

MINUTES OF MENNO CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 11, 2024

Mayor Darrell Mehlhaf called the city council to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 2024 in the finance office at city hall. Council answering roll call: George Cokens, Ron Diede, Jerry Fischer, John Huber, and Scott Simonsen. Finance Officer Jodi Fischer, Police Chief Michael Hofeldt, Superintendent Jared Hegdahl, Terah Schoenfish, Krista Derby, and Amber Cross were also present.

Agenda: Cokens moved to have Beer Garden Licenses moved to be under For Your Information on the agenda and approve as amended. Simonsen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS: Minutes: Huber moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 regular meeting. Fischer seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Finance Report: Diede moved to approve the February finance report. Huber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

	General	Restricted GO Bond	Water	Sewer	Restricted GO Bond Ph 1 Sewer	Restricted Rural Dev Ph 2 Sewer	Restricted Perpetual Care	Totals
Checking Balance 01/31/24	898,381.48	82,735.13	19,327.37	212,048.25	61,991.50	26,136.03	1,977.86	1,302,597.62
Warrants:	(39,013.51)	0.00	(13,567.87)	(3,640.42)	0.00	(3,077.00)	0.00	(59,298.80)
JE Adjustment - February 2024	150.66		(474.95)	116.97	107.02	100.30		0.00
Receipts:	54,470.42	256.70	14,831.71	7,635.51	2,333.79	3,044.68	0.00	82,572.81
Interest:	468.35	42.43	10.24	156.87				677.89
Checking Balance 02/29/24	914,457.40	83,034.26	20,126.50	216,317.18	64,432.31	26,204.01	1,977.86	1,326,549.52
Profit or (Loss) for the month	16,075.92	299.13	799.13	4,268.93	2,440.81	67.98	0.00	23,951.90

Council Financial Review: The council reviewed the bank statements, credit card invoices, bank reconciliation, automatic withdrawals, receipts and checks written during the month of February.

Warrants: Cokens moved to approve the following warrants. Fischer seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

WARRANTS APPROVED: Council 652.64; Mayor 207.79; Finance 2371.27; Police 2742.24; Street 3326.59; Garbage 63.72; Cemetery 161.61; Ambulance 695.40; Library 343.27; Development 286.77; Water 1688.85; Sewer 1703.02; Aflac, insurance 173.42; Wellmark BCBS, group insurance 5293.52; VSP, vision insurance 42.60; SDRS, retirement 2042.80; SDSRP, supplemental retirement 150.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes 3799.25; Division of Child Support, support 305.54. **Utilities:** NorthWestern Energy, electricity & gas 5420.76; Golden West, phone & internet 416.26; AT&T Mobility, police cell phone 53.54; SD State Treasurer, sales tax 345.34; USDA, Phase 2 sewer loan pmt 3077.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, drug testing 108.50; Badger Meter, professional services 68.22; Barnes & Noble, library books 248.94; B-Y Water, water 4465.10; Cardmember Service, applicator license 35.88; City of Menno, utilities 478.20; Catalis LLC, website 1295.00; Dakota Supply Group, supplies 468.61; Dept of Health, samples 30.00; DGR Engineering, surveying 3081.36; Hawkins, supplies 936.36; Klautt Service, fuel-supplies 1576.04; Matheson Tri-Gas, amb supplies 63.63; Menno Lumber, supplies 133.26; Mettler Implement, supplies 336.26; Myer’s Sanitation, 280 residential 5110.00; NorthWestern Energy, Christmas lights 693.22; One Office Solution, supplies 302.97; Postmaster, postage 530.00; Principal Life, group ins. 917.20; SCPI, publishing 281.81; SD One Call, locates 5.46; SD Rural Water, professional services 150.00; Total Stop, supplies 55.21; Tyndall Napa, supplies 342.42; US Bank, hwy 18 sewer loan pmt 3191.96; Vantek Communications, fire dept. radios 2577.00; Water Management Solutions LLC, water leak 390.12.

Police Report: Huber moved to approve the police report. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye. 3 warning for speed, 1 warning for no insurance card, 1 waring illegal turn, dog complaint, stand by for property exchange.

OLD BUSINESS: Computer/IT Services: Diede moved to table this until more information can be obtained. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Ambulance Power Load: Fischer moved to purchase a Power Load from Stryker for one of the ambulances. Simonsen seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye

Hay: One quote was received to lease the hay at the lagoon site: Doug Lehr \$685.00. Huber moved to enter into a 3 year lease (beginning in 2024 and ending in 2026) with Doug Lehr for the approximate 7 acres of brome hay at the lagoon site for \$685.00 per year. Simonsen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Resolution 2024-4 NorthWestern Assignment:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4 – 3/11/2024

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2012-2 FROM NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION TO NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Menno adopted Ordinance No. 2012-2 dated 8/27/2012 (the “*Franchise Ordinance*”) authorizing Northwestern Corporation to operate a gas distribution system within the City of Menno; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2024, NorthWestern Corporation’s South Dakota and Nebraska assets and related contractual obligations transferred to a new entity named NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy consistent with a corporate reorganization authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Docket No. GE22-002) and the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Docket No. NG-114); and

WHEREAS, other than the above-referenced transfer there is no change to the terms or conditions of the Franchise Ordinance or performance thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Menno hereby acknowledges and accepts the assignment of Ordinance 2012-2 from NorthWestern Corporation to NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.

Motion by Councilman Cokens and seconded by Councilman Diede to approve this resolution.

George Cokens, Ron Diede, Jerry Fischer, John Huber, and Scott Simonsen voting aye. No one voting nay.

Resolution approved and adopted this 11th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST: Jodi Fischer, Finance Officer

SIGNED: Darrell J. Mehlhaf, Mayor

Hearing: Fischer moved to approve a temporary malt beverage permit to allow the Menno Fire Department to sell malt beverages on March 23, 2024. Huber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Concrete – Front of City of Menno Shop: Fischer moved to install concrete in front of the city shop. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Sweeping Contract: Diede moved to approve a contract between the City and the SD DOT for sweeping curb and gutter on US Hwy 18 milepost 394.0 to 395.0 in the City of Menno and US Hwy 18 milepost 389.5 to 390.0 in Olivet. The total amount of the contract is 25 hours for a total amount of \$2000.00. Simonsen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Spring clean-up: Cokens moved to have spring clean-up day on Monday, April 15th with a snow date of Monday April 22nd. Huber seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Police Chiefs’ meeting: Huber moved to pay the registration and related expenses for Chief Hofeldt to attend the Police Chiefs’ meeting in Deadwood April 16-18. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Executive Session: Huber moved to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for personnel according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mayor Mehlhaf declared out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Pool Manager: Cokens moved to hire Mindy Spangler as pool manager for the 2024 season with the following wage of \$14.00 for uncertified and \$15.00 for certified. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

April Meeting Date: Huber moved to have the next regular meeting on April 8th at 6:00 p.m. Fischer seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Huber moved to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MENNO, SOUTH DAKOTA

Jodi Fischer, Finance Officer

Darrell J Mehlhaf, Mayor

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