

City Council Meeting – Special Meeting October 4, 2021

Mayor Jeremy Menning called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. with the following city council members present: Mark Monahan, Arden Jones, Mark Brenneman, LaVonne Randall, Travis Kuehl, and Mark O’Hara. Also present were City Administrator Teresa Sidel, Public Works Superintendent Craig Wagner, Chamber & Economic Development Director Amy Farr, and City Engineers David Duxtad, Rachel Kloos, Michael Redenbaugh and Lisha Wu. There were also 9 people from the public present.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Jones, second by Randall to approve the agenda as set – all voted yes, motion carried.

Discussion of Hartford’s Wastewater Treatment Project: The meeting’s discussion focused on Hartford’s future wastewater facility project. City engineers have completed a feasibility study that was reviewed by City Council on June 28, 2021. After this review, it was the consensus of the city council to pursue mechanical plant options for the land by Exit 390. Rachael Kloos with ISG once again reviewed the 4 scenarios or phases of design with the city. Scenario 1 would be a plant designed for Hartford only with an aggressive residential and commercial growth. Scenario 2 would be a plant designed for Hartford’s growth plus a major Hartford industrial user. Scenario 3 would be a plant designed for Hartford’s growth, a major Hartford industry, and regionalization with other communities. Scenario 4 would be a plant designed for Hartford’s growth, a Hartford industry, regionalization with other communities, and regional industries. After review of each possible scenario, 3 mechanical treatment options were also reviewed and discussed, along with the pros and cons of each – SBR, Oxidation Ditch and Aeromod. A summary of the treatment volume, capital costs, operating costs, sludge production, and updated rate projections was also provided for each scenario and each treatment technology. Funding options were discussed with ISG and SECOG including, possible economic development grants, rural development loan options, revenue bonds, SRF funding and the possible utilization of ARPA funds. Leslie Mastroianni with SECOG did note that the full project has been added to the state water plan and that the city’s next step would be to decide on an initial scenario or design phase, along with a treatment technology so that can be included in our facility plan and SRF Application. A timeline for the project was reviewed. Staff and Council also addressed questions and concerns from area property owners. A motion was made by Monahan, second by Brenneman to move forward with an SRF application for scenario 2B, which would be an Aeromod mechanical plant initially designed for Hartford’s growth plus industrial – all voted yes, motion carried. A resolution for this submission will be drafted and a public hearing will be held on November 2, 2021.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Randall, second by Monahan to adjourn at 9:08p.m. – all voted yes, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by City Administrator, Teresa Sidel.

I, the undersigned, Teresa Sidel, City Administrator in and for the City of Hartford, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes which is on file at the Municipal Finance Office.

Teresa Sidel, City Administrator