

**SPECIAL MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL**  
**July 22, 2016**

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on July 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Lowell Hansen, Larry Jensen, George Cavanaugh, Wendy Currier, Norman Whitaker, Mayor Gary Wolkow, and FO Tracey Larson. Also present: City Attorney Todd Wilkinson and Water/Sewer Supt. Randy Asleson. Absent: Alex Botkin.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.  
**EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR:** Water/Sewer Supt. Asleson explained to the council that the pump on the south sewer lift station has burnt out and will need to be repaired in 2016 instead of waiting until the 2017 budget year. The current pump system in the south lift station is between 25 and 27 years old. Supt. Asleson inquired as to if the current pump could be repaired. An estimate of \$4,000.00 was quoted from Waylor Enterprises to fix the old pump. Other contractor services would also be needed approximately every ten days in addition to fixing the old pump. Repairing the old pump would be a temporary solution that would not fix the problem completely and the south sewer lift unit would still need to be replaced. Supt. Asleson received an estimate to replace the lift station pumps, motors, piping changes, wiring changes, seal filters, gate valves, check valves, ultra-sonic level controller, and installation in the amount of \$49,800.00 from Waylor Enterprises. Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Hansen to declare a state of emergency for the repair needed to the south sewer lift and to hire Waylor Enterprises in the amount of \$49,800.00 to replace the south sewer lift station pumps, motors, piping changes, wiring changes, seal filters, gate valves, check valves, ultra-sonic level controller, and installation in the amount of \$49,800.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Baseball Field Project & Drainage:** The council members who are working on the baseball field project informed the council that they are working on obtaining irrigation quotes and cost estimates to do the final grading of the baseball field. The council also discussed the possibility of merging the two drainage pipes located to the east and southwest of the Event Center, and extending the drainage pipe further south toward the swale. Extending the drainage pipe would make it possible to level the ground east of the baseball field and increase the bleacher area, reduce the risk of someone getting hurt, and improve the drainage on the east side of the swale.

**EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION:** A letter of resignation from Event Center Custodian Bret Jensen was presented to the council. Motion was made by Currier, seconded by Whitaker, to accept the resignation

from Event Center Custodian Bret Jensen, all voted aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Jensen.

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Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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