

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 7th, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday November 7th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Daehling, 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 Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD he went over the reaming parcels, councilman Daehling made the motion to abate parcels 2032 and 2097 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Parcels 2005 and 2006 will remain on hold.

Terri Eberly was present to give the council the library end of year presentation. She let the council know they were awarded a grant for their strategic plan. The library board is recommending Alexis VanWey for the open position for the library assistant starting November 6th. Lastly, she told the council the library will start on a trial basis longer hours starting January 1st, the new hours will be 10 am – 6 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve appointing JEO as street superintendent seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve JEO as city engineers, seconded by Horne. Motion approved.

The Historic Preservation Commission brought to the council approving new member Sara Richards. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new member seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Cherry Corners was next on the agenda Amanda was not present. Brad gave the council was given general updates. Emerson roofing presented Cherry Corner with a bid to fix the damage that was caused by the hailstorm. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the bid but not to complete work till the spring, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda. He gave the council general updates. Jarrod asked the council to approve the city being a passthrough for the Tourism Development Grant if they get approved. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve being a passthrough seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Jarrod to pursue Civic Community Financing Fund grant for the Hardwick Park project, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly, he stated that all his reports for the city will be available online for public viewing.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Sherri Billinger as a new member of the Red Cloud Housing Authority, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown brought to the council's attention the matter of PTO for employees wanting it to be changed from sick leave and vacation pay to just paid time off starting January 1st. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin was next on the agenda he was wanting to revisit the occupancy tax and determine the percentage to be collected and how the collected taxes will be used. He gave the council examples of different percentages and what other towns use. Councilman Horne made he motion to approve the occupancy tax at 5.5% and the proceeds to go to parks and rec, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Next Councilman Mahin wanted to have the council select someone as point person and liaison for the Downtown Revitalization committee. Councilman Horne made the motion to have Jarrod McCartney be the point person and Todd Mahin to be the council liaison for the DTR committee, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the resignation of Kyle Bryan from the City Council, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for August received in October was \$23,189.79 compared to \$20,150.70 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling 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 let the council know the new street sweeper is here as well as the new mower. They had to run engines 2 and 5 this month and everything went well. Superintendent Thies would like to have the mayor sign an agreement to work with RVW Inc. on small projects that the city will need help with because of their fast turnaround. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the mayor to sign the agreement once Attorney McCracken reads the contract, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Paul McCartney got a building permit.

Attorney McCracken was present to give a general update on the status of the nuisance properties.

Under old business councilman Hone made the motion to approve Keno on the May ballot seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken will let the company know the council approved it to be on the ballot. Mayor Brown wanted to ask the council if they would still approve of the school using the community center gym for basketball practices. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the use of the community center gym seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the city looking into purchasing a score board for the community center seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Under new business the council is wanting Attorney McCracken to look into vacancy ordinances for the next meeting.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:17 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to return to regular session at 10:10 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raised 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 Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 10:10 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$21,968.50
Withholding 10/1 Payroll	\$1,016.67
Social Security- 10/1 Payroll	\$1,879.36
Medicare- 10/1 Payroll	\$439.54
General Collection Co- Garnishment	\$193.45
Withholding- 10/15 Payroll	\$992.69
Social Security – 10/15 Payroll	\$1,886.04
Medicare- 10/15 Payroll	\$441.08
General Collection Co.- Garnishment	\$193.58
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,027.75
Brand and Andrea Frey- Electric Rebate	\$1,017.49
Mark Dahle- Electric Rebate	\$1,200.00
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
JEO- Dam Project	\$2,829.00
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$4,756.72
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$298.27
Elizabeth Meyers- Refund	\$101.73
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
GTA- Fire Insurance	\$265.00
Sandry Fire Supply- Gear	\$4,500.00
Presto X- Pest Control	\$267.68
Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing	\$30.00
Dutton-Lainson company- Materials	\$233.58
Border States- Meters	\$1,855.98

Jared's Auto- 2017 Ford	\$133.22
Van Diest Supply- Chemicals	\$944.25
Protective Equipment Testing- Testing	\$689.00
City of Sidney- Transformers	\$1,750.00
Auld Public Library- Materials and supplies	\$31.89
Baker and Taylor- Books	\$38.78
Kearney Winlectric- Lighting/ Reflectors	\$1,644.00
Eakes- Toner, Paper etc.	\$680.94
Various- Ins.	\$8,976.20
Eakes- Labels	\$9.51
TK Elevator- Maintenance	\$341.46
Auld Public Library- Annual Fee	\$500.00
Auld Public Library- DVD, Books	\$79.39
Red Cloud Chief- Ads, Minutes	\$1,149.63
Aramark- Rug, Towel, and uniforms	\$583.16
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Presto X- Pest Control	\$234.21
Red Cloud Community Fund- Heritage & Tourism	\$15,000.00
Auld Public Library- Annual Fee	\$100.00
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$71,731.21
Red Cloud Chief- Paper	\$35.50
Jared's Auto- 2003 Chevy	\$426.21
Amazon- Herbicide	\$60.25
Dultmeier Sales- pump/ coupler	\$453.44
Rose Equipment- Sweeper Lease	\$17,250.00
Eakes- Envelope/stamp	\$155.75
Auld Public Library- DVD/ Office Supplies	\$64.78
Cintas- First Aid	\$175.01
CPI- Fuel	\$402.91
J&A Auto- Materials	\$113.54
Olson Enterprises- Fuel	\$935.41
Cardmember Services- zoro tools/ Grainger etc.	\$3,718.38
C&D Service Center- Service	\$517.09
NMPP- Computer services	\$313.24
Dutton-Laison company- Bolts/lockouts etc.	\$1,116.22
Border States- Meters	\$3,579.15
Midwest Turf- Chemicals	\$133.78
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$8.38
Municipal Supply- Pit	\$3,850.62
Mid American Research- isopropyl alcohol	\$188.28
Central District- waster testing	\$126.00
Municipal Energy- Service Call	\$715.03
Aramark – Janitorial	\$180.28
Auto Glass- 2015 Chevy	\$370.00

Van Diest Supply- Chemicals	\$944.25
Newport Group- Retirement	\$234.00
GTA- ins.	\$4,109.00
Petty Cash- Halloween Candy Etc.	\$55.48
Aflac- Ins.	\$236.11

Total	\$237,660.21
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Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk