

**City of Garretson**  
**March 19, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, with Mayor Tim Mullin presiding.

7:00 P.M. Mullin called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Mullin – Mayor  
 Gloria Sanders – Ward I  
 William Hoskins – Ward I  
 Dave Bonte – Ward II  
 Dwayne Jacobson – Ward II  
 Greg Beaner – Ward III  
 Richelle Hofer -- Ward III

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Anna Uhl, Kelli Schleuter, Bruce Brown, Tom Godbey, Colleen Collier, Matt Neff, Travis Haarsma, Dennis Haarsma, Lynn DeYoung, Jeff Frerk - GFD, Dan Wagner - GFD, and Carrie Morritz. (NOTE: All attendees hereinafter to be referred to by last name and first initials when necessary)

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:**  
 A: Agenda – 03-19-2018 Regular Meeting  
 B: Claims Approved Dated 03-19-2018  
 C: Minutes 02-05-2018

Council member Hofer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda, Hoskins 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

| MONTHLY REPORT OF VOUCHERS PROCESSED<br>FOR THE MARCH 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING |                         |                 |
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| Payroll-Mayor & Council  | Gross Amount            | -               |
| Payroll-Finance Office   | Gross Amount            | 1,806.51        |
| Payroll-Water  | Gross Amount            | 1,166.44        |
| Payroll-Sewer  | Gross Amount            | 1,166.44        |
| Payroll-Natural Gas  | Gross Amount            | 1,329.29        |
| Payroll-Streets  | Gross Amount            | 840.63          |
| Payroll-Parks  | Gross Amount            | 162.90          |
| Payroll-Gvmnt. Buildings   | Gross Amount            | 838.30          |
| Payroll-Snow Removal   | Gross Amount            | 161.07          |
| Payroll-Branch Pile  | Gross Amount            | -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>Gross Amount</b>     | <b>7,471.58</b> |
| A&B Business   | maintenance             | 369.26          |
| Alliance Communications - Garretson  | Phone - March           | 396.00          |
| All Around Welding   | repair plow truck       | 143.10          |
| Argus Leader   | publications            | 169.04          |
| A-Ox   | rent                    | 50.44           |
| Avesis   | insurance               | 18.30           |
| Badger Meter   | service                 | 54.00           |
| Border States  | gas parts               | 67.18           |
| Brandon Ace  | keys                    | 9.95            |
| CenterPoint Energy Services  | Feb NG Purchased        | 66,038.23       |
| Danielson, Linda   | cleaning                | 120.00          |
| DENR   | certification           | 18.00           |
| Don's Auto   | Repairs                 | 60.98           |
| First Bank & Trust   | Monthly Collections     | 100.00          |
| First Bank & Trust Credit Card   | postage, fuel, supplies | 1,115.50        |
| Garbage n more   | services                | 340.00          |
| Garretson Food Center  | misc. supplies          | 29.21           |
| Garretson Gazette  | publications            | 490.10          |
| Garretson Fire Dept  | subsidy                 | 26,674.00       |
| Gas Training Spec  | gas training            | 229.43          |
| Helpline   | Jan, Feb Services       | 216.04          |
| Jesse James Country Store  | Fuel                    | 2,100.78        |
| Kibble   | parts                   | 133.72          |
| MCWC   | Rural Water Purchased   | 3,614.40        |
| Menards  | paint                   | 29.64           |
| Palisades Oil  | Fuel                    | 125.64          |
| Pitney Bowes   | meter rent              | 143.91          |
| Precision Dirtworks  | demo 2 garages          | 4,153.07        |
| Principal Financial  | insurance               | 335.66          |
| Productivity Plus  | cutting blade           | 866.30          |
| Riteway Business   | checks                  | 127.14          |
| Sanders Printing   | fold                    | 50.00           |
| SDML   | district meetings       | 30.00           |
| SDPAA  | insurance               | 20,250.45       |
| Solar Bee  | maintenance             | 2,950.00        |
| South Dakota Retirement  | Retirement              | 2,876.32        |

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| Sturdevant's                        | parts              | 39.90             |
| The Treasure Chest                  | rent               | 46.50             |
| Uhl, Anna                           | travel, cell       | 119.71            |
| Unemployment                        | 4th qtr            | 29.47             |
| Verizon Wireless                    | cell phone service | 166.36            |
| Weise, Owen                         | DG Rent            | 700.00            |
| Wellmark                            | insurance          | 5,262.70          |
| XCEL Energy                         | Street Lighting    | 2,687.64          |
|                                     |                    |                   |
| <b>TOTAL VOUCHERS</b>               |                    | <b>143,178.81</b> |
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| <b>TOTAL VOUCHERS &amp; PAYROLL</b> |                    | <b>150,650.39</b> |

#### **Ordinances & Resolutions:**

- Ordinance 636 - Amending Chapter 1 - Hoskins read all the changes. Council discussed and made suggestions. Bonte made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 636 to amend Chapter 1 of the City of Garretson Code as recommended, Jacobson 2nd, 6 Ayes, Roll Call Vote: Sanders -aye, Beaner -aye, Hoskins - aye, Hofer - aye, Bonte - aye, Jacobson - aye, 0 Nays, Motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

- Future Water Projects/Funding: Bonte has met with MCWC to discuss water constraints. Others in attendance when meeting with MCWC included, Curt Stoltenberg- Aspect Ag, John Brinkman, Craig Nussbaum, and others. The main issue is to provide more water to the city of Garretson which MCWC stated wasn't available. Chad Hanisch has spoke with SECOG and Bonte about a LIIP Grant as a possibility. Currently, more information is being gathered for this grant.

#### **New Business:**

- Animal Confinements -- It was brought the city's attention that a conditional use permit for a 960 animal unit Class C Hog CAFO had been applied for by Richard Funke to be built approximately 2 miles from the edge of Garretson City Limits. This conditional use permit will be considered at the next Minnehaha County Planning & Zoning meeting to be held on March 26, 2018. at 7pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the County Administration Building. Citizens have voiced concern about smell and run-off. The other main item of information provided was that the operation was actually to be operated by Sunterra Corp out of Canada and not a local farmer. Council members were going to try to make it to the meeting since our comprehensive plan to be implemented by the planning and zoning commission is currently reviewing city expansion.
- Lynn DeYoung - Minnehaha County EM Director -- County Commissioners in late 2016 questioned the funding practices for Rural EMS. Fitch & Associates was hired to perform this study on the local EMS Services and compare them to other national and local issues. As a result, Fitch ascertained short term, medium term and long term concerns that needed to be addressed. It was recommended that a Governance Group, Training Group and a County-wide EMS Medical Board to be established to address the matters revealed in the Fitch study. The EMS ordinance has been re-written, improved electronic patient care reporting has been implemented, and county wide medical director, board and protocols are being considered. Funding of Rural EMS has dropped significantly since 2004/2005. Currently, Garretson, Humboldt, and Dell Rapids all receive the same about of county funding in the amount of \$50,000 per year. MedStar is struggling and has recently requested a subsidy from the City of Brandon and Minnehaha County. Grant money is becoming less available and costs continue to rise. Medicare reimbursements are less for those communities within Minnehaha County because the entire county is labeled as an urban area. However, Medicare reimbursements for the exact same care in Beresford, for example, receive higher reimbursements since they are labeled as a rural area. Rural Ambulance services are struggling to survive due to lack of volunteers, funding, and government reimbursement. This was addressed previously in 2007/2008 with the proposal of an ambulance district similar to the already established fire districts. However, this was voted down by the public. Other counties in South Dakota subsidize their rural ambulance services at varying rates. For example, McCook County subsidized \$220,000 for EMS services. Yankton County subsidized \$1,000,000 for EMS services. Brown County did not subsidize EMS services. Hoskins asked if the 911 surcharge sunset proposal had been removed from legislation. DeYoung confirmed that it had been removed.
- City Wide Cleanup -- Currently set for Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Shredders will be on-site Friday afternoon from 4-6pm.
- Abatement - Uhl presented that the county now requires city council to approve abatements of properties prior to the county's review. We did receive one abatement request from Judy Ellis for past property taxes paid on a structure that had been destroyed in a fire. Hoskins made a motion to accept the abatement request, Bonte 2nd, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- Award Street Project -- Hoskins read the amounts of the bids received for the upcoming street project. Hofer made a motion to accept Haarsma as the contractor for the street project which is contingent upon DENR approval of bids and this award is also contingent upon closure of SRF Loans C461063-03 and C462063-02, Bonte 2nd, 6Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed. T. Haarsma, D. Haarsma and M. Neff all expressed their excitement to complete this project. A community meeting will be held to answer questions from the public. They hope to begin construction the end of April/beginning of May.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Minnehaha County Sheriff** – No representative present.

**Garretson Fire Department** – Frerk presented the following hour and call information: 11 calls in January, 6 calls in February, and 251 work detail hours YTD. Frerk asked about the matching funding clarification. Council stated that that was part of the ambulance's subsidy. Frerk stated that new air packs had been ordered and should arrive in April.

**Garretson Ambulance** – No representative present. Uhl stated that on Tuesday evening, the ambulance will be having a finance meeting. Council members mentioned proposing an ambulance district again.

#### **Natural Gas**

- Natural Gas Prices** - Uhl presented. Council member Beaner made a motion to accept natural gas prices as recommended, Hoskins 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

**Water, Sewer and Streets** – Nussbaum presented.

#### **Parks & Cultural Recreation**

- Split rock Park** – Schleuter presented. Discussed new fire pits, usage of old yellow banners on poles in the park as new banners are approximately \$150 each. April 28th is the Cleaning Day/Beautification date set by the park board. They have a local master gardener assisting with the community project of planting around bathhouse. Chris Linde volunteered his tree trimming services. Joe Vandersnick will be meeting with the park board to walk through the camping areas and determine which sites can be leveled. All electrical sites have already be reserved for Memorial Weekend. May 12th the park board

would like to have a Family Night in the park. Joey Clark, a local musician has volunteered to provide music, and all of the community will be encouraged to have a cookout/picnic at the park. Thank you to Randy Megard for his hard work of cleaning out all the over grown vegetation below the dam. Bonte would like to begin cleaning up on the south side of the bridge to provide more primitive camping.

- Devil's Gulch - Nussbaum suggested cleaning up the east side of the entrance.
- JC Complex – no report.
- Pool -- no report.
- Park Board - Morritz will place ad in the newspaper for the park supervisor position.

**Garretson Industrial Development** –Bonte presented. GIDC would be willing to contribute to the project to get water under the bridge to the Industrial Development Area.

**Finance** – Uhl presented.

**Grow Garretson** - Hofer presented.

**MCEDA** - Hofer has resigned as MCEDA representative.

**Other Business Brought Before the Council:** Council discussed pros and cons of requesting an RFP from engineering firms on each project as they arise. Collier asked about the Highway DOT Improvement meeting notification that was sent out.

**Executive Session:** Hofer made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:42pm , Hoskins 2nd, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

8:59 pm Hoskins made a motion to resumed regular meeting session, Hofer 2nd, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

**Any Action Resulting from Executive Session:** None

9:00 pm Bonte made a motion to adjourn, Hofer 2nd, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST

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Tim Mullin, Mayor

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Anna N. Uhl  
Finance Officer

(Unapproved)

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