

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 3rd, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 3rd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Daehling, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Thies and Clerk Schmitz.

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 Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. Josh went over the parcels that were placed on hold and the council wants to leave them on hold till next month. Josh then suggested to the council to rescind parcel 2093. Councilman Daehling made the motion to rescind parcel 2093 seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve payment to JEO in the amount of \$2,829.00 seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve CDBG fund request #7 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Lastly councilman Horne made the motion for Mayor Brown to request an extension of the contract CDBG #21-PW-018 (2021 Dam Project) seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Todd Mahin was next on the agenda. Todd was present to discuss the Downtown Revitalization and getting the committee back together to see if they are still interested in the project. He is going to get in contact with Confluence to have them speak to the committee and the community about the project again.

Amanda Hajny was next to give updates on Cherry Corner. She let the council know they are still full and have people on a wait list. Amanda informed the council that the building got some damage from the hailstorm, and they are having roofing companies come out and give estimates.

Jarrod McCartney was next on the agenda. He stated that he is willing to help with the Downtown Revitalization and that confluence will be here on November 30th to show the community the plans from last year. The creative district got awarded a \$250,000 grant that will help with Hotel Garber.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the renewal of insurance seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve two new business rebates for Mark Dahle and Brad Frey, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan 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 July received in September was \$33,373.84 compared to \$20,614.87 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Thies was present to give the council general updates. He informed the council that they are still trimming trees around town and that the new street sweeper will be delivered this week. Superintendent Thies will be meeting with our insurance company about the hail damage on the city properties. Councilman Horne made the motion to have Mayor Brown sign an agreement between WAPA and NMPP for the new Renewable Energy Certificate Program, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly, he went over two ideas for the parking lot behind the post office, the council agrees that the bigger option will work better.

Attorney McCracken was present to give a general update. He first went over the nuisance properties that were voted to be penal and the next steps on that. He then informed the council of the status of the million-dollar grant and that it is not working out the way they believed it would. Councilman Bryan made the motion to decline the grant funds seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to have Mayor Brown sign the letter that declines the grant, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #870 which allows the city to take nuisance cases criminally and civilly.

Under old business councilman Daehling brought up the occupancy tax and Keno from previous meeting, attorney McCracken will look into what other cities do for the occupancy tax and which businesses will want to do Keno so it can get on the spring ballot. Councilman Mahin said he was going to contact senator Fisher's office about the upcoming street project.

Under new business Mayor Brown was asking about the process for food trucks to be able to serve in town. Clerk Schmitz informed him of the process.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:29 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to return to regular session at 10:24 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve raised as discussed, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 10:25 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$23,498.97
RCFD- Hose, Fire Prevention	\$3,184.29
Olsons Auto Tech- Tires	\$1,160.92
Jared Auto- 1998 Chevy	\$158.41
Municipal Supply inc- Water Supply	\$552.98
C&D Service Center- Service	\$231.29
Energized Electric- Furnace Filter/ Wire	\$128.98
Olsons Auto- Fuel, 1998 Chevy	\$1,173.08
BCBS- Ins	\$275.75
RC Light & Water- Annual Transfer	\$45,237.57
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$400.00
Withholding- 9/15 payroll	\$1,078.29

Social Security- 9/15 Payroll	\$1,984.92
Medicare- 9/15 Payroll	\$464.20
Nationwide- 9/15 Payroll/ Loan	\$1,552.94
St. Income Tax- Month of September	\$1,037.40
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$12,929.50
General Collection Co. Garnishment	\$211.54
BCBS- Ins	\$275.75
Central NE Collection- Garnishment	\$848.34
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$61.62
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
D Thies- 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	\$1,000.00
D McGuire- Ins.	\$66.65
Border States- Grip Dead ends, Bolts, Clamps Etc.	\$2,175.62
NE Public Health Lab- Water Test	\$874.00
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$82,502.57
Great Plains Communication- Phone/ Internet	\$901.91
AFLAC- Ins	\$236.11
Baker & Taylor- Books	\$17.80
Auld Public Library- DVD/Books	\$85.92
Eakes- Receipt Book/Cleaner	\$298.28
The Lincoln National- Life insurance	\$153.99
Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform service	\$171.78
Red Cloud Chief- Notices, Nuisance, Min	\$334.59
Dutton- Lainson Company- 3 Phase meter socket	\$490.24
Deisley Excavating- Push Pile	\$780.00
TK Elevator Corporation- Maintenance	\$682.92

Cintas- First Aid	\$175.01
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$37.40
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,176.24
Dutton- Lainson Company- Eyebolt/ Arrester Bracket	\$392.40
CPI- Fuel	\$682.77
Principal- Dental ins	\$404.08
Presto X- Pest Control	\$154.05
Kenny's Hardware- Bolts, Chemicals, Box Cover Etc.	\$227.46
G Works- Annual Subscription	\$2,520.00
NMPP- Distribution Services	\$1,500.00
One Call Concept- Line Locates	\$24.22
Garwood & McCracken- Legal Services	\$8,432.00
Kenny's Hardware- Locater, Grinder Disc etc.	\$448.23
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$1,069.11
Total	\$238,448.22

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk