

Dakota City Council Meeting Minutes

The Dakota City City Council met in a special session on Thursday, February 18, 2021. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations and sent out to various media outlets, as well as, was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Rasmussen, Carson, Backman, and Haase.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Jerry Yacevich announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

Public Comment Period: None.

Moved by Carson, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the consent agenda for February 18, 2021. Said motion includes approval of minutes from February 4, 2021, acknowledgement of reception of financial statements, and approval of bills to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Backman, Carson, Haase. Nay: None. Absent: Backman. Motion carried.

A & M LAUNDRY - 87.91, 44.92, AJ PHILIPS PUBLISHING CO. INC. - 72.55, ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICES - 192.00, Ameritas Life Ins-RP - 292.76, 336.88, Black Strap Inc - 545.25, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES - 62.32, CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY - 394.05, 374.41, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT - 88.68, Cummins Central Power, LLC - 1497.63, DAKOTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT - 717.86, ECHO GROUP, INC - 138.61, EMC INSURANCE COMPANY - 4363.84, 2545.57, 363.65, GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING - 75.73, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 165.21, 611.75, 229.69, MIDWEST CONTRACT OPERATIONS INC - 400.00, MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO, INC - 85.19, Nebraska Public Power Dist. - 3697.20, 67.23, 4903.58, 1956.45, Nebraska Salt & Grain, Inc.- 1973.17, O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. - 253.79, Principal Financial Group - 58.52, 29.26, STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT - 360.08, Sparklight/Cable One - 126.73, STAPLES CREDIT PLAN - 70.28, Sturek Media, Inc. - 205.57, Thompson Electric - 2358.23, Williams & Company, Inc. - 1558.00, 2337.00, Total - \$33,641.55.

ACH Withdrawals: F & M Bank- \$725.83, Quick MedClaims- \$445.02

Councilmember Andrew Backman arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Bryce Book, Gas Transportation & Special Projects Manager at MidAmerican Energy Company, discussed proposed changes to its tariff including approval of a new Producers of Renewable Gas Transportation tariff and updating the Purchased Gas Adjustment refund threshold from \$5 to \$10. Additionally, Mr. Book informed City Council about a refund settlement with Northern Natural Gas related to their recent rate case.

Associate City Attorney John Hines advised City Council that the code of ordinances should be revised prior to any action on the proposed tariff revisions, due to a question of statutory authority.

Kevin Grosvenor, CEO at BioCarbN, discussed their proposed project named, "Dakota City Renewable Energy, LLC" at Tyson Fresh Meats Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 1674 C. Avenue, Dakota City, NE 68731. The proposed project will convert methane from some of Tyson Foods facilities into renewable natural gas (RNG) to heat homes and businesses.

Kim Dirks, Senior Director of Environmental Services at Tyson Fresh Meats discussed their project named, “Dakota City Renewable Energy, LLC” at Tyson Fresh Meats Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 1674 C. Avenue, Dakota City, NE 68731. Proposed project has been submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for approval. There are two similar projects planned in Lexington, NE and Amarillo, TX. The size of the proposed project is about two acres at an estimated cost of \$10 million.

City Council expressed concern about the location of the proposed pipeline being too close to the Dakota City Cemetery.

City Council would like further discussion with Tyson Fresh Meats about voluntary annexation.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Carson, to postpone vote on Resolution 2021-09: Add new service to its Gas Transportation Tariff & Resolution 2021-10: Make a change to the Cost of Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause in its Gas Sales Tariff until ordinance is drafted to give City Council the authority to approve/disapprove proposed tariffs. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Backman, Carson, Haase. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Staff provided comments concerning City Departments, Current Projects, Ordinances, and Statutes.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 6:57 p.m.

/s/ Jason Allen
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer