

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz and Serviss. Harris was absent. Interested citizens and Attorney Hagg were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to add Hermosa Clean-up as Item G under Finance Office and approve the agenda as amended; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to approve the March 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: All board members are responsible for refraining from discussion and voting on issues where they may have a conflict of interest.

TOWN UPDATES: Attorney Hagg gave an update on the SD USS Commissioning Committee and presented Board President Kramer with a commemorative scarf. Serviss gave an update on Roy's Drive Inn and noted the business will be trying to open this season. Kramer gave an update on the new camera system for the board meetings and thanked Serviss for time spent on getting the cameras installed and operational.

ENGINEER: Geologist, Pete Walden, attended the meeting via Teams and answered questions regarding the possible location of the new well. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the Work Authorization for the town engineer to revise the Preston plat and get full approvals from Custer County for second road access not to exceed the cost of \$9,000; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the Work Authorization for TIF #2 for final reviews by legal in the amount of \$5,000; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on possible purchase of generator from Apple Springs. The board agreed that the Town was not interested in purchasing the generator at this time. Discussion was held on Benesch to compose a Resolution for the Extraterritorial Agreement with Pennington County, which the cost is included in the On-Call Agreement with Benesch.

PLANNING & ZONING: Planner Putnam gave an update on the new Comprehensive Plan and will need public engagement. A survey will be sent to all utility customers along with the utility bill in March. A public meeting will be held in April for input from the citizens.

CLAIMS: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented; vote: two aye and two nay, motion failed. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve the Payroll and all Claims excluding the Larson Ex LLC claim pending Public Works contract review in Executive Session; vote: three aye and one nay, motion carried. CATALIS, website management May 2024-April 2025, \$1,000.00; CONIFER CONSTRUCTION, Snow & Evaporation Equipment/Setup, \$5,612.25; TERRI CORNELISON, reimburse for wireless keyboard and mouse, \$42.46; CHUCK FERGUSON, Lagoon pumping & fuel/snow removal, \$928.66; GOLDENWEST TECHNOLOGIES, Monthly service – March 2025/delete Admin email/FO access to Admin email, \$657.00; GWORKS, annual read only license, \$145.00; HAGG & HAGG LLP, April 2025 retainer/r billable hrs @ \$275/hr/215 copies @ .25 each, \$3,653.75; HARRIS CONTRACTING, FEMA meetins/prep/minutes-8.25 hrs @ \$25/hr, \$206.25; HILLS SEPTIC, 6,500 gallons lagoon pumping, \$650.00; LARSON EX LLC, repair water leak 5th & Manning, \$11,221.41; MEIERHENRY SARGENT LLP, legal fees for Clean Water SRF, \$6,986.00; METERING & TECH SOLUTIONS, meter and meter supplies, \$1,468.6, MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, monthly service-March 2025, \$265.82; SANDER SANITATION, monthly sanitation service-February 2025, \$4,158.96; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal/board vacancy/marshal ad, \$271.82; TIME EQUIPMENT RENTAL, Koshin 4# trash pump rental, \$279.27; WIX.COM LTD, 2 year website hosting, \$739.15; **Accounts Payable Total: \$38,286.46.** Payroll related: Total Paid On:03/14/2025: General, \$3,083.47, Water, \$541.19, Sewer, \$324.71, Promoting City/ BBB, \$108.23; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1058.30; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$5,115.90. REPORT TOTAL: \$43,402.36.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: The board will be reviewing the nine applications that were received for the Part-Time Marshal position in Executive Session.

LEGAL: No items were presented.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on street snow removal, and water and sewer departments.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials were presented for February 2025. Cornelison reported a letter had been received from SD DANR regarding the town's public water system having met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state of South Dakota's regulations for supplying safe drinking water to the public. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Independent Audit Services proposal for 2024 audit in the amount of \$6,000; vote: all aye, motion carried. The District 9 meeting will be held in Custer, SD on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. All board trustees are encouraged to attend. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to authorize the transfer of the proceeds from the CD that will mature on March 26, 2025 into the Town checking account; vote: all aye, motion carried. The Town of Hermosa will hold their Town Clean-Up on Saturday, April 26th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to approve the revised Town of Hermosa Media Policy with the addition of written report to the town board regarding any reporting to the media; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Sealed bids were opened for the Solid Waste Contract. Bids received included Kieffer Sanitation: \$16.77 per 65 and 95 gallon containers, Thursday pick-up, \$250/per haul yard waste, \$350 per month community recycling single 8 yard container, \$250/per two 30 yard dumpsters and disposal cost of \$70/ton for spring/fall clean-up. Cheyenne Sanitation: \$17.77 per container, no recycle bin offered, containers would need to be ordered for spring/fall clean-up. Discussion. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to accept Kieffer Sanitation bid of \$16.77 per 65 and 95 gallon containers, Thursday pick-up, \$25.00/per haul yard waste \$350 per month community recycling single 8 yard container, \$250/per two 30 yard dumpsters and disposal cost of \$70/ton for spring/fall clean-up; all aye, motion carried.

Revised Trustee Committee list was presented:

Finance – Kramer, Chair and Koontz, Vice Chair

Water – Koontz, Chair and Serviss, Vice Chair

Sewer – Koontz, Chair and Kramer, Vice Chair

Streets – Harris, Chair and Serviss, Vice Chair

Law Enforcement – Ferguson, Chair and Serviss, Vice Chair

Custer County Liaison – Kramer and Ferguson as Vice

Kramer, Ferguson and Serviss as authorized agents for code enforcement

Media – Koontz

Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve and authorize chairman to sign the Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution for SD DOT; vote: all aye, motion carried. The FEMA Generator Grant – approve possible cost share for the town is pending until the next regular meeting.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

The board had a ten-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel and Contracts at 8:47 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to exit Executive Session at 10:11 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve the claim from Larson Ex LLC in the amount of \$11,221.41; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn meeting at 10:12 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Linda Kramer
Town Board President

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