

FORT PIERRE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, June 28, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Fort Pierre City Council was held at the Stanley County Courthouse council room and called to order by Mayor Hanson at 10:00 am. Members in attendance for Roll Call were Bernhard, L Cronin, R Cronin, Deal, Iversen, and Kenzy. Officials in attendance were Heezen and Tibbs.

Approval of Agenda. L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Conflict of Interest Declarations. No Conflict of Interest was declared.

Discussion on Water Storage Project-SD DANR, Bartlett & West, Central SD Enhancement District. Hanson informed council that the meeting was an informational meeting on the Water Storage Project. She reported there had been a meeting with McComsey on the land purchase that would be necessary for the placement of the storage tank. Hanson introduced Andy Bruels, with SD DANR, gave information on the ARPA grant and that it would be rescinded if a contract wasn't executed by late October. He said there is flexibility in the size of storage tank and a million gallon storage tank would be justified according to the reported water usage in the last couple years for the City. Bruels informed council that the interest rate on the first loan secured was 2.125%, but the additional loan the City might need would be at 3.75%. Dennis Odens, engineer with Bartlett & West, shared a power point and discussed the timeline of the project to date. L Cronin asked about the need for a pumper station because he felt there was adequate pressure at the north end of the City. Odens explained that Interstate Engineering had completed the water study in 2021 and they recommended the pump station to meet the needs for fire flow. Kenzy and R Cronin felt that moving the storage tank would decrease the cost of the project. Bruels indicated that changing location would change the project scope and the original funding, including ARPA funds would be lost. Odens explained that the specifications for the engineering of the storage tank had alternates to stay within budget for the project, but due to the length of time that has progressed the cost of construction has almost doubled in the last few years along with the fact there are only a couple companies that manufacture storage tanks limits the options available. He also explained to council that changing the scope of the project by moving the tank now would cause all current secured funding to be lost as there would be no way to meet the deadlines in the funding applications. Paul Melhoff, Central SD Enhancement District, explained how the figures had been arrived at for the additional loan and extra contingency funds had been added that has been approved by council. He reiterated Bruels point of it is better to have the funding in place and not need it rather than lose valuable time trying to secure it after the bids are received.

Adjournment. Mayor Hanson adjourned the meeting at 11:19 am.

Gloria Hanson, Mayor

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Roxanne Heezen, Finance Office