

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 5th, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 5th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Daehling, Goebel, 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.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approved Mike Goebel as the new council member, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then sworn in Mike Goebel as the new council member.

Mayor Brown appointed councilman Horne as the council president Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve councilman Horne as council president seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the financial committee, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Next was the Sheriffs Report. Councilman Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Josh with JEO was present to speak to the council about the status of the Dam Project. He informed the council that the dam is in poor condition and is labeled as a significant hazard, with that new label the cost for repair has increased. Lori with SCEDD informed the council that we have been awarded an extension till November of 2024. The council is wanting to look into the NRD for cost sharing to help cover the new added expense, Josh with JEO said he would look into the NRD and get back to the council and go from there for the next steps in this project.

Josh Young with SCEDD was present to go over the final parcels in the 2023 nuisance abatement season. Parcel owners of RC2006 are wanting to talk to the Board of Trust about gifting the parcel to them due to the unexpected additional expense to have it be fixed and put into compliance. Until the meeting with the Board of Trust it will stay on an administrative hold. Councilman Mahin made a motion to rescind parcels 2032 and 2097 as they are complying, seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to JEO for \$1,768.50 for the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$2,125.00 for the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the CDBG drawdown request #8, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Michelle Callahan with the housing corporation out of Hastings was present to speak to the council. She informed the council what the corporation does. The corporation comes in then will buy homes, apply for grants then fixes the homes up and resells at an affordable price. They also help with home repair assistance and rent out affordable apartments to qualified applicants. She will be sending out a survey to see if the City of Red Cloud is interested in having a corporation like this come into town.

The council will table nominations on committee and board members till next month.

Brad with Cherry Corners was present to speak to the council. He gave the council general updates; he informed the council that the facility is still full and have a couple people on a waiting list. They will be having room rent increases starting in February. Attorney McCracken will be looking into the ordinance that shows you have to live in city limits to be apart of the Cherry Corner Board and bring a new ordinance to the next meeting. Lastly, they have a contract signed to have Emerson complete the roof.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda but was unable to attend.

Public comments were then opened. Courtney Crowley expressed to the council that the vacancy ordinance that attorney McCracken was going to look into would have a negative impact on the city and that if we pursued the ordinance, it would not work.

Councilman Horne approved resolution #876 which allows liquor to be consumed at the fire hall, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling approved resolution #875 which approves January 14th as the date for the employee recognition dinner, seconded by Goebel. 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 Mahin to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for September received in November was \$23,579.56 compared to \$22,106.32 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Thies informed the council that they have been trimming trees and removing some at the cemetery. They are also replacing water meters as well as looking at streets that will need to be done next year. Lastly, they ran engines 3 and 4 and everything went well.

Attorney McCracken was present via zoom to talk to the council, he informed the council that he is still working on the PTO to be placed in the handbook and will have the new ordinance for the occupation tax at the next meeting. The council would like to table the discussion on the vacancy ordinance.

Under old business councilman Mahin brought up the discussion on having scoreboards at the community center, ones that are hung on the wall can range from \$8-15,000.00. Councilman Mahin is going to look into alternative scoreboard options.

Under new business, Mayor Brown brought up looking into signs for city parking only. Superintendent Thies will look into having signs placed.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:07 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to return to regular session at 10:17 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raises and bonuses as discussed, seconded by Mahin 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 Horne to adjourn said meeting at 10:17 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$22,910.70
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
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R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$14,058.75
Nationwide- 10/1 Payroll/Loan	\$1,475.25
Nationwide- 10/15 Payroll/Loan	\$1,401.11
Nationwide- 11/1 Payroll/Loan	\$1,516.71
Nationwide- 11/15 Payroll/Loan	\$1,340.20
Withholding- 11/1 Payroll	\$1,122.70
Medicare- 11/15 Payroll	\$459.90
Withholding- 11/15 Payroll	\$1,000.27
Social Security- 11/15 Payroll	\$1,966.62
Medicare- 11/1 Payroll	\$455.30
Social Security- 11/1 Payroll	\$1,946.80
Cherry Corners- Down Payment on roof	\$15,000.00
DHHS- LIHEAP Funds	\$700.00
Withholding- 12/1 Payroll	\$1,283.73
Social Security- 12/1 Payroll	\$2,319.72
Medicare- 12/1 Payroll	\$542.48
Nationwide- 12/1 Payroll/Loan	\$1,572.78
Central Collections- Garnishment	\$205.12
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	\$11,590.58
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	\$1,340.25
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	\$133.30
T Brown- Meeting Attendance	\$3,150.00

G Horne- Meeting Attendance	\$2,625.00
T Mahin- Meeting Attendance	\$2,625.00
K Daehling- Meeting Attendance	\$2,450.00
K Bryan- Meeting Attendance	\$1,925.00
M Schmitz- Meeting Attendance	\$1,500.00
St. Income Tax- Month of Oct	\$918.11
St. Income Tax- Month of Nov	\$959.04
Follett Solutions- License Renewal	\$999.00
Auld Public Lib- Books and subscriptions	\$188.10
People Mag- Subscription	\$135.00
Barnes and Noble- Books	\$140.97
Electronic Systems- Fire alarm service	\$608.20
Kearney Winlectric- Wire, overhead, wall mount etc.	\$1,808.01
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- Mower	\$27,636.34
Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform service	\$180.28
Van Diest Supply- Chemicals	\$944.25
Municipal Supply Co.- Procoder Pit	\$109.33
J&A Auto- Electric Dept	\$98.01
CPI- Fuel	\$442.21
Power manager- Software	\$6,429.36
Various- Employee ins. Nov-Dec	\$19,894.23
Impex Fitness- Bike @ CC	\$22.60
Olsons- Fuel/Dumping tires	\$355.65
Kohmetscher	\$34.18
Norder- Weed Control	\$597.55
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
Kenny's Hardware- Ball Field/Scout Lodge	\$395.45
C&D Service Center- Gauge/Wiring	\$25.59
Cardmember Services- Tools for transformers etc.	\$867.46
WAPA- Purchased power	\$5,093.26
Utility Service Co.- Water tank payment	\$4,830.95
Deisley Excavating- Push C&D Site	\$1,005.50
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$307.98
Power Manager- Bills for utility	\$659.71
Great Plains- Phone/ Internet	\$1,979.32
Aflac- ins.	\$236.11
L Strobl- Mileage	\$84.24
Black Hills Energy- Natural gas selection	\$4,474.61
NDEE- Water License Renewal	\$230.00
Tillotson Enterprises- 1 st payment on roof for city	\$52,320.00
Bruce Sundling- Nuisance Abatement	\$2,365.75
Universal Hydraulics- Cylinder Repair	\$1,015.54
Auld Public Lib- Supplies, DVD, Materials	\$91.25
Dutton Lainson Company- Bolt, Fiberglass arms etc.	\$1,210.56

Web County- Property Tax	\$24.50
NDEE- Sewer Loan Payment	\$10,628.80
Eakes- Finger Moistner, Paper etc.	\$948.28
Kennys Hardware- Keys for library etc.	\$727.38
Energized Electric- Park Bathroom Heater	\$75.00
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$11.16
Baker & Taylor- Books	\$723.28
Kully pipe & Steel supply- Iron	\$254.52
Kearney Winlectric- Wire Connectors	\$164.01
Hometown Market- Janitorial	\$16.03
Kohmetscher- Supplies	\$17.50
C&D Service Center	\$1,998.58
Auld Public Lib- Programs and materials	\$40.79
Municipal Supply Inc- Meter Gasket, Pit	\$188.33
Petty Cash- Postage- Registration Etc.	\$128.94
Benetech- Computer Services	\$100.00

Total	\$272,706.82
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Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk