

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Horne, Councilman Daehling, Hobbs, Councilwoman Elliott, Attorney McCracken, Clerk Schmitz. Councilman Goebel and Superintendent Long were absent.

Mayor Horne called the meeting to order and ask those present to join the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then stated the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall for public viewing.

Sharon Hueftle was first on the agenda; she presented to the council the parcels from the nuisance abatement program that could be rescinded. Councilman Daehling made the motion to rescind parcels 4001, 4066, 4078, 4121, 4126, 4158, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried. She then went over the parcels that were abated this last month and showed the progress to the council.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion for Mayor Horne to sign the letter of agreement with South Central Economic Development District, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve payment to RDG Planning and Design, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Elliott made the motion to approve drawdown #2, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Amanda with Cherry Corner was next on the agenda but was unable to make it. Clerk Schmitz gave general updates that Amanda wanted to pass along. She wanted to inform the council of the fundraiser that they are holding.

Kyle Allen with Husker Gaming was present to ask the council to have Husker Gaming be the ones who handle KENO in Red Cloud. She gave information on how the KENO would work for the businesses and the city. Kyle will reach out to the Restaurant and Bars in town to see if they would be interested. Councilman Daehling made the motion to have Husker Gaming be the representatives for Red Cloud, Seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Jay Hall was next on the agenda but was not present.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the sheriff's report, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve all minutes, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Hobbs to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for July received in September was \$18,999.99 compared to \$26,031.89 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion and was seconded by Elliott to approve the claims. Motion carried. These will be listed in full at the end of the minutes.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the city to pay employees over 65 supplement and Medicare Part B premiums and drug plan starting November 1, 2025, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance renewal for the next year, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Next, there was the Superintendent's report. Clerk Schmitz was present to inform the council about what is being done at the power plant by Dustin Gay. She also informed the council about the power outage on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Figgins will begin working on the streets within the next week. Lastly, she informed the council that the budget has been submitted.

Attorney McCracken was next on the agenda; he gave general updates. Councilman Daehling made the motion to authorize and direct Kory McCracken, City Attorney, to sign all necessary documents, and to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations for SRF #D311722, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Under old business Councilman Hobbs said that he would have prices on permits at the next meeting.

Under new business Councilman Daehling informed the council that there could be a possibility of new parking at the high school in the future and wanted to put it on the council's radar.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion at 7:53 pm to enter executive session for employee reviews, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Elliott to return to regular session at 8:32 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve raises as discussed, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve raises as discussed, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Hobbs made the motion and was seconded by Elliott to adjourn said meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion carried.

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| Total Salaries                           | \$28,308.60 |
| Presto-X – pest control                  | \$331.29    |
| One Call Concepts – line locates         | \$12.96     |
| Klute Truck Equipment                    | \$33,900.00 |
| City of Red Cloud – applied deposit      | \$200.00    |
| Withholding – 9/15 payroll               | \$1,163.70  |
| Social Security – 9/15 payroll           | \$2401.18   |
| Medicare – 9/15 payroll                  | \$561.58    |
| St. Income Tax – Month of September      | \$1,202.71  |
| Nationwide – 9/15 payroll                | \$1,854.57  |
| R&M Disposal – trash collection          | \$13,474.00 |
| Collection Associates – garnishment      | \$147.76    |
| Credit Management Services – garnishment | \$236.17    |
| W. Olson – retainer                      | \$250.00    |
| A. Kadel – mileage, food                 | \$297.43    |
| City of Red Cloud – applied deposits     | \$400.00    |
| Black Hills Energy – gas                 | \$821.87    |
| Olson Enterprises – fuel, solvent        | \$1,930.20  |
| RC Light & Water – annual transfer       | \$36,238.74 |

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| Withholding – 10/1 payroll                             | \$1,251.08  |
| Social Security – 10/1 payroll                         | \$2,483.66  |
| Medicare – 10/1 payroll                                | \$580.86    |
| Nationwide – 10/1 payroll                              | \$1,906.38  |
| Collection Associates – garnishment                    | \$147.76    |
| Credit Management Services - garnishment               | \$265.49    |
| D. McGuire – insurance                                 | \$296.16    |
| D. Long – reimbursement                                | \$385.00    |
| Petty Cash – postage, water test                       | \$60.46     |
| Electric – bond & interest                             | \$2,000.00  |
| Sewer – CM sewer reserve                               | \$625.00    |
| Water – CM water reserve                               | \$625.00    |
| Hometown Leasing – copier agreement                    | \$136.64    |
| P. Calkins – attorney fees                             | \$75.00     |
| Various – business insurance                           | \$10,318.33 |
| General – police contract                              | \$3,295.72  |
| P. Long – phone bill                                   | \$44.00     |
| M. Goebel - phone bill                                 | \$44.00     |
| R. Hitchler – phone bill                               | \$44.00     |
| D. Long – phone bill                                   | \$44.00     |
| Various – officers’ salary                             | \$1,234.68  |
| Various – economic development                         | \$540.75    |
| Various – to general                                   | \$2,500.00  |
| Webster Co. Sherriff – sheriff contract                | \$3,254.83  |
| M. Schmitz – contract labor                            | \$1,200.00  |
| Border States – spool insulator                        | \$471.82    |
| Superior Outdoor Power – parts                         | \$1,056.99  |
| Aramark – janitorial                                   | \$229.18    |
| Eakes – labels                                         | \$36.99     |
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| Presto X – pest control                                | \$331.29    |
| RC Airport – fuel                                      | \$65.42     |
| Kenny’s Hardware – hose, coupling, drill bit           | \$221.96    |
| Baker & Taylor – book                                  | \$40.42     |
| C&D Service Center – antifreeze, hydraulic house, etc. | \$395.95    |
| CPI – fuel                                             | \$953.91    |
| Principal – dental insurance                           | \$484.48    |
| Kohmetschers – traps                                   | \$28.75     |
| Cintas – first aid                                     | \$110.09    |
| Midwest Turf & Irrigation – belt drive deck            | \$185.61    |
| RCCS – annual liquor license fees                      | \$2,727.49  |
| T. Eberly – mileage                                    | \$109.20    |
| M. Bencken – BOT mowing                                | \$530.00    |
| Various – employee insurance                           | \$9,276.73  |

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| Aflac – insurance                                         | \$409.21         |
| Black Hills Energy – natural gas selection                | \$913.91         |
| TK Elevator – elevator corp.                              | \$383.25         |
| B-Green – chemicals                                       | \$175.00         |
| Country Living – subscription                             | \$34.97          |
| Great Plains – phone/internet                             | \$871.81         |
| Auld Public Library – DVD, materials                      | \$35.87          |
| J&J Faithscape – nuisance abatement                       | \$4,051.75       |
| Sunbelt Solomon – 1 phase pole mount                      | \$28,650.00      |
| Webster County Sun – meeting notice, minutes, resolutions | \$298.60         |
| M. Bencken – mowing                                       | \$50.00          |
| MacQueen – boots                                          | \$618.00         |
| NE Public Health Lab – well test                          | \$494.00         |
| Rose Equipment – sweeper lease                            | \$17,250.00      |
| One Call Concepts – line locates                          | \$19.60          |
| Auld Public Library – conference                          | \$490.00         |
| Central Plains Library System – loan program              | \$50.00          |
| NE Library Commission – Renewal                           | \$500.00         |
| Auld Public Library – office supplies                     | \$18.78          |
| Willow Lane Education – books                             | \$239.65         |
| Broad Reach Books – books                                 | \$221.64         |
| Auld Public Library – computer expense, books, program    | \$111.79         |
| A. Kadel – mileage                                        | \$92.40          |
| J. Hall – labels, printer ink, etc.                       | \$506.05         |
| TK Elevator – maintenance                                 | \$383.25         |
| Grace’s Locksmith – C&D site keys                         | \$105.00         |
| Kearney Winlectric – wire                                 | \$1,120.00       |
| Kohmetscher Feed – staples                                | \$23.95          |
| C&D Service Center – oil, etc.                            | \$131.96         |
| Norder – chemicals                                        | \$153.48         |
| Kenny’s Hardware – mulch, rake, battery, etc              | \$731.02         |
| Cornhusker Cleaning – hand cleaner                        | \$140.42         |
| Aramark – janitorial                                      | \$229.18         |
| Eakes – paper, receipt, book, etc                         | \$100.76         |
| Border States – line department                           | \$7,057.11       |
| Loyal Lawn Care – mowing at cemetery                      | \$3,000.00       |
| Cardmember Services – vinyl, decals, gas, lights          | \$3,356.58       |
| Dutton-Lainson Co. – parts                                | \$745.19         |
| MEAN – purchased power                                    | \$95,481.09      |
| Webster Co. Sun – subscription                            | \$35.00          |
| <br>Total                                                 | <br>\$343,857.29 |
| Gene Horne, Mayor                                         |                  |
| Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk                                 |                  |