will do the research. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to approve a building permit for Jared Denke at 612 Norris Street for a fence. Motion carried.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Hoffman to approve a building permit for Casey Weaver to build a concrete patio and fence extension at 801 Dorothy Street pending PWD Bryan's review it follows requirements. Motion carried.

Chamber Director Katie Bruce report:

- Community Center report was provided to council.
- Wall City Pool opened on Wednesday and swimming lessons are scheduled.
- The city-wide rummage sale is June 22.
- Celebration committee has ordered 10 picnic tables that will be used at the park most of the year and used under the tent during Celebration.

Economic Development Director Dani Herring report:

- One month into director position and been busy with on-boarding.
- Learning how to update the city website and Facebook page
- Attended the Energize Conference in Hot Springs and the Elevate Critical Issues luncheon in Rapid City.
- Meeting with Cheyenne McGriff regarding the industrial park.
- WEDC board meetings will be different throughout the summer and the June 18th meeting will be held at West River Electric as the community center is booked.
- Meeting next week with Black Hills Community Foundation to learn details on a possible affordable housing grant.

Motion by Hoffman, second by S Anderson to approve the airport grant application BIL 3-46-0069-016-2024. Motion carried.

There has been interest in the Wall medical marijuana license. FO Anderson asked for guidance on how to proceed. The council agreed we need to contact the current license application holder to see if they are still interested or if it needs to be opened back up for applications. This will be brought back to the next council meeting. Hoffman asked for clarification of the Powerhouse zoning. Discussion was held on the school's usage of the Powerhouse. Mayor commented the zoning of the Powerhouse would need to be addressed with the school board. The school will be contacted to post the proper school zone signage in that area.

Concern Forms:

- A complaint was received for an area of town with excessive speeding. There are signs saying and showing kids at play, 25 mph limit and yet cars are still not slowing down. S Anderson commented the speed could be reduced to 20mph like in town. Sgt. Swanson recommended license plates be written down, pictures are better, and call 911 when it happens, and deputies will handle the issue.Carolynn will notify the concerned citizen to call law enforcement. Garrett will order a new 20mph speed limit sign.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- Airport/Morningside hay ground bid has been advertised. Bids close at 2:00pm on June 20th and be awarded at the June 20 meeting. The land that was farm ground and then fenced inside during the airport runway expansion needs to be planted.

- FO Anderson will be out of office Tuesday-Friday for finance officer training in Spearfish.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan report:

- Pool is open and is busy.
- Focus has been on mowing and spraying weeds.
- Actively working on mosquito control by filling in areas that hold water.
- 4th Ave is progressing, and concrete will be poured soon

Mayor Williams report:

- The street committee met, with Dakota Mill & Grain officials. Councilman S Anderson made a recommendation for council to continue conversing with DM&G.
- The sidewalk committee met, rated sidewalk conditions as Good, Fair, and Poor. They identified Glenn Street as a critical area. The Mayor reiterated that sidewalks are the responsibility of the residential or business property owner.
- The Western Dakota Regional Water System will have a meeting at the community center June 13th at 5pm. Council members were encouraged to attend. Public is welcome.

Hoffman asked if Prairie Village was for sale. Mayor said Pennington County Housing Authority does want to sell it; however, it will be a long process to accomplish that. PCHA has hired local contractors for custodial and lawn maintenance at Prairie Village. The number of incidents that deputies have been called to respond to has decreased.

Next City Council Meeting will be June 20th, 2024, at 6:30pm.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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