

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**JANUARY 3, 2024**

Mayor Ward called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., January 3, 2024, at the Hankinson Community Center. Council members present were Krump, Roeder, O’Hara, Bladow, Steffens and Heins. Others present Nick Pohl and Mike Risky, City of Hankinson; and Deputy O’Hara, Richland County Law Enforcement; and Grant Kuper, Bolton & Menk Inc Evans was absent.

Motion by Steffens/Bladow to approve the regular minutes from December 4, 2023. Carried.

Deputy O’Hara discussed complaints and a motion by Krump/Heins to accept the December law enforcement report. Carried.

Motion by Bladow/O’Hara to approve the December Municipal Judge’s report. Carried.

Mayor Ward brought up a request from St. Philip’s Catholic Church to allow access into a plan for a private driveway off of Highway 11 into a vacated alley. Motion by Steffens/Heins to approve the plan and to create a letter to provide to the State of ND stating the City’s support. All aye. Carried.

Motion by Steffens/Bladow to accept the December Auditor’s financial report, to include renewing a matured CD with Lincoln State Bank for an additional 12-mo term. Carried.

Krump/Heins made a motion to accept the December bills for payment, as presented. Carried.

First Community Credit Union (941)	\$4,291.15	HB Sound & Light Inc	\$1,526.73
First Community Credit Union (941) council	\$1,083.24	Dakota Veterinary Hospital of Wahpeton	\$72.00
Bank Service Fees	\$324.98	FDI Service Center	\$114.51
NDPERS	\$2,629.52	Red River Communications	\$464.17
FCCU	\$1,977.27	Lee Stein	\$85.00
NDPHIT	\$3,402.33	Bolton & Menk Inc	\$13,818.83
City of Hankinson	\$75.39	Sweeney Controls Co	\$154.00
ND Tax Commissioner	\$101.34	Aramark	\$52.53
USPS	\$28.75	Hi-Way Service	\$533.56
Lillegard Inc	\$3,675.00	Column Software PBC	\$208.80
Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative	\$4,729.00	Otter Tail Power Co	\$4,030.30
Lovdokken Auto & Convenience Store LLC	\$161.03	Mauer Oil Co	\$1,033.60
Verizon	\$42.49	Richland County Treasurer	\$2,292.11
Council Payroll	\$6,538.38	Lies, Bullis & Hatting PLLP	\$360.63
Richland County Sheriff's Office	\$40.00	Core & Main LP	\$12,440.44
USPS	\$330.00	Loffler Companies Inc	\$309.43
Hankinson Park District	\$725.28	Hankinson CDC	\$1,000.00
Hankinson Public Library	\$725.28	Nova Fire Protection Inc	\$460.00
Hankinson Housing Authority	\$483.52	Kristi Kelley	\$58.95
Hankinson CDC	\$4,351.68	Angie Evans	\$114.63
Hankinson Park District	\$2,901.12	Bommersbach Electric LLC	\$625.00
Hankinson Housing Authority	\$2,901.12	Southeast Water Users	\$5,700.00
Hankinson CDC	\$2,901.12	Ronald Hubrig	\$120.00
Hankinson Public Recreation	\$1,359.23	Dacotah Paper Co	\$225.71
City Payroll	\$16,199.20	Richland County Recorder	\$2.60
Banyon Data Systems	\$1,680.00	City of Fargo	\$14.00
Angie Evans	\$50.00	Dakota Water Solutions	\$112.00
Nick Pohl	\$50.00	Post's Hardware Hank	\$298.80
Kristi Kelley	\$50.00	T & G Sanitation Inc	\$6,674.31
Mike Risky	\$50.00	Lovdokken Auto & Convenience Store LLC	\$167.50
Richland County Administration	\$2,900.00	Canon Financial Services Inc	\$99.00
ND One Call Inc	\$22.10		

Motion to approve the December Consent Agenda made by Bladow/O’Hara as follows: Transfer Balances: \$9,370.39 from 225 City Sales Tax Fund to 535 Community Center Operations/Building Permits: The EDJ; Gaming Permits: Hankinson Booster Club, SE Region of ND Volunteers (Make-A-Wish) and Family of European Musicians Abroad; Liquor Licenses: None. Carried.

A short discussion was held regarding the use of shipping containers for storage within city limits. It is recommended to add to an existing ordinance regarding the addition of Conex containers. Auditor will reach out to the city attorney to assist in drafting this updated ordinance.

Chairman of the HR Committee, O’Hara, provided the recommendations to the Council regarding annual reviews and wage increases for 2024. Motion by Steffens/O’Hara to approve

these recommendations, which will include a \$625.00 retention incentive, to be paid January 31, 2024, for full-time employees who were employed the entirety of 2023. All aye. Carried.

Motion by Krump/Roeder to designate Lincoln State Bank and First Community Credit Union as the depository of public funds. All aye. Motion carried.

O'Hara/Krump made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Carried.

The next regular city council meeting will be held February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hankinson Community Center.

Adam Ward, Mayor

Kristi Kelley, Auditor

Minutes subject to council approval.