

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Monday, the 19th day of January, 2015, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located at 25 Center Street, in the City of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for hearing upon said assessment roll. Any interested person may appear and show cause why the Governing Body of said City of Vermillion, South Dakota, should not approve and levy said assessments against the respective premises as set forth in said assessment roll, to defray the costs of the construction of said improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Officer of the City of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Resolution and Notice to be published in the official newspaper in the City of Vermillion, South Dakota, one week prior to the date set for such hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Officer of the City of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, shall mail a copy of this Resolution and Notice, by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, addressed to the owner(s) of any property to be assessed for such improvement at their address as shown by the records of the Director of Equalization. Such mailing shall be done at least one (1) week prior to the date set for said hearing.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota, this 15th day of December, 2014.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VERMILLION, CLAY COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

By: John E. (Jack) Powell

ATTEST:

Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer

The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier-Wise. Discussion followed and the question of the adoption of the Resolution was presented for a vote of the Governing Body. 9 members voted in favor of and 0 members voted in opposition to the Resolution. Mayor Powell declared that the Resolution was adopted.

K. Resolution Fixing the Time and Place for a Hearing and Notice of Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Sidewalk Safety Improvements

Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, reported that on August 6, 2012, the City Council approved a Resolution Adopting the Resolution of Necessity for Sidewalk Safety Improvements. Jose noted that this resolution involved the sidewalks gaps within the community. Jose stated that the project has been completed and the final payment has been authorized. Jose stated that the special assessments were calculated and filed with the Finance Officer on December 10, 2014. Jose noted that State statute requires the City to hold a public hearing to allow the affected property owners to review and discuss any concerns regarding the assessed value. The resolution provided that the property owners to be assessed are notified of the hearing by mail as well as the resolution will be published. Jose stated that the resolution sets the public hearing for January 19, 2016 for the amended assessment roll. Discussion followed.

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After reading the same once, Alderman Willson moved adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SIDEWALK SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF VERMILLION, SD

WHEREAS, a special assessment roll was filed in the office of the City Finance Officer of the City of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, on the 10th day of December, 2014, for the construction of sidewalks in front or abutting lots in the City of Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, said special assessment being against the property abutting upon said improvement; and

WHEREAS, said assessment roll, now on file in the office of the City Finance Officer of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota, is open for public inspection and is referred to for further particulars; and

WHEREAS, said assessment roll shows as follows:

1. The name of the owner(s) of each lot to be assessed, as shown by the assessment rolls, of the Director of Equalization.

2. A description by lot, block and addition, or by metes and bounds of each parcel of land to be assessed, recognizing divisions by deed of platted lots, and obtaining the legal description of land as of the date of the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity for such improvement;

3. The amount assessed against each lot;

4. The number of installments, the rate of interest deferred installments shall bear, and the whole of such assessment, or any installment thereof, may be paid at any time, and that all installments paid prior to the respective due dates shall be deemed paid in inverse order of their due date;

5. Whenever the word "lot" appears therein, it shall be construed to include tracts and other parcels of land.

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The motion was seconded by Alderman Holland. Discussion followed and the question of the adoption of the Resolution was presented for a vote of the Governing Body. 9 members voted in favor of and 0 members voted in opposition to the Resolution. Mayor Powell declared that the Resolution was adopted.

L. Resolution supporting South Dakota Municipal League legislative effort for a Third Penny General Local Sales Tax Option

John Prescott, City Manager, reported that the South Dakota Municipal League (SDML) is requesting resolutions of support for a third penny general local sales tax option. John stated that in 2010 the SDML worked on similar legislation that was not successful. John stated that the proposal would require a public vote to add the third penny of sales tax for a specific purpose that would end when the specific project was funded. John stated that a resolution of support was prepared for City Council consideration. Discussion followed on sales tax noting that this legislation would require a public vote.

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Alderman Ward moved approval of the resolution supporting the South Dakota Municipal League legislative effort for a third penny general local sales tax option and authorized the Mayor to sign. Alderman Collier-Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

9. Bid Openings - None

10. City Manager's Report

A. John reported that City offices will close at Noon on Wednesday, December 24th and remain closed thru Thursday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015 for the New Years Day holiday.

B. John reported that curbside recycling that is typically picked up on Thursdays will be collected on Monday, December 29th and Monday, January 5th in place of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

C. John reported that the Christmas Tree collection site is open and accepting real trees. The site is located on the south side of Broadway Street just west of Dakota Street. John asked that any plastic that you might wrap the tree in for transporting as well as lights and decorations be removed before depositing at the site. John noted the site will be open until January 18th.

PAYROLL ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Police: Jacy Nelson \$24.02/hr; Ambulance: Emily Brigham \$8.00/ca \$6.99/1st-\$6.00/2nd; Recreational: Ellysa Reinke \$7.75/hr; Light: R Tieman \$29.97/hr; Recycling: E McPherson \$14.44/hr

11. Invoices Payable

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Alderman Willson moved approval of the following invoices:

Bow Creek Metal Inc	Repair	222.
Broadcaster Press	Advertisin	1,038.
Bureau Of Administration	Telephor	337.
Cam Commerce	Professional Service	60.
Canon Financial Services	Copier Lease	196.
Centurylink	Telephor	1,492.
City Of Vermillion Landfill	Vouche	192.
Clay Rural Water System	Wat Usage	62.6
Clay-Union Electric Corp	Electrici	2,210.
Dakota Senior Meals	Contributic	3,500.
Dept. Environment Natl Res Landf	Operations Fee	2,309.7
Division Of Motor Vehicle	License Plate	9.
Farrell's Heating & Air Co	Repari	339.
Gregg Peters	Managers Fe	5,375.
Joint Utility Training School	Registration	800.
Kinetic Leasing	Landfill Grader	27,818.
Loren Fischer Disposal	Ha	210.
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	Supplie	255.
Midcontinent Communication	Cable/Internet Service	128.
Pomp's Tire Service	Tire	967.
Republic National Dist.	Merchandis	11,115.
Runge Enterprises, Inc	Norbeck Street Contract	35,890.
Sanford Health Plan	Participation Fc	66.
Stern Oil Co.	Fuel	17,557.
Storey Kenworthy	Supplie	257.
The Equalizer	Advertisi	83.
US Postmaster	Postag	1,050.
Vermillion Ace Hardware	Shelvir	12,663.
Vermillion Chamber Of Commerce	Bliss Pointe Grant	16,583.
Zimco Supply Co	Chemica	3,668.
Joe Conroy	Bright Energy Reba	10.
Dale Hill	Bright Energy Reba	275.
St Agnes School	Bright Ener	500.

2015 Invoices Payable

SDML Workers Comp Fund Worke Comp Insurance 93,347.0

SD Public Assurance Alliance Boil Insurance 13,860.0

Alderman Collier-Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

12. Consensus Agenda

A. Set a bid opening date of Janus 27, 2015 for water and wastewa chemicals

B. Set a bid opening date of Janus 27, 2015 for electric transformers

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Alderman Willson moved approval of the consensus agenda. Alderman Price seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

13. Adjourn

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Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

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Meckling Livestock 4-H group keeps busy with livestock, charity

By Katie Clausen
For the Plain Talk

Julie Fallan is a firm believer in 4-H and what it can do for youth.

"I think that 4-H offers kids a chance to develop many skills," Fallan said. "We require each member to give a presentation each year so they understand what it is like to stand in front of a group to give a talk and they can develop their communication skills."

Livestock showing in 4-H has a deep history. Participants are able to show a wide range of animals including sheep, poultry, beef animals, dairy animals, and swine. 4-H youth learn about proper veterinary care, feeding, cost associations, and structure of their livestock animals when they work with them and show them.

Working with farm animals also takes hard work and patience.

"Working with animals and doing community service helps them become compassionate," Fallan said. "All of the different project areas gives them a chance to be adventurous and to learn about a subject they might not ever explore otherwise."

Fallan, along with

Shelly Hauck and Tim Heine, act as adult leaders for Meckling Livestock, an exceptionally busy 4-H group. Members of Meckling Livestock range in age from 8 to 18, and many members become delegates that represent the Clay County 4-H program as a whole at the state and national level.

While the club's name reflects that it is, in fact, a group focused around livestock showing and animals in agriculture, it is also a particularly busy group focused on volunteerism.

"Our club does a lot of community service," Fallan said. "We deliver Meals on Wheels for a week twice a year, we clean the ditches of Clay County Park road and at Bluff View Cemetery, we ring bells for the Salvation Army, we help with the Fall Welcome and the Christmas Festival at the W.H. Over Museum, we make Christmas cards and Valentines for veterans, we play bingo with the residents of the Care Center, we help with our county 4-H Make a Difference Day project, and lots of other projects."

The 20 to 25 kids and teens involved in Meckling Livestock are encouraged to look

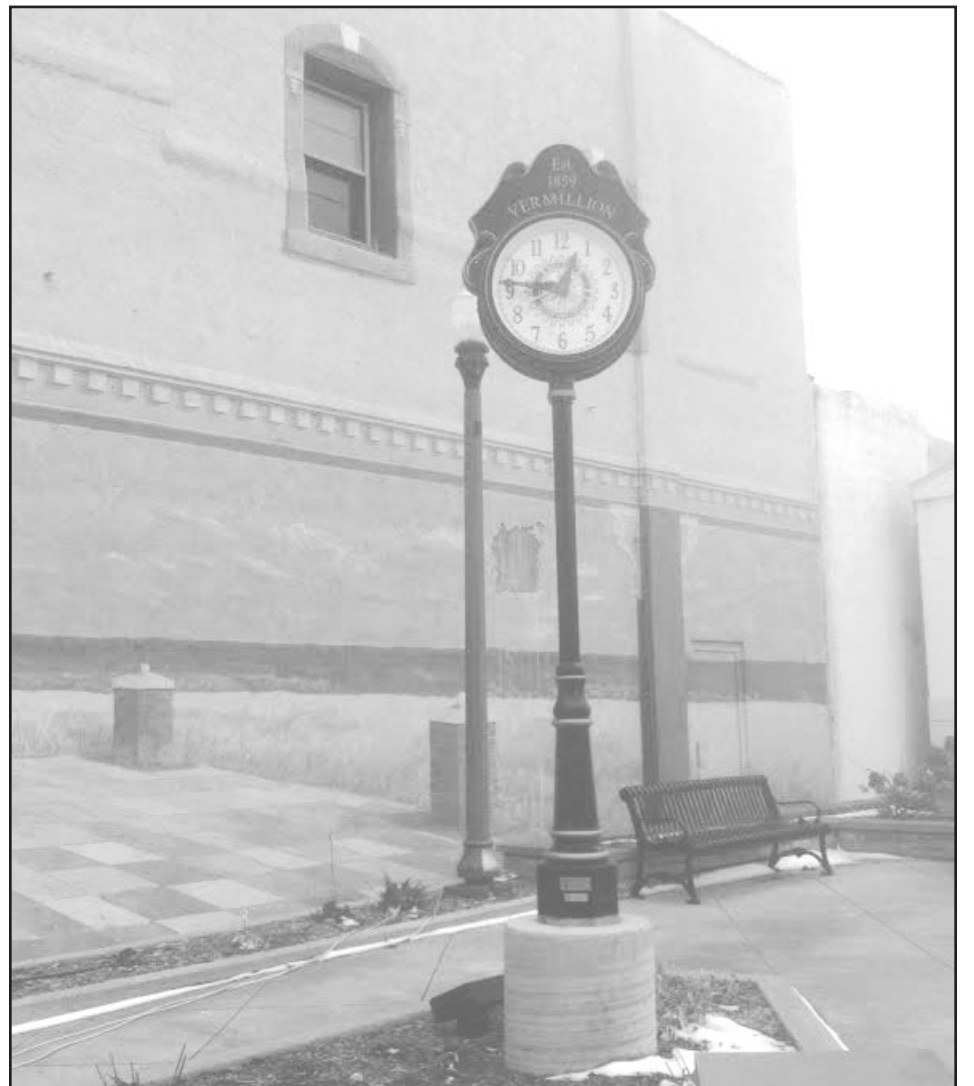
beyond the scope of the focus on their animals and find other areas of 4-H that are interesting, educational and challenging in addition to livestock showing and judging.

"Our members are involved in many project areas offered by 4-H," Fallan said. "Those areas include traditional 4-H areas such as Foods & Nutrition, Food Preservation, and Clothing & Textiles, plus others that you might not think of such as Computers & Technology, Engineering, Aerospace & Rocketry, First Aid, Graphic Design and Photography."

Youth In Action event participation is also encouraged, which requires youth involved to not only participate in a project, but report back on that project in a formal setting.

This helps kids develop communication skills and understanding how to work with others and under pressure.

Clay County area youth who are interested in joining one of the many 4-H clubs can get more info by contacting the Clay County Extension office at 677-7111 or by stopping by the 4-H center.



The Vermillion Area Community Foundation helps distribute grant money towards improvement projects, such as the clock on Radigan Platz.

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VACF SUPPORTS LOCAL ENDEAVORS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

By Katie Clausen
For the Plain Talk

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation, simply known as the VACF, has been around since the year 2000, but as with anything, has needed time to get off the ground. The endowment fund started in 2000, but had to reach a goal within three years for the State of South Dakota to match a certain percent.

Deb Christensen is one of the members on the 20 person Board of Directors. "It's been in existence for a number of years so there are a lot of things we've donated to," Christensen said. "However, we are still trying to build funds and get established."

Since its conception 14 years ago, the foundation has been able to grow through multiple resources and help local community organizations such as the Clay County EMS Department, Community Gardens, Library, and the W H Over Museum.

"As an example, we donated towards the sign that went up at the High School," Christensen said. "That's something everybody can use."

Improvements to Vermillion's parks and downtown area have also been accomplished because of grant funding from the VACF.

"There are all those little projects," Christensen said. "and we get to learn new things about the community all the time."

The intent of the VACF is to have an ever cycling source of funding for local non-profit groups. In addition to providing worthy causes with the funds

they need to make improvements, the board members get to learn about Vermillion citizens, their interests, and pass the word on about community involvement.

"We are able to promote these great things and help these organizations," Christensen said. "And we get to learn about at the same time."

These groups are focused on bringing a good or service to the community.

"Some of the things we've done are help with handicap accessibility and improvements to the downtown area," Christensen said.

The Arts Council, Police Department and Food Pantry have also been helped by funds from the VACF. The VACF works as an extension of the South Dakota Community Foundation. The board helps decide which groups or causes need funding the most.

"It's a part of the South Dakota Community Foundation," Christensen said. "But each town can set up their own. It's just for things around the community; to help organizations and infrastructure."

In order to raise funds, the VACF has partnered up with the City of Vermillion and incentivized residents to donate by making it easy with their "Round Up" program. This program allows city utility users to round up to the next dollar on their statements. The difference goes towards to VACF. Using this model means the maximum donation per month is just a mere .99 cents.

Community groups interested in learning more about the VACF can visit vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org