

Ekalaka Town Council
MINUTES
Town Office, 103 N Main Street
July 3rd, 2024, minutes

1) Call Regular Meeting to Order

- a) Roll Call Council- mayor Buck Kratzer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Melissa Lovec, Andrew Wright, Rex McCord, Carol Spencer
- b) Employees Present- Calvin Jensen
- c) Appointed Officials Present- Kamely Harkins

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment/ Complaints- Public present was Toni Kratzer, No public comments or complaints.

4) Minutes from last meeting(s): read, correct (if needed) and approve June 12th, 2024, minutes. Andy moved to approve June 12th, 2024, minutes, Carol seconded, no discussion, 4 ayes no nays.

5) Claims Approval – Carol moved to approve claims for \$65,804.74 discussion of why the claims are so high this month? Kamely explained that we have the 1st payment to the construction company and the engineering company for the water project. No other discussion Andy seconded, 4 ayes no nays.

6) Reports of Officers:

- a) Public Works Director- Calvin fixed fence at the lagoon, worked on culvert and ditch on North Central Ave. Dewatering bags ordered for sludge removal. Pump for the sludge removal is here. Calvin got two quotes for tire replacement on the skid steer, he will go with the cheapest, will not put new tires until its necessary.
- b) Mayor- Visited with Baker Metal and they brought up an option of putting a metal container for the town residents to use and all proceeds would go to pool.
- c) Attorney- no reports
- d) Council- Andy asked about a fire hydrant not working by Dahl memorial, Calvin will look and see what needs to be done.

7) Reports of Standing and Special Committees:

- a) Administrative (Clerk/Treasurer)- Kamely sent letters for people to mow their yards.
- b) Law Enforcement- none

- c) Streets- Main Street is getting swept every second Monday of the month, Calvin has bladed some streets
 - d) Library- Received library budget and previous meeting minutes and finances.
 - e) Fire Department/Committee- no reports
 - f) Parks- Calvin has been busy mowing
 - g) Pool- Pool will not be having swimming lessons, Pool will offer water safety instead.
 - h) Water/sewer- Water project meeting will be sometime next week. Letters for delinquent water, sewer and garbage to be added to property taxes were sent out.
 - i) Landfill- has been hayed
 - j) Safety- no reports, will have a meeting next month.
- 8) Presentation of Petitions and Communications: John Shively-** Andy moved to approve Shively cabin permit, Carol Spencer seconded, board discussed floodplain issues.
- 9) Unfinished Business * Action Items**
- a) Regrouping of work session/committees- will regroup as needed
- 10) New Business * Action items**
- a) *Striping line on paved streets – Andy moved to approve striping lines on paved streets, Melissa seconded no discussion 4 ayes no nays.
 - b) *Spotted Knapp weed- Kamely was asked to send notice to residents with Spotted Knapp weeds
- 11) Announcements-** Kamely will be gone July 16th through the 23rd.
- 12) Next Meeting Date: August 7th, 2024**
- 13) Adjourn-** Andy moved to adjourn meeting at 6:08 pm, Carol seconded, 4 ayes no nays

*Items up for action without discussion at a previous Council meeting may or may not be accepted for action by the Council at the Council's discretion.

Melissa Lovec, Council President

Attest: _____
 Kamely Harkins, Clerk/ Treasurer