

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 3, 2023

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Bryan, Daehling, 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.

First was the Sheriffs Report. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the sheriffs report. Motion Carried.

Monica Schmitz was present to speak to the council. Monica stated that she has been cleaning the community center for a year now and wanted to check in with the council to see if she was needing to change anything. Councilman Horne stated that he has heard compliments on how she has been keeping the community center clean. The council let her know that they will look into a machine for moping the gym and get in contact with someone to refinish the floors in the hallways.

Next to speak was councilman Mahin. He presented the council with information on USDA grants and loans for electrical and water. Councilman Mahin showed the council the debt that the city has and how much of a loan we can add with one of these loans. He is also looking into the LB977 grant that can help with electrical infrastructure. Councilman Mahin stated once Superintendent Thies has some more time to settle in and look at the previous efficiency test we can look into these more.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to Confluence in the total of \$9,078.50 for CDBG project planning grant seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve CDBG Funds Drawdown #5 seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve reimbursement request to WCCCH seconded by Horne. Motion Carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve request for CDBG Drawdown #6 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve JEO payment of \$8,541.00 for engineering services in the CDBG 2021 Public works grant seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve CDBG Drawdown request #7 seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Cherry Corners. Councilman Horne gave an update on the facility, he let them know about the rate increase. The facility is still at nine residents.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda; he informed the council on the progress of Hotel Garber. E3 "Community Connections" meeting will take place on January 11th at Twisted Petal 2. He finished by saying anyone who is a property owner with a site on the National Register of Historic Places that there is a Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant and should look into the grant to see if they are eligible.

Public comments were then opened.

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

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for October received in December was \$22,978.24 compared to \$23,302.40 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan 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. He gave the council updates on what has been going on, had a pipe freeze at the Scout Lodge we are having it fixed right now. He stated that we had

an alarm go off the week before Christmas at the power plant for the south well. He had Sargent Drilling look at it, they stated that it is going to need to be fixed for it to run correctly. Councilman Bryan made a motion to approve Sargent Drilling to fix the south well seconded by Horne. Motion carried. On Thursday December 22 the crew noticed a leak outside the Power Plant on the east side, after talking to Joe Hobelman with Power Pool they made the decision to shut down until all the pipes can be fixed. Councilman Mahin made the motion to allow them to replace pipe as needed, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He stated that he has been working on the Land Development Grant and waiting on updates.

No old business

Councilman Horne made the motion at 8:18 pm to enter executive session for one employee evaluation seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to return to regular session at 8:58 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the raises discussed. Councilman Horne made the motion to have the office hours changed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to 8:30am to 4:30 pm starting January 9th, 2023. 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 Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 8:59pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$23,715.73
Petty Cash- Water Samples, Christmas Décor, and Batteries	\$227.89
Hair Magic- Electric Rebate	\$722.97
Medicare- 12/15 Payroll	\$466.72
Social Security- 12/15 Payroll	\$1,995.48
Withholding- 12/15 Payroll	\$1,099.80
St. Income Tax- Month of Dec	\$1,014.20
Nationwide- 12/15 Payroll	\$1,258.15
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$213.22
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$12,997.50
SCEDD- Grant administration	\$4,475.00
JEO- CDBG Public Work Grant	\$6,788.70
Confluence- Project Planning	\$4,745.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$525.44
Bianca Gonzalez- Refunding Deposit	\$74.56
Petty Cash- Christmas Bonus	\$2,250.00
Petty Cash- Christmas Cards, Water Samples ETC	\$406.67
WCCH- SCEDD Money Drawdown	\$23,531.82
Withholding- 1/1 Payroll	\$1,055.85
Social Security- 1/1 Payroll	\$1,848.80
Medicare- 1/1 Payroll	\$432.36
Nationwide- 1/1 Payroll	\$1,265.52
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$216.58
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	\$750.00
D McGuire- Insurance Supplement	\$174.03
Various- Employee Insurance	\$8,976.20
South Central Public Dis- Meter	\$194.58
Universal Hydraulics- Cylinder Repair	\$2,366.48
Sunbelt Rentals- Skid steer/Mini Excavator	\$361.50
Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
SCEDD- Membership Dues	\$2,500.00
CEI Security- Hard Drive Replaced	\$691.40
NPPD- Contract Labor	\$3,048.63
Border States- 500 ft Wire	\$1,553.10
NE Public Health Lab- Water Test	\$7.00
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$455.00
Municipal Supply- Bras Flag Kit	\$95.65
Platte Valley Communications- Battery Pager	\$495.95
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$50.78
Garwood & McCracken- Legal Services	\$2,400.00
Border States- Electrical Supplies	\$1,921.88
CPI- Fuel	\$1,181.74
League of NE Municipalities- Membership Dues	\$730.00
J&A Auto- Headlight, Battery, Charger ETC	\$475.13
Aramark- Rug Towel and Uniform Service	\$124.32
Mean- Purchased Power	\$79,667.59
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,679.95
JM Online- Domain Registration	\$27.95
Postmaster- P.O Box Fee	\$108.00
Corporate Image Design- Dog Tags, Letter Head ETC	\$260.00
Kohmetscher Feed- Ratchet Straps	\$18.25
BCBS- Insurance	\$239.78
Core & Main- Sensus Support	\$2,200.00
Bladen Sand and Gravel- Gravel for Streets	\$285.26
Superior Utilities- Utility Pole	\$425.00

Auld Public Library- DVD, Office Supplies ETC	\$171.17
House Beautiful- Subscription	\$29.97
The Library Store- Office Supplies	\$33.65

Total Expenses	\$233,385.46
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Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk