

**COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF PARKER REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

The Parker City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the council room of City Hall. Members present: Council members: Harms, RBuller, JBuller, Poncelet, Kuchta, Janzen, and Mayor Nolan. Other persons attending: Finance Officer Jans, Tanya Wickstrom, Audrea Buller and Seth Weiland. Mayor Nolan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All action in following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

- 23.01 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve the December 12, and December 28, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- 23.02 Motion by Harms, seconded by JBuller to approve the January claims as presented with the exception of Parker Pharmacy. List attached. Motion carried. December salaries: General Fund: \$34,984.58. Enterprise Funds: \$20,893.29. TOTAL: \$55,877.87.
- 23.03 Motion by Janzen, seconded by Kuchta to approve the Parker Pharmacy claim. Poncelet abstained. Motion carried.

Seth Wieland was present to discuss with the council housing and business needs.

- 23.04 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve the alcohol consumption at the community building January 21, 2023 for the Fire Department stag. Motion carried.
- 23.05 Motion by RBuller, seconded by Poncelet to remove the placement of storm sewer on Cedar Avenue from the Phase 6 & 7 Utility Improvement project. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23.0109.01

A Resolution Amending City Electric Rates

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Parker, in order to pay all costs for the operation and maintenance of the Parker City electric system, to amend the rates for the sale of electricity provided by the City of Parker; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.0103 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to revise rates for the use of utilities to be established by Resolution of the Parker City Council, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the charge for residential electric rates shall be amended as follows:

That the monthly service charge will be \$14.00 and the energy charge for all KWH shall be 10.75 cents per KWH.

This rate change is effective beginning with the February 1, 2023 bill, due February 20, 2023.

This Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and support of the municipal government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately upon the passage and publication thereof pursuant to SDCL 9-19-13.

Dated this 9th day of January 2023.

Derek Nolan, Mayor of the City of Parker

ATTEST: Adam Jans, Finance Officer

- 23.06 Motion by Harms, seconded by Kuchta to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23.0109.02

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the charge for commercial electric rates shall be amended as follows:

That the monthly service charge for single phase will be \$20.00; the monthly service charge for three phase shall be \$28.00 and the energy charge for all KWH shall be 11.00 cents per KWH.

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23.07 Motion by JBuller, seconded by Poncelet to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23.0109.03

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the charge for large power electric rates shall be amended as follows:

That the monthly service charge will be \$28.00; the monthly demand charge shall be \$12.25 per KW of billing demand; and the energy charge for all KWH shall be 5.65 cents per KWH.

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23.08 Motion by Janzen, seconded by Harms to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Council Concerns: All council members commended the crew on the great job they did cleaning streets during the last snow event. Kuchta brought the idea of hanging pots on the Main Avenue light poles during the summer. Poncelet questioned snow removal on W First Street through the one-way.

Department Reports: Finance Officer Jans advised the council that the current text alert system is not working and has been looking into new options. Jans noted he hoped to have a new system in place prior to the next council meeting. Jans also explained the 2023 salaries and 2023 election date need to be approved.

23.09 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve and publish the following City of Parker employee salaries for fiscal year 2023. Motion carried. Friman-\$29.22/hr. Zach Hertel-\$24.88/hr. Adam Jans-\$107,842.00/annual. Deb Masters-\$17.09/hr. Tanner Plucker-\$34.51/hr. Jerry Sanner-\$19.80/hr. Kathy Rand-\$20.72/hr. Library Aide-\$12.60/hr. Council members: \$125.00 per regular meeting. \$100.00 per special meeting. Mayor \$175.00 per regular meeting. \$125.00 per special meeting. Ambulance attendants: \$40.00 per run.

23.10 Motion by Harms, seconded by RBuller to approve the 2023 Municipal election date of April 11, 2023. Motion carried.

23.11 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by JBuller to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, consult with legal counsel, and other matters in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried.

Mayor Nolan declared out of executive session at 8:07 p.m.

23.12 Motion by RBuller, seconded by Poncelet to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

Adam Jans, Finance Officer