

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 2, 2024

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 2, 2024, 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 Daehling made the motion to approve the sheriff report, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Dan Conway, Chief of the Red Cloud Volunteer Fire Department was next on the agenda but was unable to attend. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the Red Cloud Volunteer Fire Department members, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve payment to JEO in the amount of \$7,621.40 for services on the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD for \$2,475.00 for grant administration services on the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Drawdown #11, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Attorney Dan McMahon was next to speak to the council on behalf of Joe McDole and the nuisance properties that he has. Attorney McMahon informed the council that due to the weather he was unable to clean up. The council stated that the vehicles have not been moved as well. Councilman Daehling made the motion to move forward with the courts due to no progress, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Amanda with Cherry Corners was present to speak to the council. She gave general updates and let the council know that they are still full. The residents are pleased that they got an ice cream machine. Lastly, she informed the council that Energized Electric have started the process of redoing the plumbing.

Next on the agenda was Jarrod McCartney, he gave general updates. Jarrod informed the council that they got the grant for funding the Hardwick Park Project. At 7:40 Jarrod started the public hearing on the TDI grant, he informed the council on the block grant application and what they need from the city. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 7:45. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #878 which is authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG Funds, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve Mayor Brown signing that we are a member in good standing with SCEDD, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Lastly councilman Horne made the motion to approve Mayor Brown to sign the Memorandum of understanding for the CDBG TDI application to rehabilitate the Potter- Wright building to Hotel Garber Meeting and Event Spaces, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Todd Mahin was next on the agenda. He informed the council that we have moved onto the next phase of the Grid Resiliency Grant Program. Also wanted more information on the sheriff's department enforcing the city ordinances. The council will speak with the sheriff's office on enforcing more of the ordinances for people who are out of compliance. Lastly, we are looking into permits for outside house changes.

Public comments were then opened. Mark VanBeber was curious on the process for the permits in the historical district. Attorney McCracken informed him that if something is condemned that the demolition permit from the city cannot be revoked by the historic district.

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

Councilman Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for February received in March was \$23,247.65 compared to \$24,653.70 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Daehling 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 a general update. He informed the council that they had replaced a rotten pole in the alley between locust and elm. They are almost done with the electrical work for the hotel. BV power out of Kansas would like to give the city a bid for a solar field, the council would like him to come and present it to the council. The city is receiving bids for new well houses. Bill Diesley will be available in May to dig up the street on the north side of the community center. Pat has been using the new street sweeper. Jacksons Glass is going to be sending over a bid for the north doors at the community center. Marilyn Fritzler, Ron Peterson, Allan Pettit got fence permits. Ron Strobl, Verizon, Brandon Noble got building permits.

Attorney McCracken was present to give general updates. He informed the council of information from the state and the Nebraska liquor commission on fences. He stated that the MOU from headwaters was approved.

Under old business the council decided to have the bidding closed on April 19th for the bucket truck. The council would like Attorney McCracken to look into ordinances for cost of installations for building utilities to customers. He will be presenting those at the next meeting. The council is still trying to find the best solution to the cat issue in town. Attorney McCracken will look into state ordinances for cats. Mayor Brown nominated Chuck Lewis to fill the open spot on the historical preservation committee, councilman Daehling approved the nomination seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Under new business, superintendent Thies brought to the council the possibility of a sidewalk in front of Red Cloud Motor Company the council believes it would be good to have. Superintendent Thies will be in contact with Red Cloud Motor Company to talk about payment options.

Councilman Daehling made the motion at 9:39 pm to enter executive session to discuss open positions for the city, seconded by Goebel. Motion Carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to return to regular session at 10:22 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the purchase of two streetlights seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to start the May 7th meeting at 6

p.m. seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve payment to Attorney McCracken, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to adjourn said meeting at 10:24 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$24,897.45
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$99.97
Carlos Martinez- Refunded Deposit	\$100.03
CPI- Fuel	\$738.48
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Selection	\$2,517.85
Kenny's Hardware- Ice Melt, Saw Rental, Etc.	\$640.06
Withholding- 3/15 Payroll	\$1,494.59
Social Security- 3/15 Payroll	\$2,471.42
Medicare- 3/15 Payroll	\$573.86
Nationwide- 3/15 Payroll	\$1,654.42
St. Income Tax- Month of March	\$1,111.20
R&M Disposal- Trash Collections	\$13,465.50
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$206.20
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$115.62
Joshua Reckling- Refunded Deposit	\$84.38
Withholding- 4/1 Payroll	\$1,232.25
Social Security- 4/1 Payroll	\$2,289.20
Medicare- 4/1 Payroll	\$530.18
Professional Choice Recovery- Garnishment	\$189.09
Nationwide- 4/1 Payroll	\$1,506.01
RCFD- Annual Compensation	\$4,150.00
RC Athletic Association- Ball Program	\$1,000.00
Electric- Bond and Interest	\$2,000.00
Sewer- CM Sewer Reserve	\$625.00
Water- CM Water Reserve	\$625.00
Heritage- Loan Payment	\$496.64
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	\$1,150.00
Eakes- Receipt book, towels, pens	\$743.49
RC High School- Post Prom Donation	\$100.00
Aramark- Rug, Towel, Uniform Service	\$188.34
RCFD- Employee Benefits	\$922.53
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$49.63
Dutton- Lainson- 4" Sweep	\$232.82
Auld Public Library- Books/ Subscriptions	\$155.06
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$159.01
Auld Public Library- Books	\$26.44
Kully Pipe- Pipe	\$516.84
RCFD- Battery & Chargers	\$398.40
Kearney Winlectric- Connectors	\$77.14
Kearney Winlectric- Street Lights & Tape	\$1,597.90
The Lincoln National- Life Insurance	\$148.96
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$70,624.66
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$960.88
AFLAC- Ins.	\$222.21
Border States- Poly Cutouts	\$1,236.30
Dutton- Lainson- Crossarm brakes etc.	\$816.08
BCBS- Ins	\$9,993.82
Kearney Winlectric- Connectors, Meter Hubs	\$517.53
Dutton- Lainson- Wire Dead-end Etc.	\$959.78
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$139.83
R&M Disposal- Broken Toter	\$58.75
Municipal Supply Inc.- Flat Lid & Stone Flange	\$193.58
Border States- Foam Kit	\$358.69
Island Supply Welding- Cylinder Test	\$67.50
JEO- RC Road Program	\$3,000.00
Aramark- Rug, Towel uniform service	\$188.34
J&S Lawn- Cem mowing	\$450.00
Bladen Sand and Gravel- Road Gravel	\$933.66
Border States- Meters	\$654.76
Total	\$191,492.66

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk