

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

October 4, 2022

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Beitler, Bryan, Daehling, Attorney McCracken, and Clerk O'Tool.

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 Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the sheriffs report. Motion Carried.

Next to speak was Steve Powell with Tru Built. He was present to talk to the council about the construction on Hotel Garber. Steve is requesting to have the alley shut off from the Merchants Bank to Highway 136, to use the city parking lot across from Jared's Auto for a staging area and to close off a portion of Highway 136 for one to two days for the construction of the hotel. Steve has talked to the Department of roads to get the okay on closing the Highway down for two days. The council was concerned about closing the road down due to harvest, Steve informed the council that it would not be for a couple of weeks and that harvest should be ending. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the closing of the alley, the use of the city parking lot and the closing of Highway 136; seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Josh Young from SCEDD was present to speak about the nuisance abatement program. He informed the council on the progress he was seeing. Josh first went through the properties that he thought the council should consider rescinding due to the progress. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #843-#848 which will rescind all properties except RC1061, RC1031, RC1018, RC1034 and RC1039; seconded by Beitler. Motion carried. Resolutions are available to the public at the City Office. Next Josh and the council went through the properties that need to abate; the council made the decisions on which properties to abate. Councilman Horne made he motion to have Josh get abatement contractor bids, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Property RC1062 presented a request for postponement until October 30,2022. Councilman Daehling made a motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the postponement request.

Next was the approval of reimbursement request submitted by the Webster County Community Hospital. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the reimbursement and was seconded by Beitler. Motion carried. The council was then to approve the request for CDBG funds drawdown. Councilman Beitler made the motion to approve the drawdown request and was seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Mike Goebel was present to speak to the council on behalf of the Red Cloud American Legion. The members of the legion informed the council that they are wanting to rename the Scout Lodge the Don Stratton Veteran Center. They also let the council know that it would be a good place to have memorabilia as they are receiving a piece of the Arizona. They gave the council options on ways for them to acquire the building. Lastly, they showed us a video from Don Stratton's son letting the council know how it would be a benefit to the Legion. The council informed them that the Scout Lodge is being rented out monthly for events. The council suggested tabling it for now and coming back to it next month, in the meantime Councilman Horne made the motion for the Red Cloud American Legion to use the Scout Lodge free of charge for meetings, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Cherry Corners were next to speak. Amanda Hajny was present to give an update on Cherry Corners, she let us know that they have admitted a new resident which brings them to nine residents. Amanda informed the council that Protex had messed up the order and the bid they had given the

council and the board. They are now looking into another company to finish the nurse call system; she will bring in the new bid to the council at the next meeting. Cherry Corners will be putting adds out for help wanted as they are needing Med Aids.

Jarrod McCartney was next on the agenda. Jarrod informed the council on the date and time for the groundbreaking ceremony at the Garber Hotel which will be Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. He then informed us that Senator Deb Fisher will be present to tour downtown on October 6<sup>th</sup>. He informed us that he is waiting to hear back on the LB977 Grant which can help provide grant money for electrical grid concerns. Lastly, he let the council know about BRAN (Bike Ride Across America) that will be coming through here on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He is asking the council to approve the bikers to camp in the park and use the facilities. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the camping in the park and use of our facilities on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, seconded by Beitler. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened.

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

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for July received in September was \$20,614.84 compared to \$21,349.60 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Brown informed the council that Bill Elliott got a Fence Permit as well as a Building Permit.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the electric rebate to Twisted Petal, seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He let us know that from the last meeting he went and researched the city's noise ordinance, and that the ordinance is following chapter 17 code laws and that if there is something that needs to be changed that you must contact the State of Nebraska. He gave the council an update on the ARPA grant and that he is working to get all the necessary information to finish the process. Lastly, he gave the council an updated Waiver and Fine Schedule. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve the updated Waiver and Fine Schedule that shows the first fine and second offense amounts, seconded by Beitler. Motion carried.

Under Old Business the nuisance properties were discussed.

Under new business Mayor Brown informed the council that the city has hired a new City Superintendent. He also informed the council on the urge test that was performed this past month. Clerk O'Tool presented the council with a bid that was provided to us for a mower for the street department.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 10:08 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Beitler. Motion Carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to return to regular session at 10:55 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the raises discussed. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 10:55 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$23,314.03
Webster County Community Hospital- CDBG Payment	\$52,209.68
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$950.00
Withholding- 9/15 Payroll	\$942.03

Social Security- 9/15 Payroll	\$1,695.02
Medicare- 9/15 Payroll	\$396.40
Nationwide- 9/15 Payroll	\$1,426.80
State Income Tax- Month of September	\$1,023.59
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,379.00
General Collection Co.- Garnishment	\$242.57
Dalton Long- Lost Check Reimbursement	\$88.00
Verizon- Phone Bill	\$44.72
Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
The Lincoln National- Life Insurance	\$153.99
Dana F. Cole Company- Audit	\$2,305.20
NE Dept. of Environment and Energy- C&D Annual Operating Fee	\$750.00
Principal- Dental Insurance	\$807.98
BCBS- Insurance	\$239.78
BCBS- Insurance	\$4,323.46
RC Light and Water- Annual Transfer	\$45,049.48
Postmaster- Postage for Utility Bills	\$274.92
Cherry Corners- Payroll and Vendor Expenses	\$9,250.79
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$207.84
Nationwide- 10/1 Payroll	\$1,344.23
Medicare- 10/1 Payroll	\$370.88
Social Security- 10/1 Payroll	\$1,585.74
Withholding- 10/1 Payroll	\$860.06
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	\$6,598.28
General- To Police Fund	\$3,295.72
R Hitchler- Phone Bills	\$44.00
D Long- Phone Bills	\$44.00
Various- Officers Salary	\$1,431.24
Various- Economic Development	\$981.96
Various- To General	\$2,426.49
Various- Board of Trust	\$416.67
Various- Historic Preservation	\$618.75
Webster County Sheriff- Sheriff Contract	\$3,854.29
M Schmitz- Contract Labor	\$750.00
T Mahin- Emergency Personnel	\$250.00
Auld Public Library- Reimbursement for Books	\$70.58
G-Work- Annual Subscription	\$2,400.00
J&A Auto Supply- Parts	\$371.43
Presto-X- Pest Control	\$140.60
Eakes- Desk Calendar, wall calendar	\$135.56
CPI- Fuel	\$1,367.38

NE Public Health Lab- Fluoride	\$336.00
Hydraulic Equipment- Equipment Inspection/parts	\$3,697.91
Auld Public Library- DVD's	\$37.92
Mean- Purchased Power	\$86,112.28
Eakes- Envelope & Clipboard	\$39.13
Border States- Poly Cutouts	\$1,687.95
TK Elevator Corporation- Elevator Maintenance	\$329.91
Auld Public Library- Books	\$233.84
Auld Public Library- Membership Dues	\$60.00
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- Bushing, Screw-Lock Etc.	\$523.53
Border States- Fuse Link	\$7.77
Auld Public Library- Books	\$33.33
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$455.50
Eakes- Stamp	\$26.35
Red Cloud Schools- Yearbook Advertising	\$50.00
Red Cloud Booster Club- Cheer/Dance Homecoming	\$30.00
Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing	\$60.00
Dultmeier- Drum Wrench	\$98.77
Farabee Mechanical- Facility Capacity Test	\$792.00
Card Member Services- Tools	\$1,538.54
GTA Insurance- Bond	\$100.00
The Library Store- Receipt paper, Book Covers	\$123.64
Baker and Taylor- Books	\$603.46
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$11.08
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$591.09
Olson's Enterprise- Fuel, Radiator Cap, Rotor Etc.	\$9,246.18
Border States- Light Dept Restock	\$7,253.10
Total Expenses	\$307,278.25

Todd Brown, Mayor  
Maddy O'Tool, City Clerk