

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 4th, 2025

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 4th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Horne, Councilman Daehling, Goebel, Hobbs, Councilwoman Elliott, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Long and Clerk Schmitz.

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.

First on the agenda was Bridget with Headwaters and Kevin Kruse with JEO. They were present to go over the draft for the stormwater master plan. The plan went over the sections of town that need help with drainage. Kevin with JEO gave the city multiple options to help with this issue. Bridget (Via Zoom) informed the council of possible grants to help with the project or organizations that might be willing to help. The council will be tabling this topic until the February 17th special meeting and will decide if they want to try to go for a grant or table the project.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to appoint SCEDD as the nuisance officer, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve nuisance contract with SCEDD seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #893 which states an electrical rate change effective March 1st, 2025, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried. Goebel Nay.

Councilman Daehling made a motion to approve resolution #894 which states a line extension policy for new services, seconded by councilwoman Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve Mayor Horne to sign the NDOT Highway 281 project contract, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the sheriffs report, seconded by councilwoman Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Hobbs gave an update on Cherry Corners; he stated that this month's financials will not reflect the rate increase but next month it will show how the increase have benefited the facility. He also informed the council that they will be getting a new storage building thanks to town donations. They will be having a meeting this month to go over new insurance options.

Jarrold McCartney was unable to attend the meeting.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve the liquor licenses for Olson's Sinclair, Willa Cather, Casey's and Hometown Market, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened.

The council decided to table the discussion on appointing committee and board members.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the new business rebate to New to Y'all, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the minutes once changes were made for clarity, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for November received in January was \$24,637.89 compared to \$22,610.41 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Next was the superintendent report superintendent Long informed the council that they have been working on the engines at the power plant. Councilman Daehling made a motion to have a special meeting on February 17th at 6pm at the community center to go over bond and loan options for the Highway 281 project as well as going over all the other projects the city has going on as well, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Joe McDole got two fence permits, Ted Terhune got a building permit and Scout enterprises for a demolition permit.

Attorney McCracken was next on the agenda, he was present to give an update on the Dam Project. He informed the council that there will be a preconstruction meeting with John from JEO at the city hall.

Under old business councilman Hobbs brought up the sidewalk by Brad Young's home. Mayor Horne informed him that before councilman Hobbs was on the council they decided to leave the sidewalk as is.

Under new business, councilwoman Elliott brought up the discussion of LB256 which is the Vacant Property Registration Act. Attorney McCracken informed her that the council had looked into it but did not want to go forward with it. Councilwoman Elliott also brought up the field by cherry corner how it is overrun with moles or voles and that they will soon take over residential yards. Attorney McCracken informed her that we do not own the field west of Cherry Corners, but we could try and treat the area southeast because that field the city does own.

Councilman Daehling made the motion at 8:54 pm to enter executive session for an employee discussion, seconded by Goebel. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Hobbs to return to regular session at 9:16 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve March 5TH at 6pm as the next meeting rather than March 4th, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to adjourn said meeting at 9:16 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$38,034.37
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$81.88
J Minnick- Refund	\$118.12
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$400.00
Withholding 1/15 Payroll	\$1,458.20
Social Security 1/15 Payroll	\$2,930.42
Medicare 1/15 Payroll	\$685.38
St. Income Tax – January	\$1,723.75

Nationwide 1/15 Payroll/Loan	\$1,967.06
R&M Disposal – Trash	\$13,404.75
A. Higbee Mileage	\$89.78
JKEC – Rate Study	\$3,000.00
J&A Auto	\$487.06
Hastings Ford – Business Rebate	\$934.33
CPI – Fuel	\$456.18
Hometown Market – Hams	\$636.77
Petty Cash -	\$142.31
W. Olson – Retainer	\$250.00
Applied Deposit	\$95.40
Refund Deposit	\$104.60
Withholding 2/1 Payroll	\$1,852.62
Social Security 2/1 Payroll	\$3,398.34
Medicare 2/1 Payroll	\$794.80
Nationwide 2/1 Payroll	\$2,088.11
Garnishment – Professional Choice Recovery	\$257.32
Electric- Bond & Interest	\$2,000.00
Sewer- CM Reserve	\$625.00
Water- CM Reserve	\$625.00
Hometown Leasing- Copier Agreement	\$136.64
Patrick Calkins- Attorney Fees	\$75.00
Various- Bus Ins.	\$12,769.09
General- Police Fund	\$3,295.72
Pat Long- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Adam Morse- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Rick Hitchler- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Dalton Long- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Joe Hersh- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Various- Officer Salary	\$2,415.32
Various- Eco Dev.	\$666.91
Various- To General	\$2,500.00
Monica Schmitz- Contract Labor	\$1,200.00
Webster County Sheriff- Sheriff Contract	\$3,854.29
Amazon – Parts	\$145.27
Garwood and McCracken – Retainer	\$10,000.00
Jackson Glass LLC – Door at CC	\$10,120.46
Municipal Chem. Supply – Cleaning Chemical	\$747.50
Time Magazine – Subscription	\$72.28
Midwest Automatic – Annual Inspection	\$475.00
Presto X – Pest Control	\$284.78
Principal Life Insurance – Dental	\$379.81
Bear Graphics – Checks	\$534.40
JEO – Road Program/Well Relining	\$4,423.15

Kenny's Hardware – decorations, paint, overhead door, etc.	\$836.80
Mean – Purchased power	\$89,574.94
Baker & Taylor – books	\$33.48
Central District Health – Water test	\$268.00
Corporate Image Designs – Letterhead	\$180.00
Baker & Taylor – Books	\$19.58
The Lincoln National	\$121.78
AFLAC – Insurance	\$222.21
Great Plains Communication – Phone/Internet	\$972.07
Smart Apple Media – Books	\$372.19
Platte Valley Communications – Tower repair	\$1,489.00
One Call Concepts – Water test	\$26.98
Eakes – paper, correction tape, copies, etc.	\$652.77
Vestis – Janitorial	\$198.85
Auld Public Library – Books, DVD, supplies	\$52.79
Barnes and Noble – books	\$171.55
Various – Emp. Insurance	\$9,922.75
T-Shirt Engineers – uniforms	\$549.06
Integrated Security Solutions	\$240.00
Cintas – First Aid	\$351.78
Terway Construction – Concrete work	\$2,800.00
Jim's OK Tire – Grader/Payloader	\$320.00
Jared's Auto – 1998 Chevy switch	\$732.37
Fyr-Tek – supplies	\$353.00
Macqueen – Protective clothing	\$1,115.43
Arbor Day Foundation – membership dues	\$15.00
Black Hills Energy – Natural Gas Selection	\$3,843.92
Olson Enterprises – Fuel	\$856.40
Kenny's Hardware – sealant, snow removal filter, etc.	\$645.92
Dutton-Lainson Comp. – insulators	\$7.49
Border States – Electrical Supplies	\$518.75
C&D Service – service gauge, etc. -	\$1,676.77
Cardmember services – paper, employee ben., etc.	\$2,589.42
J&A Auto – materials/supplies	\$582.32
Total	\$255,629.83

Gene Horne, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk