

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 5th, 2025

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

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 present to start the public hearing at 6pm. This public hearing was to inform the public about the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for the Dam Rehabilitation Project. Information was given about the project, such as Van Kirk Brothers who were the contractors that completed the project. The City of Red Cloud had to apply for a second grant to help with cost increases. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:48, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Next Sharon went over the nuisance properties. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #905 which declares RC-4158 as a nuisance, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to declare RC-4031 as a nuisance, seconded by Dahling. Motion carried. Parcels RC- 4017, 4019, 4028, 4037, 4066, 4121, 4155, 4156, will be sent a five-day notice for abatement. Lastly Councilman Daehling made the motion for RC-4076 to be moved to the courts.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve payment to JEO in the amount of \$2,122.80 for engineering services provided through 7.18.25 on the CDBG 2021 public works grant, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$2,300.00 for construction management services provided from 3.1.25-6.30.25 on the CDBG 2021 public works grant, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Elliott made the motion to approve CDBG drawdown #23, seconded by Goebel.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$11,557.50 for grant administration services on the CDBG Hotel Garber Grant, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD \$2,671.50 for construction management services on the CDBG Hotel Garber Grant, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve CDBG drawdown #5, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Bridget Daehling, she was going over the new insurance for the City of Red Cloud, she stated that we are still going to be looking for coverage for what is inside the powerplant. Once we get the quote and work completed on the fuses at the powerplant the building itself will be insured. The council and Bridget will touch base after the quote is completed.

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

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve renewal of class C/CK liquor license for Palace Lounge, Alley Cats, On the Brix and Juan's Bar & Grill, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Amanda with Cherry Corner was present to give a general update. She informed the council that they had one person move in and two are still on the waiting list.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the request for the water loan reimbursement loan, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened. Kyle Klein wanted to inform the council that he will be taking legal action if something is not resolved with the dead tree that is on the property of 741 N Seward and branches are hanging over onto the power lines going to his home. Superintendent Long informed Kyle and the council that the city has trimmed the branches back from the lines. Mr. Klein also wanted to know why he was sent a disconnect notice for his electric when he put his payment in the drop box, Clerk Schmitz informed him that the payment was not received until the 14th and that disconnect notices get sent out the day after payments are due which is the 10th of every month unless the 10th lands on a weekend or holiday then it's the following day. Mark Vanbeber was also present to ask about the water tap on 205 South Cedar, Superintendent Long stated to have his plumber contact the city once they are ready to complete the water tap because they don't want to open the main and leave it open for a prolonged period of time. Mr. Vanbeber also wanted to know if there was anything the city could do about someone blocking the 741 N. Chestnut driveway; Attorney McCracken informed him he would need to get a hold of the sheriff's office.

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

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve emergency meeting minutes, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Hobbs to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for May received in July was \$22,989.34 compared to \$29,337.58 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel 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 Goebel made the motion to approve resolution #904 which approves annual certification of program compliance, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve annual certification of program compliance, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve resolution #903 which approves publishing wages to paper, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried.

Next, there was the Superintendent's report. Superintendent Long was present to inform the council that they have been working on getting things ready for Street Car Days. The city had football and volleyball players volunteering to help paint parking lines on the streets. With the rain we have received it washed out the compost/C&D site, the guys have been hauling dirt to get it back to normal. Clerk Schmitz informed the council that she has received the audit and has been working on the budget. Kathy Stockton got a building permit.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the powerplant to return to normal operating hours which is Sunday Monday Tuesday 6pm-6am and Thursday Friday Saturday 6pm-6am and Wednesday being closed, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken was next on the agenda; he presented to the council the new ordinance on trees in the terrace. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to wave the three readings, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Hobbs made the motion to approve ordinance #674 which prohibits the planting of any trees in the terrace, seconded by Elliott. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken also brought to the council the WAPA power agreement. Councilman Goebel made the motion to have Mayor Horne sign and approve all WAPA amendments and exhibits, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Under old business councilman Goebel brought up the dog attack that happened last week. The council and Attorney McCracken went over the dog ordinance that the city has. Councilman Goebel made the motion to have the next meeting on September 3rd at 6pm, seconded by Hobbs. Motion carried.

Under new business, councilman Hobbs brought up to the council he has noticed some streetlights out, he was wanting to have the electrical department look into getting them fixed. Councilman Goebel wanted to revisit the retainer and hourly wage for Wes Olson to help with electrical issues. The council would like Clerk Schmitz and Superintendent Long to speak with Mr. Olson and come back to the council at the next meeting. Councilman Daehling would like Attorney McCracken to look into the tree ordinances and to go over them at the next meeting.

Councilman Daehling made the motion at 8:16 pm to enter executive session for a discussion on employment, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to return to regular session at 8:53 pm. 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 8:54 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$45,673.20
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
Rick Hitchler- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Dalton Long- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Trevor Campbell- Phone Bill	\$44.00
Merle Goebel – Phone Bill	\$44.00
Various- Officer Salary	\$2,415.32
Various- Eco Dev.	\$666.91
Various- To General	\$2,500.00
Webster County Sheriff – Contract	\$3,854.29

Monica Schmitz- Contract Labor	\$1,200.00
Rose Equipment – rotary brush	\$1,796.00
Principal – Dental Ins.	\$484.41
Hometown Market – Janitorial	\$19.43
Kearney Winlectric – Materials	\$70.37
Mark Bencken – BOT mowing	\$450.00
SCEED – nuisance contract	\$14,934.62
Cintas – first aid	\$201.96
Webster County, Sun – notices, nuisance	\$151.94
Presto-X – pest control	\$62.63
Eakes – dispenser, rubber bands, clips, stamps	\$128.40
Barnes & Noble – books	\$5.59
Good Housekeeping – subscription	\$29.97
MEAN – purchased power	\$93,864.33
Aflac – insurance	\$409.21
The Lincoln National – life insurance	\$114.73
Eakes – copies	\$356.16
Integrated Security Solutions – system switch/labor	\$562.40
Top Tier Window – cleaning service	\$60.00
WAPA – purchased power	\$8,504.05
Loyal Lawn Care – cemetery mowing	\$1,500.00
SCEDD – CDBG Hotel Garber	\$2,671.25
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JEO – dam project	\$2,122.80
SCEDD – CDBG Dam project	\$2,300.00
Aramark – janitorial	\$211.53
Various – employee insurance	\$9,276.73
T. Eberly – mileage	\$85.09
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Barco Municipal – channelizers	\$620.50
Municipal Supply Inc. – clamp, coupling	\$1,579.64
Auld Public Library – books	\$71.49
VanDiest Supply Comp. – chemicals	\$811.25
Confluence Inc. – Hardwick Park	\$3,342.50
Dutton-Lainson Comp. – fuses	\$65.40
Olson Enterprises – fuel	\$1,179.42
Great Plains Communication – phone/int.	\$1,071.72
Black Hills Energy – natural gas	\$874.79
Barco Municipal – mesh roll-up	\$50.00
Sunset Pool Supply – chlorinating sticks	\$1,435.64
Bladen Sand & Gravel – road gravel, fill sand	\$500.39
C&D Service Center – dump dozer	\$595.53
Kenny’s Hardware – paint, rollers, batteries, etc.	\$1,321.69
One Call Concept – line locates	\$11.05

VanKirk Bros – Dam Project	\$173,309.45
Consumer Reports – subscription	\$37.46
Petty Cash – postage, courthouse	\$28.42
Good Housekeeping – subscription	\$29.97
Auld Public Library – books, subscriptions	\$73.80
Eakes – receipt book, adhesive notes	\$135.75
J&A Auto – wire, bulb, anti-seize, fuse, etc.	\$795.42
JEO – Dam project	\$9,437.05
Border States – service tap, wire	\$6,913.93
Card Member Services – notary, GoFund Me, water test, etc.	\$2,125.56

Gene Horne, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk