Colome City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 5th, 2023

Vice President Tara Beckers called the meeting of the Colome City Council to order at 7:06 PM at the Colome City Hall. The council members present were Dougherty, Heese, Nelsen, and Duffy by teleconference. Mayor Hill and Leighton were absent. Also present were Utility Manager Casey Harter, Finance Officer Bobbi Harter, Law/Code Enforcement Officer David Baker, Accountant Dan DeSmet, and City Attorney Alvin Pahlke, and Brad Ellis. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Discussion/Corrections/Approve**

Motion by Heese second by Heese to add Sewer Ordinance to line item 7.1.b and approve the rest of the agenda as written; motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Nelsen second by Heese to Approve Regular Minutes from November 7th, 2023, motion carried 4-0.

**Recognition of Visitors**

**Public Input**

Brad Ellis discussed with the council some property he is purchasing in town.

Brad Ellis exited the meeting.

**Department Reports**

Utility manager Casey Harter gave his report along with the discussion of the water and sewer rates. Sewer ordinance was discussed, and council has added water ordinance to the next regular meeting.

Law/Code Enforcement Officer David Baker gave his report.

David Baker exited the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

The Ordinance 2023-2 regulation transaction of alcohol has been continued to January’s meeting.

**Financial Report**

Accountant Dan DeSmet discussed the financials for November with the council.

**Approval of Claims**

Motion by Heese second by Dougherty to pay November’s claims, motion carried 4-0.



**Old Business:**

*Cemetery*

Vice president Beckers entertained a motion to enter executive session at 7:30 pm for litigation matters per SDCL 1-25-2(3), Dougherty made the motion to enter executive session. Heese seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Heese second by Nelsen to exit from executive session at 7:35 pm for litigation matters per SDCL 1-25-2(3), motion carried 4-0.

Upon exit motion was made by Heese second by Nelsen to have a letter sent to the family of J.W. Thomas informing them that the city will not get involved with this family matter.

Attorney Alvin Pahlke exited the meeting.

**New Business:**

*Second reading of Ordinance 2023-6 Supplemental Appropriation*

Motion by Dougherty Second by Heese to approve the second reading for passage and approval of Ordinance 2023-6 a Supplemental Appropriation Dougherty aye, Duffy aye, Heese aye, Nelsen aye; the motion carried.

*First reading of Ordinance 2023-7 Supplemental Appropriation*

Motion by Heese Second by Dougherty to approve the second reading for passage and approval of Ordinance 2023-7 a Supplemental Appropriation Dougherty aye, Duffy aye, Heese aye, Nelsen aye; the motion carried.

*Employee Evaluation*

Vice president Beckers entertained a motion to enter executive session at 8:23 pm for personnel per SDCL 1-25-3 (1), Heese made the Motion to enter executive session Duffy seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Finance Officer Harter and Utility Manager Harter exited the room at 8:23 pm

Motion by Heese second by Nelsen to exit from executive session at 8:26 pm for personnel per SDCL 1-25-3 (1), motion carried 4-0

Finance Officer Harter and Utility Manager Harter entered the room at 8:26 pm

Upon exit motion was made by Heese second by Nelsen to approve finance officer Harter’s wage increase of $0.25 cents effective January 1st, 2024, motion carried 4-0

**No Executive Session:**

Motion by Heese second by Dougherty to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm; Motion carried 4-0

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Tara Beckers, Vice President

ATTEST:

Finance Officer, Bobbi Harter

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