

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 5th, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 5th, 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. Councilman Bryan was absent.

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 Mahin to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Terri Eberly gave the council a presentation on why she wants to change the hours of the library. She gave the council a breakdown on how many people come and how many books are checked out. She stated that if they could be open earlier on certain days it would be more beneficial to the community, and they could add more activities. The council let her know that they would discuss it and would let her know.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. Josh went over the final parcels from the 2022 nuisance abatement season that he believed could be rescinded. Councilman Horne made the motion to rescind parcel 1065 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Next, they went through the parcels that had been abated in the 2023 nuisance abatement season and could be rescinded, councilman Daehling made the motion to rescind parcels 2040, 2058, 2067, 2102, 2113, 2124 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly, he went over the properties that would benefit from a hold till October, Councilman Horne made the motion to put a hold on parcels 2005, 2006, 2032, 2093, 2097 till October seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve Resolution #869 approving the 1- & 6-year plan, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Amanda Hajny was next to give updates on Cherry Corner. She gave general updates and let the council know the facility is full again, she stated that they have some on the waiting list as well. They have ten full-time employees and one part-time employee.

Jarrod McCartney was next on the agenda. He gave general updates about Hotel Garber and the progress that is being made and he said that they are still on schedule. He presented to the council information on the occupancy taxes that they want the city to approve, the council would like Kory to look into some ordinances that have been passed in other towns that have done the same thing. The council also wants the revenue from the tax to go towards something for the city such as park improvements.

The council then discussed if we were going to do a fall clean up or a spring one since the city will only be doing one this year. The council stated that they would want to just have the one in the spring.

Clerk Schmitz brought to the council that we will need to renew the insurance plan in November, she gave them the options that were presented to her and the council and let them know in October it will need to be voted on.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling 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 June received in August was \$25,605.02 compared to \$12,982.57 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 stated that NPPD came and did their yearly inspection on our 69KV Transformer, they found a hot spot that was supposed to be fixed last year but was not. Superintendent Thies is trying to find a time with NPPD to get it fixed. The new bucket truck has been delivered. He brought to the council a new quote for the pool pump that is less than what they have intended to spend, councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new quote on the pool pump seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Lastly Superintendent Thies brought to the council the idea of hiring someone to help with the cemetery keeping it trimmed and mowed, at this time it is taking a lot of the guy's time and with being short staffed it would be beneficial to have someone dedicated to that area. Councilman Daehling approved Dan getting bids on help with the mowing seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Next the council needed to choose a date to approve the budget. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve September 19th 12:00 p.m. at the city office to approve the budget, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken was present to give a general update. He then had clerk Schmitz do the first reading for ordinance #667 to amend ordinance #666 which changed the meeting time of council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Councilman Horne made the motion to waive the three readings seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve ordinance #667 to have council meetings be at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken gave some updates on the Land Development Grant as well. Lastly, he let the council know that with the mail trouble in town he helped write a letter to the postal service and had signatures on it as well from people and business owners in town that agree that people are not receiving mail or if they do it is not the right mail.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 8:27 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to return to regular session at 9:29 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve raised as discussed, seconded by Daehling, Horne abstained. 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 9:30 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$31,903.22
Withholding- 8/15 Payroll	\$1,392.21
Social Security- 8/15 Payroll	\$2,626.02
Medicare- 8/15 Payroll	\$612.78
R&M Disposal- Month of August	\$13,545.50
Nationwide- 8/15 Payroll/ Loan	\$1,568.95
General Collection Company- Garnishment	\$210.78
St. Income Tax- Month of August	\$1,226.78
GTA- Insurance	\$109,126.28
Web. County Treasurer- Bucket Truck	\$10.00
Willa Cather Foundation- Historic Pres Grant	\$1,350.00
JEO- Dam Project	\$1,657.70
SCEDD- CDBG Grant Administration	\$7,312.50
SCEDD- Nuisance Abatement	\$11,000.00
Postmasters- Postage on Bills	\$295.83

State of NE DHHS- Returned Funds	\$315.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 9/1 Payroll	\$1,166.44
Social Security- 9/1 Payroll	\$2,055.50
Medicare- 9/1 Payroll	\$480.74
Nationwide- 9/1 Payroll/Loan	\$1,658.24
General Collection Company- Garnishment	\$223.76
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
Aflac- Ins	\$236.11
Jared's Auto- Tire Pressure Monitoring	\$41.60
Lara Strobl- Milage	\$117.00
Simonson Supply- Diesel Fuel Pump	\$1,350.75
The Lincoln National- Life Ins	\$153.99
Petty Cash- Cups, water samples, RC Schools	\$79.64
Auld Public Library- Books	\$106.76
B- Green Lawn Care- Grass Seed	\$350.00
Eakes- Can Liners, paper, binders	\$210.71
Great Plains Communication- Phone/Internet	\$1,036.38
Baker & Taylor- Books	\$642.85
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$443.00
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$79,211.89
Aramark- Rug, Towel, Uniform	\$171.78
Dultmeier Sales- 3 Inch Gasket	\$11.96
Various- Employee Ins	\$8,976.20
TK Elevator- Manit	\$341.46
Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing	\$60.00
Bruce Sundling- Nuisance Abatement	\$5,272.67
Red Cloud Booster Club- Homecoming	\$30.00

Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Service	\$1,703.24
Aramark- Rug Towel & Uniform	\$171.78
Cardmember Services- Zoro Tools/ Hubbell Power	\$1,1140.90
Total Expenses	\$315,971.00

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk