

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 7, 2023

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 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 on the agenda was the Golf Course Lease renewal. Attorney McCracken had to revise the lease so that it will be a yearly lease that will renew automatically. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the revised golf course lease seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm. The purpose of the hearing was to hear comments and answer questions regarding the City's two Community Development Block Grant projects (21-PP-008 Planning Grant and the 20-EMCV-009 Emergent Threat/CV grant). Lori Ferguson from South Central Economic Development District was present and spoke during the public hearing. She indicated that this second public hearing is a grant requirement and is intended to provide updates and answer questions regarding implementation of the projects. Ferguson also gave an update of the projects' progress and end date of the contracts. No members of the public or council had any questions or comments to offer during the public hearing. Hearing was closed at 7:08 pm.

Lori from SCEDD handed out the annual report from SCEDD's year. She informed the council on what all they have accomplished this year with other towns as well as Red Cloud.

The council then informed Lori from SCEDD that they have discussed the second section for the Nuisance Abatement Program and will be informing Josh from SCEDD on it as well.

Caitlin Bolte was present to give a presentation to the council on her recommendations for Red Cloud's Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant. The presentation went over the project background as well as the schedule the grant was following, it also gave us the DTR committee project goals. Caitlin then went over the recommendations her, and her team have put together for the council. Lastly the presentation went over which ones to prioritize and what all the costs would be. She finished by showing the council what the next steps would be and how to apply for grants in the fall to complete the downtown revitalization projects shown in the presentation. Councilman Horne made the motion to adopt the presentation shown seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

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

The council then was to approve the Non-Class C Liquor Licenses. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Non-Class C Liquor Licenses for Olson's Sinclair Class D, Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial Class I, Casey's General Store Class D, and Hometown Market Class D, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the liquor license application for Knock 'Em Over Alley Class I, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Next to speak was councilman Mahin, he was presenting to the council the Idea of free lot program for SPEC Housing. Councilman Mahin stated that if the council is interested in SPEC Housing the person wanting to build would be given the land the city owns, then would need to show the city the blueprints on what would be built and would need to be approved by the council. Attorney McCracken stated that he would look into ordinances that other cities have on SPEC housing and present them at the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was Cherry Corners, Brad Burgess and Brian Hof were present to give updates on Cherry Corners. They informed the council that they have admitted two more residents which brings them up to eleven residents as of right now. They let us know the front door has been fixed and they are just waiting for some parts to finish the nurse call system then everything will be completed. They finished off saying they have two possible new employees for night shift. The residents are very happy that the clinic is now doing rounds and therapy at Cherry Corners.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda but was unable to attend he had Dennis Hansen to take his place. He stated that Hotel Garber has had phase one contracts signed and that more work will be starting. "E3" will be launching the first Business After Hours program will be held February 8th.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Mahin 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 November received in January was \$21,394.28 compared to \$22,526.52 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Thies was present to give the council general updates. Farabee Mechanical was here January 16th installing the new pipes at the power plant. They also ran engines 2 and 5 for the MEAN scheduled exercise, Energized Electric finished up work on the boiler on January 26th. He informed the council that they have found a brush for the mower that is \$1,500 and is needing council approval to purchase the brush. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the purchase and was seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne then made the motion to up the limit to \$3,000 on purchases without council approval. Seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Clinton Baker had a building permit, Robert Schulz and Mike Kenny both had demolition permits.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update.

Under old business the cardboard baler was brought up and discussed on getting rid of it. Councilman Mahin suggested to contact Franklin and see if they need one. Councilman Horne made the motion to bid out the cardboard baler seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Clerk Schmitz brought to the council new budget forms to look at for budget customers. The new forms go more into detail on the budget process. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new forms seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. New forms will be sent out to all budget customers.

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 9:04 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$21,358.00
Cherry Corners- Vendor/Payroll	\$2,437.32
Nationwide- Retirement Loan	\$173.13
NDEE- Water Test Application	\$80.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 1/15 Payroll	\$995.62
Social Security- 1/15 Payroll	\$1,818.76
Medicare- 1/15 Payroll	\$425.36
Nationwide- 1/15 Payroll	\$1,198.28
St. Income Tax- Month of Jan	\$937.33

R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,208.75
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$194.21
JEO- CDBG Grant	\$8,541.00
Confluence- CDBG Grant	\$9,078.50
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Corporate Image Design- Door Hours, Claim Forms Etc.	\$535.00
C&D Service Center- Block Heater, Antifreeze, Auger Etc.	\$2,611.51
J&J Faithscape- Nuisance Abatement Fee's	\$2,298.50
Hometown Market- Hams and Janitorial	\$607.28
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$353.57
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas	\$4,507.60
Olson Enterprise's- Fuel Etc.	\$851.89
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$375.42
Cardmember services- Tools, Flags, Etc.	\$2,804.91
Kennys Hardware- Gloves, ice melt, heater Etc.	\$327.60
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$1,245.61
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$712.56
NE Dept. of Rev- Sales Tax	\$351.69
J Hersh- Milage	\$69.05
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Postmasters- Postage for Bills	\$278.55
Postmasters- Stamps	\$252.00
Withholding- 2/1 Payroll	\$1,389.94
Social Security- 2/1 Payroll	\$2,311.76
Medicare- 2/1 Payroll	\$540.64
Nationwide- 2/1 Payroll	\$1,475.98
Nationwide- Loan	\$123.13
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$228.57
T Hitchler- Employee Recognition Dinner	\$616.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
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
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$86,541.23
NE Public Health Lab- Water Samples	\$50.00
CPI- Fuel	\$586.33
Arbor Day Foundation- Membership Dues	\$15.00
Protective Equipment Lab- Equipment Testing	\$967.80
Central District Health Lab- Water Testing	\$120.00
Border States- Fuse Link	\$177.88
Aramark- Rug, Towel, and uniform service	\$1,105.38
Red Cloud Community Foundation- Heritage and Tourism	\$15,000.00
Landmark- Part Sales	\$95.23
Webster County Clerk- Elections	\$1,270.95
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$475.00
Thomsen Oil CO.- Oil	\$342.15
A&K Plumbing- Heater Fuel	\$490.00
Energized Electric- Community Center Heater	\$75.00
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$194.66
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$9.52
Sunbelt Rentals- Concrete Breaker	\$361.50
Integrated Security Solutions- Fire Alarm	\$480.00
Midwest Automatic Sprinkler- Annual Inspection	\$475.00
T-Shirt Engineers- Sweatshirts/T-Shirts	\$450.70
Red Cloud Golf Club- Employee Recognition Dinner	\$117.00
Deisley Excavating- Push Up C&D Site	\$905.00
Farabee Mechanical- Underground Piping	\$32,169.00
Eakes- Copies	\$310.59
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$153.99
Time- Subscription Renewal	\$72.28
Mayo Clinic Health Letter- Subscription Renewal	\$32.00
Better Homes & Garden- Subscription Renewal	\$24.00
Auld Public Library- DVD, Janitorial	\$63.23
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$45.95
Baker and Taylor- Books	\$653.59
BCBS- Insurance	\$239.78
Platte Valley Communications- Pagers	\$717.45
Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
Various- Employee Ins.	\$8,976.20
Auld Public Lib- Books/Subscriptions	\$59.69
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$60.00
Eakes- Office Supplies	\$1,292.42
Aramark- Uniform and Towel services	\$248.64
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$3,785.38
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$7,436.11
Red Cloud Chief- Paper Subscription	\$34.50
Red Cloud Chief- Notices and AD's	\$236.11
Principal Life Insurance- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
Petty Cash- Postage for Water Samples	\$33.78

Corporate Warehouse Supply- Toner	\$519.85
Utility Service Co.- Quarterly Tank Payment	\$4,830.95
Landmark- Part Sales	\$93.98
C&D Service Center- Radiator, Tools, Oil Bushings, Digger Truck	\$8,516.04
Kohmetscher Feed- Gloves, Water Softener	\$93.50
Olson Enterprises- Fuel, Antifreeze, Tires	\$2,606.16
Kennys Hardware- Ice Melt, Power Plat Supplies, Etc.	\$1,567.99
R Hammond- Liquor License Return	\$645.02
Total Expenses	\$296,453.17

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk