

**COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF PARKER REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 9, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

The Parker City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2024 in the council room of City Hall. Members present: Council members: Harms, JBuller, Poncelet, Kuchta, Janzen and Mayor Nolan. Absent: RBuller. Other people attending: Finance Officer Jans, Tricia Erickson, Tom Rauenhorst, Austin Clarke, Cameron Semmler, Curt & Deb Creegan, Kerri Meyer, Myles Meyer, Ryan Knutson, and Sheriff Buteyn. Mayor Nolan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

- 24.120 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Kuchta to approve the November 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- 24.121 Motion by Harms, seconded by Janzen to approve the December claims as presented and to include East River. List attached. Motion carried. November salaries: General Fund: \$31,925.64. Enterprise Fund: \$23,099.40. Total salaries: \$55,025.04.

Department Reports: Electric Superintendent Rauenhorst, Lineman Superintendent Clark, Sheriff Buteyn, Library Director Erickson, and Finance Officer Jans gave their monthly report. Library Director Erickson asked for approval of board member Kristin Schmidt. Finance Officer Jans advised the council of the year end meeting scheduled for December 30, 2024 starting at 7p.m. and gave a list of FY24 4th quarter ambulance write-offs.

- 24.122 Motion by JBuller, seconded by Poncelet to approve Kristin Schmidt as library board member beginning January 1, 2025. Motion carried.
- 24.123 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Harms to approve the FY24 4th quarter ambulance write-offs for the amount of \$14,724.68. Motion carried.

In depth discussion was had regarding the Turner County Courthouse building permit fee. No action taken.

Discussion was had regarding community building rental rates and the community youth group. After discussion, it was decided to set a new rental rate of \$50.00 per half day rental Monday – Thursday.

Deb Creegan was present to discuss the possibility of reduced rental rates for the community building for her and husband Kurt to dance and hold dance lessons.

- 24.124 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Janzen to allow Turner County to install a holding tank next to the Randy Miller garage during the construction of the new courthouse, with the removal of the holding take to be completed

no more than 90 days after resuming business in the newly constructed courthouse. Motion carried.

Eric Schulte with Puetz Construction and school board member Jim Even were present to discuss construction around the school and snow removal during the upcoming winter season.

24.125 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by JBuller to approve the surplus of the 2015 Kawasaki UTV. Motion carried.

24.126 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve FY25 Turner County Law Enforcement Agreement. Motion carried.

24.127 Motion by Harms, seconded by Poncelet to approve Metro Construction Pay App #12. Motion carried.

24.128 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by JBuller to approve the consumption of alcohol in the community building January 11, 2025. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24.1209.01

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 11.25 cents per KWH.

This rate change is effective beginning with the January 1, 2025 bill, due January 20, 2025.

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 December 2024.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, Finance Officer

24.129 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Kuchta to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24.1209.02

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 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 11.50 cents per KWH.

This rate change is effective beginning with the January 1, 2025 bill, due January 20, 2025.

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 December 2024.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, Finance Officer

24.130 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Janzen to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24.1209.03

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 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 5.88 cents per KWH.

This rate change is effective beginning with the January 1, 2025 bill, due January 20, 2025.

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 December 2024.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, Finance Officer

24.131 Motion by JBuller, seconded by Kuchta to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24.1209.04

A Resolution Declaring Certain Areas of the City Exempt from Parker City Ordinance 6.0207

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Parker to have constructed and well-maintained sidewalks inside its territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to exempt certain areas of the City from the requirement of constructing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property located at 501 Grace Avenue, which address is within the territorial boundaries of the City of Parker, have made a request to be exempt from the requirement of Section 6.0207 for sidewalk to be installed on the North side of the property running East and West due to the ditch in the rite-of-way making the drainage area not conducive for curb, gutter, and sidewalks at this time; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the owners of the real property located at 501 Grace Avenue are hereby exempt from the requirements of constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk in accordance with Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances but that the exemption shall only last until which time as the drainage has been addressed to the East of their real property according to the standards of the City of Parker or until such time as the Parker City Council otherwise rules, whichever happens sooner.

CITY OF PARKER

Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, City Finance Officer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24.1209.05
A Resolution Declaring Certain Areas of the City Exempt
from Parker City Ordinance 6.0207

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Parker to have constructed and well-maintained sidewalks inside its territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to exempt certain areas of the City from the requirement of constructing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property located at 502 Grace Avenue, which address is within the territorial boundaries of the City of Parker, have made a request to be exempt from the requirement of Section 6.0207 for sidewalk to be installed on the North side of the property running East and West due to the ditch in the rite-of-way making the drainage area not conducive for curb, gutter, and sidewalks at this time; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the owners of the real property located at 502 Grace Avenue are hereby exempt from the requirements of constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk in accordance with Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances but that the exemption shall only last until which time as the drainage has been addressed to the East of their real property according to the standards of the City of Parker or until such time as the Parker City Council otherwise rules, whichever happens sooner.

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Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, City Finance Officer

24.133 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Harms to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24.1209.06
A Resolution Declaring Certain Areas of the City Exempt
from Parker City Ordinance 6.0207

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Parker to have constructed and well-maintained sidewalks inside its territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to exempt certain areas of the City from the requirement of constructing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property located at 725 W Sanborn Avenue, which address is within the territorial boundaries of the City of Parker, have made a request to be exempt from the requirement of Section 6.0207 for sidewalk to be installed on the South side of the property running East and West due to the ditch in the rite-of-way making the drainage area not conducive for curb, gutter, and sidewalks at this time; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the owners of the real property located at 725 W Sanborn Avenue are hereby exempt from the requirements of constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk in accordance with Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances but that the exemption shall only last until which time as the drainage has been addressed to the East of their real property according to the standards of the City of Parker or until such time as the Parker City Council otherwise rules, whichever happens sooner.

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Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, City Finance Officer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24.1209.07
A Resolution Declaring Certain Areas of the City Exempt
from Parker City Ordinance 6.0207

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Parker to have constructed and well-maintained sidewalks inside its territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to exempt certain areas of the City from the requirement of constructing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property located at 755 W Sanborn Avenue, which address is within the territorial boundaries of the City of Parker, have made a request to be exempt from the requirement of Section 6.0207 for sidewalk to be installed on the South side of the property running East and West due to the ditch in the rite-of-way making the drainage area not conducive for curb, gutter, and sidewalks at this time; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the owners of the real property located at 755 W Sanborn Avenue are hereby exempt from the requirements of constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk in accordance with Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances but that the exemption shall only last until which time as the drainage has been addressed to the East of their real property according to the standards of the City of Parker or until such time as the Parker City Council otherwise rules, whichever happens sooner.

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Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, City Finance Officer

24.135 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Janzen to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24.1209.08
A Resolution Declaring Certain Areas of the City Exempt
from Parker City Ordinance 6.0207

WHEREAS, the Parker City Council believes that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Parker to have constructed and well-maintained sidewalks inside its territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances gives the Parker City Council the authority to exempt certain areas of the City from the requirement of constructing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property located at 795 W Sanborn Avenue, which address is within the territorial boundaries of the City of Parker, have made a request to be exempt from the requirement of Section 6.0207 for sidewalk to be installed on the South side of the property running East and West due to the ditch in the rite-of-way making the drainage area not conducive for curb, gutter, and sidewalks at this time; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKER CITY COUNCIL that the owners of the real property located at 795 W Sanborn Avenue are hereby exempt from the requirements of constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk in accordance with Section 6.0207 of the Parker City Ordinances but that the exemption shall only last until which time as the drainage has been addressed to the East of their real property according to the standards of the City of Parker or until such time as the Parker City Council otherwise rules, whichever happens sooner.

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Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Jans, City Finance Officer

24.136 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Harms to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Nolan reviewed a list of 2025 goals.

24.137 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by JBuller to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

Adam Jans, Finance Officer