

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 7, 2023

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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 was the Sheriffs Report. Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the sheriffs report. Motion Carried.

Next on the agenda was the Recreation and Health Committee, Stacie Heldt was present to give the council an update on the walking trail. She stated that they are looking into grants and going to be fundraising. The committee is looking into getting an engineer. The council let her know that she should look into SCEDD for grants and to look into JEO for engineering.

Casey Fangmeyer was present to give the council updates on the ball field project. He let the council know of changes to the buildings that will be made as well as all the upgrades that will be made. The council informed him that he will need to complete a building permit for the buildings. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the start of the project seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

SCEDD was next on the agenda, councilman Horne made the motion to Approve payment to confluence in the amount of \$9,157.50 for project planning services seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve the request for CDBG drawdown #7 seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Josh Young was present, and he presented the council with resolution #861 to appoint SCEDD as the citys 2023 Nuisance Officer, councilman Mahin made the motion to approve resolution #861 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve 2023 Nuisance Abatement Program contract seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Josh Young then did a review 2022 remaining parcels in the nuisance program. He informed the council on the parcels that have made good changes and are in compliance. Councilman Daehling made the motion to rescind parcels 1014, 1018, 1067, 1084 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Josh then went over the parcels that have made progress but are still in the process of coming into compliance. Councilman Horne made the motion to extend postponement until May second for parcels 1017,1023, 1043 and 1065 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Lastly Josh went over the parcel he suggests that we should send a follow up letter to and then if nothing is completed by May we will abate. Councilman Bryan made the motion to send the letter and if not in compliance by May will abate parcel 1065 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve payment to JEO for \$5,416.30 for engineering services on the CDBG 2021 public works grant seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly councilman Horne made the motion to approve CDBG Drawdown #4 seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the City Wide Clean Up date for April 15th seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was resolution #862 which appoints the MEAN Board of Directors. Councilman Horne made the motion to appoint superintendent Dan Thies seconded by councilman Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to have councilman Gene Horne be the alternate seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Horne sustained.

Mayor Todd Brown was next to speak. He informed the council that someone has showed interest in replacing the rims and backboards at the community center. He stated that it is still very early, but he wanted to inform the council that someone is interested in it.

Next on the agenda was Cherry Corners, Amanda Hajny was present to speak. She informed the council on the call system that has been completed. She also informed the council that they are up to eleven residents and now have two new night shift employees. She stated that the fire Marshall came in for an inspection and that they passed. They will be painting and replacing the carpet on the last studio apartment within the next couple of weeks. Starting in June the development center will be coming down to Cherry Corners to do activities.

Jarrod McCartney was next on the agenda but was unable to attend. He sent out a packet to the council before hand the packet gave general updates on Hotel Garber and the Red Cloud Creative District. He also stated that the Website has been updated to where if you have an after-hours emergency there is a tab to give you the information you will need to contact someone.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the minutes with the amendment discussed which is to remove "land that the city owns" and to make it land that the Board of Trust own with the free lot program. Motion was carried.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for December received in February was \$23,812.30 compared to \$23,575.86 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Mahin 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 informed the council that they are installing lighting arrestors to help protect from lighting strikes. He also brought to the council the renewal MEAN green energy program. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve ordinance #666 to approve the MEAN green energy program seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Next, he informed the council that he got a quote from Farabee Mechanical for repairs on the blower for engine #3. If the blower is not fixed it can lead to it blowing up and spraying aluminum throughout the engine. Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve the quote to get the blower fixed seconded by Horne. Motion carried. He let the council know he has contacted two businesses to look into our streets to get repaired this spring. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve work starting on the approach to the greenhouse ally next to the high school seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly, he informed the council that he was made aware that Johnson Service Company came to town to inspect some sewer lines back in April of 2021. With their inspection they found we have a sever leak roughly six to eight feet north of the Manhole in the middle of 3rd Ave, between Webster St and Cedar St. Councilman Horne let him know that the issue was never brought to the council's attention. Superintendent Thies let the council know that he has contacted the company and that they can patch it and then we can have a company come and fill the void. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve the fix to the sewer seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Tru-Built Construction got a building permit for 346 North Webster.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He informed the council he looked into the free lot program in other towns, he said that every town does it differently. Lastly, he informed the council that he is still waiting to hear back on the Land Development Grant.

Under old business councilman Mahin asked on the updates of the Downtown Revitalization committee, clerk Schmitz said she would contact Lori at SCEDD about the committee.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:46 pm to enter executive session for one employee evaluations seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Horne to return to regular session at 10:07 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the raises discussed.

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 10:08 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$25,692.04
Josh Chaney- Mower Brush	\$1,500.00
NE State Treasurer- Dog Tags	\$100.00
Withholding- 2/15 Payroll	\$1,122.20
Social Security- 2/15 Payroll	\$2,061.38
Nationwide- Loan	\$123.13
Medicare- 2/15 Payroll	\$482.10
Nationwide- 2/15 Payroll	\$1,276.37
St. Income Tax- Month of Feb	\$1,178.61
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$207.29
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,203.00
GTA- Bond	\$100.00
Confluence- DTR	\$6,322.50
State of NE DHHS- Returning unused funds	\$490.80
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$127.34
Nate Johnson- Refund Deposit	\$72.66
Postmasters- Postage on utility bills	\$279.81
Withholding- 3/1 Payroll	\$934.94
Social Security- 3/1 Payroll	\$1,822.50
Medicare- 3/1 Payroll	\$426.22
Credit Management Services- Garnishment	\$172.37
Nationwide- Loan	\$123.13
Nationwide- 3/1 Payroll	\$1,256.24
WCCH- CDBG Grant	\$79,031.97
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
Sundown Services- CC Floors/Furniture Cleaning	\$547.00
Kearney Winlectric- Sensor/50w LED	\$2,682.30
Aramark- Rig Towel and uniform services	\$124.32
T-Shirt Engineers- Sweatshirts/T-shirts	\$260.06
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$84,019.00
Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
Newport Group- Cities of NE Retirement	\$227.00
Various- Employee ins.	\$8,976.20
BCBS- Ins.	\$239.78
Eakes- Paper, Pens, Markers	\$158.63
Dutton Lainson Company- Christmas Lights	\$440.58
Energized Electric- Boiler Repair	\$7,380.84
NE Public Health Lab- Water Testing	\$247.00
Presto-X- Pest Control	\$143.01
Benetech Computers- Computer Services	\$110.00
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$971.85
Landmark Implement- Filter	\$86.79
NE Dept. of Environment and Energy- Pool Permit	\$40.00
Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform Services	\$124.32
U.S Dept of energy- Purchased Power	\$6,723.26
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$5,249.15
Anstine Fire Equipment- Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	\$608.00
Country Living- Subscription	\$34.97
Kennys Hardware- Log Chain, Rain Gauge, Street lights etc.	\$965.91
C&D Service Center- Battery, Starter Rope, Fittings etc.	\$243.24
Sargent Drilling- Wells	\$39,220.78
Universal Hydraulics- Cylinder Repair	\$930.92
Jared Auto- Transmission	\$6,978.61
Cardmember Services- Computer Services, Chairs etc.	\$4,330.28
Garwood & McCracken- Legal Services	\$3,600.00
Landmark- Parts Sales	\$202.96
CPI- Fuel	\$299.62
Olson Enterprises- Fuel, Diagnostic check, Breaks	\$1,197.90
Municipal Supply Inc- Electrical Supplies	\$1,663.26
Principal life ins.- Dental Ins	\$505.10
Farabee Mechanical- Gaskets	\$1,372.38
Border States- Cutouts & Arrestors	\$1,663.51
Total Expenses	\$344,782.79

Todd Brown, Mayor

Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk