

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 7th, 2024

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 7th, 2024, at 6:00 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 Mahin made the motion to approve the sheriff report, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. He was present via zoom to go over the nuisance abatement program for 2024. First, he went over the penal parcels and let the council know some progress has been made but he does not feel it should be rescinded. Next, he went through all twenty-eight parcels and what was needed to come into compliance. Josh is aware of the storm the city had and knows some limbs that are down are because of that. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #880 which declared the twenty-eight parcels' nuisances, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. A list of the parcels is available at the city office.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to JEO for \$8,045.20 for engineering services for CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to JEO for \$3,800.90 for engineering services for the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve CDBG Drawdown #12 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Lori Ferguson with SCEDD was present to give the council information on the 2024 community needs assessment survey. The survey is to help the community find out from the residents what they feel would be a priority to do in the city. Lori informed the council that they would need to determine a timeline, the council decided to convene in the summer launch the survey in September and have a town hall in November or January. Lori also stated that it would be beneficial to have a Comprehensive Housing Study, councilman Mahin suggested to have councilman Goebel bring this up to the Historical Preservation to have them help with the cost of the study. Councilman Goebel said he would bring it up to the HPC at the meeting on May 14th. Councilman Mahin also suggested that we budget to have this done every five years like it is suggested since this survey will help with grants, council agreed.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #879 which states South Central Economic Development District to assist with a CDBG Application, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Dan Conway was present to give the council the yearly report for the fire department. Dan let the council know that using the community center for the soup supper went really well and that they were able to accommodate more people than having it at the fire hall. He informed the council that they had the roof repair completed from the hailstorm back in

September. Dan also gave updates on what was damaged in the most recent storm. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new fireman's list seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Allan Pettit was present to speak to the council about his upcoming benefit called Honor your Hero. Allan gave a short presentation on the event. He stated that the event is to raise money for firefighters, police, EMT and deserving hero's whose story gets the most votes. The event will take place on September 7th, 2024, the event will have a dinner, car show, vendor booths and a raffle. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve blocking off the street north of the community center for the car show, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. For more information on the event please visit www.honoryourheronow.com.

Amanda with Cherry Corners was present to speak to the council. She gave general updates and let the council know that they have one room open, but it is already filled. They will have to replace the fence due to it being damaged in the storm. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to Cherry Corner to pay for the roof to be completed, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Jarrod McCartney, he gave general updates. He informed the council that they will be starting interviews for a general manager at the hotel within the next couple of weeks. Central Community College has signed a lease agreement to open an Educational Hub at 402 N. Webster. They have completed and submitted the TDI grant. The Hardwick Park committee will soon launch a fundraising campaign. Councilman Goebel made a motion to approve Hardwick Park improvements at the City of Red Cloud property known as Hardwick Park with such improvements to be owned, constructed, and maintained by the City of Red Cloud subject to a group of citizens raising sufficient funds for construction of the improvements, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

The Red Cloud Legion was present to speak to the council about Street Car Days. They informed the council that they would be the ones serving the alcohol on Friday and Saturday. They plan on serving alcohol in the tennis court on Friday and be in the park on Saturday. They will be operating under Alley Cats liquor license. The council informed them to have the fence follow the regulations by the liquor commission.

Public comments were then opened. Mark Dahle spoke about how he feels the pool wages should follow the state minimum wage. Clerk Schmitz and Attorney McCracken informed him that the city is obligated to follow federal minimum wage which is \$7.25 per hour and that the city does not have to follow state minimum wage rates. The council also informed him that the city had raised the rates last summer and we are in the same range as other cities with pools around this area.

Next the Red Cloud Historical Preservation Commission had three resumes for candidates to fill the spot open on the board. Councilman Daehling made the motion to have seven people on the board seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to have Mark VanBeber fill the open spot on the board, seconded by Goebel, Horne Nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel 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 February received in April was \$18,686.51 compared to \$22,240.22 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin 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 a general update. He informed the council they had finished all electrical work for the Garber Hotel. The north well is having some issues and will need to be fixed, until it is fixed, they can only run it an hour or two a month. They had the water tower cleaned. They ran engines 2 and 5 this month, the roof above engine 5 should be replaced soon. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the estimate from Jackson Glass for new doors at the community center, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the bid for street repairs by H&L Asphalt LLC seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel was next on the agenda he wanted to inform the council on a dog complaint that has been brought to his attention by the postal service. The council stated since the dog is in the yard and on a leash, he is not considered a dog at large.

Attorney McCracken was present to give general updates. He gave updates on the ARPA Grant. Councilman Mahin made a motion to approve the subdivision application seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken informed the council of water system project funding with the USDA loan/grant program. Councilman Horne made a motion to table fixing the well building and have attorney McCracken work on the grant application for water infrastructure loan/grant due to that being able to help fix the well building and engineer for the upcoming street project, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Lastly attorney McCracken informed the council he will get in touch with surrounding towns and look into ordinances for electrical cost of installations.

Under old business Mayor Brown informed the council that the cracks at the community center were looked at and are not an issue, they are looking at getting the walls painted around the same time we get the floors redone. Superintendent Thies is going to get ahold of the state to get more information on the right of way by Red Cloud Motor Company after contacting the state we can start the next steps in looking at a sidewalk. Councilman Mahin informed the council that the grid resiliency grant is open and will be closed on June 21st.

Under new business councilman Daehling was curious when the city stopped picking up limbs after a storm, councilman Mahin and Mayor Brown informed him that it stopped in 2015.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:46 pm to enter executive session for two employee evaluations, seconded by Goebel. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to return to regular session at 10:57 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raises as discussed, seconded by Goebel. 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 Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 10:58 pm. Motion carried.

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| Total Salaries | \$29,040.52 |
| City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit | \$200.00 |
| Kully Pipe & Steel Supply- PVC | \$516.84 |
| Landmark- Parts | \$13.90 |
| One Call Concepts- Line Locates | \$47.16 |
| Sargent Drilling- Service Call/ Pump Test | \$2,619.17 |
| Superior Outdoor- Parts | \$170.40 |
| Midwest Turf- Bushing | \$71.32 |
| Central District- Water Testing | \$156.00 |
| J&A Auto- Parts | \$124.04 |
| C&D Service Center- Parts | \$44.28 |
| Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Selection | \$2,542.89 |
| WAPA - Purchased Power | \$6,754.81 |
| Presto X- Pest Control | \$107.09 |
| Principal- Dental Insurance | \$404.08 |
| Sports Facility Maintenance- Backboards | \$1,298.88 |
| CPI- Fuel | \$770.15 |
| Kennys Hardware- Concrete Saw, Pipes Etc. | \$667.20 |
| Olsons- Fuel, Tire Dumping | \$722.31 |
| Hutchenson Engineering- Seal Kit | \$238.02 |
| Northwest Electric- Pool Motor | \$2,293.75 |
| Cardmember Services- Vacuum, Adobe, Signs | \$1,113.39 |
| Mid America Research Chemicals- Speed Wipes | \$362.13 |
| C&D Service Center- Battery | \$1,061.88 |
| Rose Equipment- Street Sweeper | \$17,250.00 |
| City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit | \$200.00 |
| Withholding- 4/15 Payroll | \$1,194.41 |
| Social Security- 4/15 Payroll | \$2,423.32 |
| Medicare- 4/15 Payroll | \$566.72 |
| Nationwide- 4/15 Payroll | \$1,578.23 |
| State Income Tax- Month of April | \$1,049.20 |
| R&M Disposal- Trash Collection | \$13,287.00 |
| Professional Choice Recovery- Garnishment | \$206.20 |
| SCEED- CDBG Grant Services | \$2,475.00 |
| JEO- Dam Project inv #148727 | \$7,621.40 |
| Withholding- 5/1 Payroll | \$1,100.91 |
| Social Security- 5/1 Payroll | \$2,287.06 |
| Medicare- 5/1 Payroll | \$534.88 |
| Nationwide- 5/1 Payroll | \$1,590.93 |
| General Collection Company- Garnishment | \$206.20 |
| Nebraska Life Mag- Subscription | \$52.00 |
| Electric- Bond and Interest | \$2,000.00 |
| Sewer- CM Sewer Reserve | \$625.00 |
| Water- CM Water Reserve | \$625.00 |

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| 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 |
| Terri Eberly- Milage | \$127.30 |
| Deb McGuire- Ins | \$153.30 |
| Fyr-Tek- Truck Repair | \$2,391.16 |
| Petty Cash- Cleaning, Cups, Toolbox Etc. | \$95.44 |
| Auld Public Library- SRP, Books, DVD, Supplies Etc. | \$374.77 |
| Power manager- Envelopes | \$1,242.12 |
| SOS Portable Toilet Service- Portable Toilet | \$121.33 |
| Eakes- Copies | \$343.28 |
| Great Plains Communications- Phone/ Internet | \$965.98 |
| Eakes- Calculator, Paper, Trash Bags | \$258.53 |
| The Lincoln National- Life Ins. | \$148.96 |
| Aflac- Ins | \$236.11 |
| Barco Municipal Pro- Signs | \$176.76 |
| Bladen Sand and Gravel- Rock | \$466.83 |
| NE Public Power District- Inspection | \$2,483.00 |
| Readers Digest- Subscriptions | \$29.96 |
| The Library Store- Office Supplies | \$80.45 |
| Various- Employee Ins. | \$10,870.52 |
| MEAN- Certificate of Compliance | \$1,000.00 |
| Jared's Auto- 2017 F-550 Service | \$2,091.08 |
| Aramark- Rug Towel and Uniform Service | \$188.34 |
| Atlas Automation- Display Screen for water tower | \$986.64 |
| B-Green Lawn Care- Chemical | \$175.00 |
| Fyr-Tek- Bunke Gear | \$286.02 |
| Baker & Taylor- Books | \$615.67 |
| Theobald Law Office- Collection Fee | \$83.64 |
| Municipal Supply- Water Meter, Air Valve Etc. | \$553.72 |
| Dutton- Lainson Company- Copper wire, bolt, attachment | \$1,080.45 |

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| Border States- Connectors, Bolts, Poles | \$18,470.22 |
| Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing | \$60.00 |
| Cardmember services- LED Lights, Gloves Etc. | \$1,757.13 |
| Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services | \$1,503.77 |
| R&M Disposal- City Wide Clean Up Day | \$6,313.02 |
| Electronic Systems Inc- Fire Alarm Inspection | \$162.20 |
| Olson's Enterprises- Fuel | \$814.17 |
| Kenny's Hardware- Parts, Park, Sweeper | \$399.10 |
| One Call Concepts- Line Locates | \$35.92 |
| J&A Auto- Parts | \$809.35 |
| Norder- Chemicals | \$130.85 |
| Hastings Power | \$116.03 |
| CPI- Fuel | \$750.25 |
| Principal Life Insurance- Dental | \$606.68 |
| Platte Valley Communications | \$9.58 |
| Auld Public Library- Books | \$33.68 |
| Kohmetscher- Salt | \$49.20 |
| Hometown Market- Cleaning Supplies | \$13.57 |
| Kearney Winlectric- Crimps | \$92.57 |
| Todd Mahin- Reimbursement | \$105.26 |
| Sargent Drilling- North Well Repair | \$29,618.18 |
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| Total | \$224,334.25 |

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk