

City of Crooks  
Crooks City Council  
Special meeting minutes  
March 22, 2021

At 5:30 pm, Mayor Oseby called the meeting to order at the Crooks Community Center. Finance Officer Schantz took roll call:

Present: Alderman Henning, Alderman Beyer, Alderman Richardson, Alderman Maras (on phone), Mayor Oseby

Staff present: Finance Officer Schantz, Utility Superintendent Beck, City Engineers Jesse Morris and Jake Morris (DGR)

Absent: ---

**Approve agenda.** Motion by Richardson to approve agenda, seconded by Beyer. No discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries.

**SRF Funding for Sewer Improvements.** Council, mayor, and those present discussed the sanitary sewer improvements proposed for the new development on the southern edge of town, and the various ways of financing the project. The scope of the sanitary sewer improvement project was reviewed. The technical aspects on lift stations and the trunk line talked about. The concept of applying current customer service charge billed to customers in Crooks to use as funding means was discussed. The expected cost recovery period and the advantages of the proposed ways to financing project were discussed. City engineer Jesse Morris stated application would have to be submitted soon and a number provided to SECOG to insert as funding request.

Motion by Henning to proceed and apply for sanitary sewer improvement project in the amount of \$1.8 million, seconded by Maras. No discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries.

**Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) (Consult with legal counsel/contractual matters) SDCL 1-25-2(5) (Pricing & marketing strategies).** Motion by Beyer to enter into executive session at 6:24 pm, seconded by Henning. No discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries.

Oseby called the meeting back to order at 6:49 pm. Motion by Richardson to counter Duinick offer with \$112,800 for liquidated damages, seconded by Henning. No discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries. Motion by Beyer to set price for natural gas at \$0.90 per therm and adjust to CCF, seconded by Henning. No further discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Henning to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm, seconded by Beyer. No discussion. Roll call vote: Henning – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye, Beyer – aye. All aye, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tobias Schantz

Municipal Finance Officer  
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