

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 8, 2022

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Beitler, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Thies and Clerk O'Tool. Councilman Daehling was absent.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and asked 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 was the Sheriffs Report. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the sheriffs report. Motion Carried.

Josh Young from SCEDD was unable to be present at the meeting, he called in and went over the PowerPoint that was provided for the council. He informed the council that SCEDD only had to abate three properties and that the process went very smoothly. Josh was very appreciative of the Sheriffs Department for helping them during the abatement as well. He said that the properties have made a lot of progress. Josh then went over with the council the properties that can be rescinded. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolutions 849-860 which would rescind the properties discussed, seconded by Beitler. Motion Carried. All resolutions are available at the city office for public viewing. Next Josh went over the properties that have postponements and ones whose postponements have just expired. He let the council know that all properties have been making improvements and are working at getting into compliance. The council stated that they will hold off on abating properties till January 1st if progress is being made.

Next was the approval of payment to Confluence for 30,641.50 for project planning services on the CDBG 2021 planning grant. The amount is for the months of July through October. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve the payment for invoices #24029, #24281, #24531, #24756 seconded by Beitler. Motion Carried. Secondly was the approval of request for CDBG funds drawdown #3. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve and was seconded by Beitler. Motion Carried.

Bridget Daehling was next on the agenda to speak on behalf of the Chamber. They were inquiring about using the park for next years Streetcar Days concert again. She stated that they had a great turn out this summer with it being at the gazebo and that the public really enjoyed it. The council stated that they had some people who were concerned about the location and that the fence that must be placed needs to be in better condition. The council also gave some suggestions on places at the park that can be used instead of the gazebo. Bridget said that they will do some research on what other towns have done and come back to the council again.

Cherry Corners were next to speak. Amanda Hajny was unable to be present. Brad Burgess was present to give an update on Cherry Corners. The council went over the nurse call system proposal that was presented from Kidwell. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the nurse call system proposal, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Brad informed the council that they are at nine residents and are still having people inquire about the facility.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda. He informed the council that the groundbreaking ceremony went well. They are also starting a creative district, once a committee is started, they can apply for a CDBG public works grant. The Kay Cover and Pol-y-gron-daha historical markers will be ready by either spring or summer of 2023. He let the council know that business downtown can participate in a Christmas lighting contest, if a business wants to participate, they need to get ahold of Jarrod.

Public comments were then opened. Mark VanBeber wanted to let the council know that the temporary fence permit he got approved by the city was also approved by the state for the hotel during its renovations. The temporary fence will be up after Thanksgiving.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for August received in October was \$20,150.70 compared to \$22,436.94 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Dan Thies was present. Mayor Brown introduced him to the council and the public as the new superintendent. Superintendent Thies stated that they will be trimming trees this winter and replacing streetlights. They are getting the truck repairs done that are needed. Someone will be coming down to show him the powerplant and how the water testing is done as well. He ended by saying he is having someone come down to look at the structures behind the laundromat and the powerplant.

Councilman Beitler made the motion to approve the electric rebate to Conway Insurance, seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He informed the council on the Grant timeline and gave Superintendent Thies a rundown on the Dam Project.

Under Old Business the council decided on ordering a new mower for the street department. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the purchase seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Under new business Councilman Horne let the council know there will be a semi parked by the hospital that will be used for training within the next couple of weeks. Attorney McCracken stated that there are no permits needed for the semi to be parked and used for training.

Councilman Bryan made the motion at 9:00 pm to enter executive session for one employee evaluation seconded by Beitler. Motion Carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to return to regular session at 9:23 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the raises discussed. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 9:23 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$18,990.37
Withholding- 10/15 Payroll	\$801.23
Social Security- 10/15 Payroll	\$1,519.86
Medicare- 10/15 Payroll	\$355.46
State Income Tax- Month of Oct.	\$724.19
Nationwide- 10/15 Payroll	\$1,274.57
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$192.22
R&M Disposal- Oct Trash Collection	\$13,104.50
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$10,813.13
Twisted Petal- Electric Rebate	\$526.72
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$353.57
C&D Service Center- Clamps, Thread Tape, Chain ETC	\$365.21
Postmasters- Envelopes	\$344.80
City Of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
BCBS- Insurance	\$239.78
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The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$113.73
Great Plains Communications- Phone/ Internet Service	\$1,952.25
Verizon- Phone Bill	\$45.40
Kenny's Hardware- Outlet Cord, Battery Pack ETC	\$1,122.85
J&A Auto Supply- Oil Seal, Battery Cleaner ETC	\$467.11
Aramark- Towel & Uniform Service	\$751.40
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City Of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Webster County Community Hospital- CDBG Grant Payment	\$223,246.73
City Of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Postmasters- Postage on Utility Bills	\$267.12
Withholding- 11/1 Payroll	\$821.57
Social Security- 11/1 Payroll	\$1,621.68
Medicare- 11/1 Payroll	\$379.26
Nationwide- 11/1 Payroll	\$1,264.72
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$211.86
Postmasters- Envelopes	\$344.80
Cherry Corner- Vendor/Payroll	\$9,850.72
Electric- Bond and Interest	\$2,000.00
Sewer- CM Sewer Reserve	\$625.00
Water- CM Water Reserve	\$625.00
Heritage- Loan Payment	\$731.99
Hometown Leasing- Copier Agreement	\$136.64
Mid Rivers- 911 Contract	\$350.00
Patrick Calkins- Attorney Fees	\$75.00
Various- Bus. Ins Transfer	\$4,680.83
General- To Police Fund	\$3,295.72
P Long- Phone Bills	\$44.00
R Hitchler- Phone Bills	\$44.00
D Long- Phone Bills	\$44.00
Various- Officers Salary	\$1,139.59
Various- Economic Development	\$1,909.98
Various- To General	\$2,500.00
Various- Board of Trust	\$416.67
Various- Historic Preservation	\$618.75
Webster County Sheriff- Sheriff Contract	\$3,854.29
M Schmitz- Contract Labor	\$750.00
T Mahin- Emergency Personnel	\$250.00
Fat Fox- DTR Lunch	\$98.00
Eakes- Stamp, Name Plate	\$44.27
Winter Equipment Company- Snow Blades	\$1,173.90
NMPP- Electric Distribution Services	\$1,650.00
Auld Public Library- Meeting and Travel	\$90.00
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Road Builders- City Loader Parts	\$1,701.95
Electric Pump- Muffin Monster Service	\$2,866.75
Norder- Chemicals	\$661.44

Garwood & McCracken- Legal Services	\$3,600.00
Municipal Supply Inc.- Curb Stop, Epoxy, Saw	\$1,527.44
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$145.09
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$244.00
Municipal Supply Inc- Epoxy, Blue Poly Tubing	\$248.96
Eakes- Timeclock Ribbon, Paper, and Receipt Books	\$147.93
Eakes- Copies	\$246.78
NE Public Health and Environmental Lab- Fluoride	\$18.00
Barco Municipal Products- LED Solar Light, Crosswalk ETC	\$975.28
Sunbelt Rentals- Equipment Rental	\$587.73
M Schmitz- Reimbursement for Vacuum	\$56.71
Auld Public Library- DVD's	\$120.06
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$75,257.33
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$471.00
Border States- Light Dept Supplies	\$52.96
Municipal Emergency Services- Battery Packs	\$1,509.52
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$1,045.31
Red Cloud Chief- Library Paper Subscription	\$34.50
Utility Service Co.- Quarterly Tank Payment	\$4,830.95
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$353.57
Auld Public Library- Reimbursement	\$108.66
Eakes- Tri Fold Towels	\$38.46
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$140.60
WAPA Purchased Power	\$4,527.67
NIC Nebraska- Card Reader	\$340.00
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$8.68
Border States- Fuse Links/ Light Dept Restock	\$2,077.04
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$335.50
Webster County- Postage for Postcards	\$173.75
Energized Electric- New Thermostat	\$134.80
Hometown Market- Water, Cleaning Supplies	\$22.70
Olson Enterprises- Fuel, Alternator Battery ETC	\$2,034.14
R&M Disposal- City Wide Clean Up	\$5,254.14
Johnson Service Company- Water Basin Cleaning	\$1,800.00
Petty Cash- Postage, Water Samples ETC	\$308.48
Total Expenses	\$402,962.11

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy O'Tool, City Clerk