

City of Boyden
Minutes of Monthly Council Meeting
March 11, 2024

Mayor Laryl Koerselman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council members present were Robin Jungers, Stacie Damstra, Nathan Alexander, and Austin Loges. Bob Koerselman was absent.

Other's present were city employee Tami Kamies. Kurt Franje, Vonda Maggert, and Evan Nilles.

Kurt Franje with the Siouxland Habitat for Humanity present to council a new program they are offering called the Home Repair Program. This program offers help to individuals who meet certain requirements to improve the outside of their home. Things like siding/soffit repair or replacement, roof and porch repair/replacement, handicamp ramps, driveway and sidewalk repair, landscaping and tree trimming.

Council discussed the insurance proposal presented by the Boyden Insurance Agency last meeting and decided that without having a policy to compare our current policy to the city will remain with our current insurance. They encourage Boyden Insurance Agency that when the timing is right and they can present a comparable policy to the city, the city would be interested in comparing.

Evan Nilles presented to council a proposal from the fire department on an increase to the tax levy the city pays to the fire department as well as the ambulance bay rent. This increase is in an effort for the fire department to become budget sufficient and to allow them to potentially start saving for new equipment. Council will review and discuss again at next month's meeting.

Maintenance Report – a discussion was had on proposed sites for the fire department street dance this summer. Council person Alexander will check with the school to see if the softball game that is in the park that night could be moved to allow for the street dance to be held in the park. The assessments for the street project have been mailed. Tami requested to have a stand-up desk system put in her office. Council approved. Tami will research what options would work best. Council discussed putting a shed up at the Centennial Park to hold the drag for the softball field along with other park items when they are not being used. For right now they decided to not move forward with doing this.

Consent Agenda -Jungers made a motion for approval of the bills in the amount of \$33,676.06, the February financials, and the February 13 & 23 minutes. Loges support. Motion carried 4-0. Loges made a motion that the city will not allow for the request from Eric Schafer to have chickens on his property. Damstra support. Motion carried 3-1.

Council member Jungers made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 setting a public hearing date for April 1, 2024, for the proposed property tax levy for fiscal year 2025. Damstra seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution passed.

A discussion was had regarding the possibility of teaming up with the BEDC in hiring an individual that can help finding and providing the city with grant information and opportunity to grow the town. A discussion was also had regarding training for the council on city finance. The council will try to receive training in one specific area at each meeting to keep up on the city finances.

The council discussed the possibility of putting in a dog park in the park. Council person Loges will continue to work on getting a plan together. Council will discuss again at next month's meeting.

With no further business Jungers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Damstra supported. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Tamara Kamies
City Clerk

Laryl Koerselman
Mayor

February 2024 Claims List

A & B Business	Copier Lease	297.73
Accujet	Sewer Lining	2,829.40
Arnold Motor	Equipment Maintenance	111.65
Barco Municipal Products	Markers	376.56
Boer & Sons	Street Project	37,670.11
Bomgaars	Shop Supplies	74.29
Boyden Area Fire Department	Ambulance Bay Rent/mtgs	9,600.00
Center Point	Library Books	46.74
Chris Diekevers	EMS Training	146.48
Citizen State Bank	Lyon-Sioux Rural Water Loan	6,600.00
Co-op Gas & oil	City Fuel & Oil	1,198.33
DeKoster & DeKoster	2024 Retainer	6,791.00
DGR	Engineering	3,817.75
East West Books	Library Books	347.36
EFTPS	Payroll Tax	3,180.57
Equipment Blades	Grader Blades	93.54
Foundation	Testing Fees	1,467.75
George Office Supply	Office Supplies	80.97
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sales/Water Excise Tax	868.96
Iowa One Call	Locates	7.20
IPERS	Payroll Deduction	2,366.02
Janitor's Closet	Janitorial Supplies	75.67
John Deere Financial	Equipment Repairs	163.02
Justice Fire & Safety	Fire Extinguisher Inspection	723.00
Lakeview Books	Library Books	253.64
Lookout Books	Library Books	317.66
Lyon Sioux Rural Water	Bulk Water Purchase	5,944.05
Mastercard	Postage/Supplies	876.12
	Library Books/DVD/Supplies/Subs	1,069.31
Matheson	Ambulance Oxygen	122.43
Mid-American Energy	City Gas & Electric	5,544.86
New Century Press	Publish Minutes	71.86
Nilles Lawn Care	Snow Removal	1,317.50
OC Sanitation	Garbage/Recycling	4,893.09
Payroll	February Payroll	11,692.78
PCC	Ambulance Billing	355.41
Piper Iedema	Ambulance Return Check	867.00
Premier Communications	City Phone & Internet	506.02
Pro Source Specialties	Library Program	139.20
Sioux County Auditor	2023 Elections	758.08
Smart Apple Media	Library Program	330.18
Tri-State Repair	Equipment Repair	425.00
United Healthcare Insurance	Ambulance Return Check	105.41
Van Bruggen & Vande Vegte	2023 W2	600.00
Verizon	Tablet	40.01
Visa	Soccer Nets	240.00
William & Company	Annual Examination	1,850.00
	Total Claims	117,253.71

Claims Dept. Summary

<u>Dept. Name</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ambulance	11,213.16
Shop	1,468.06
Traffic Control	6.94
Library	6,678.89
Parks	471.88
Cemetery	248.60
Demco Center	598.85
Clerk/Treasurer	4,267.31
Elections	758.08
Legal	9,200.00
City Hall	626.88
Miscellaneous	15.00
Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks	5,479.08
Street Lights	1,614.78
Snow Removal	1,954.56
Employee Benefits	1,223.15
Capital Street Project	44,149.26
Water	15,859.89
Sewer	7,141.53
Garbage	4,893.09

Claims Fund Summary

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Total</u>
General	35,553.65
Road Use	9,048.42
Employee Benefits	1,223.15
Capital Street Project	44,149.26
Water	15,859.89
Sewer	7,141.53
Garbage	4,893.09

Revenue Fund Summary

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Total</u>
General	31,706.73
Road Use	7,219.14
Employee Benefit	108.39
Emergency	37.17
Local Option	15,019.21
Tax Increment Finance	432.34
Debt Service	165.75
Water	20,496.85
Sewer	18,127.82
Garbage	4,912.46
Self-Insurance	38.46