

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 4th, 2023

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4th, 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.

Next on the agenda was the annual report from the Fire Chief, Ryan Zimmerman gave an update on the department. He let the council know that they are staying on schedule with bunker gear and are complying. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the volunteer fire department roster seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

SCEDD was next on the agenda. Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$1,425.00 for grant administration services on the CDBG 2021 public works grant seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve drawdown request #5 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$650.00 for grant administration services for CDBG 2021 planning grant seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Mahin made the motion for approval of drawdown request #8 seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve reimbursement request submitted by the webster county community hospital seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion for approval of SCEDD invoice #1525 for general administrative services seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Lastly councilman Mahin made the motion for the approval drawdown request #8 seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Juan Gomez, he was present to let the council know about the issues he has been having with the alley behind his business being blocked off and that it is hard to get deliveries and he has had some complaints with parking. Mayor Brown informed Juan that he should contact Tru Built and that they are willing to work with him to make this situation accommodating for everyone. Tru Built will be in contact with Juan.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the discussion on new cameras at the community center. The community center has a camera and a microphone out and are in need of outside cameras due to the recent increase in vandalism. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the bid for new cameras and microphones from CEI Security and Sound, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Cherry Corners was next on the agenda Amanda Hajny was unable to be at the meeting. Councilman Horne gave a general update on the facility. He let the council know that we are almost at full capacity and that they have some new hires. The state did the inspection and was pleased with how Cherry Corners is performing.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda, he gave some general updates and let the council know that Red Cloud was named a creative district and was awarded a \$10,000 grant. The grant can help create a marketing plan. Due to them being awarded that they now have the option to apply for a \$250,000.00 dollar grant as well.

Public comments were then opened.

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

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for January received in March was \$24,653.70 compared to \$20,301.28 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne 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 finished the pole project in the alley behind the laundromat. Farabee Mechanical took the blower from engine #3 to have repairs completed. Terwey finished pouring the new approach in the alley leading to the school greenhouse. Johnson sewer company patched the sewer and grouted the manhole. Superintendent Thies then informed them of the vandalism at the park bathrooms. He also informed them that they took the broken slide out of the pool and presented the council with three options for the new one. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve slide option one if unable to get option one they will go with option two seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He informed the council that the City of Red Cloud has been awarded the million-dollar Land Development Grant. Once he receives more information, he will present it to the council.

There was no old business to be had.

Under new business Clerk Schmitz brought to the council's attention that Great Plains has contacted her on updating the City's plan for faster internet speeds. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the updated plan seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Next was to review pool wages.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 8:47 pm to enter executive session to review pool wages and summer help wages seconded by Daehling. Motion Carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to return to regular session at 9:42 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the raises for the pool and summer help 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 Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 9:43 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$23,840.70
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
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Withholding- 3/15 Payroll	\$1,323.01
Social Security- 3/15 Payroll	\$2,251.92
Medicare- 3/15 Payroll	\$526.62
General Collection Co.- Garnishment	\$229.44
St. Income Tax- Month of March	\$1,054.68
Nationwide- 3/15 Payroll- Loan	\$1,615.86
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,585.50
NE Public Health and Environmental Lab- Water Testing	\$74.00
D Thies- Transformer tester	\$594.51
Benetech Computers- Computer services	\$120.00
J Hersh- Water Conference	\$239.90
WCCH- CDBG Grant	\$53,627.80
Postmasters- Utility Billing	\$284.22

Cherry Corners- Vendor/Payroll	\$26,535.09
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
Electronic Systems- Fire Alarm Inspection	\$199.00
The Lincoln National- Life Insurance	\$267.72
RCVFD- Annual Compensations	\$4,150.00
RC Athletic Association- Annual Donation	\$1,000.00
Sargent Drilling- Well & Pump Test	\$400.00
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$77,629.27
BCBS- Insurance	\$275.75
Various- Employee Insurance	\$8,976.20
Aflac- Insurance	\$236.11
Great Plains Communication- Phone/Internet	\$983.54
Eakes- Towels, 3 Hole Punch, Staples	\$96.34
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$492.68
Auld Public Library- Books, DVD's, Office Supplies	\$104.86
Dutton- Lainson Company- Transformer Bracket	\$484.16
Dana F. Cole Company- Audit	\$11,013.07
J&A Auto Supply- Parts	\$213.06
Broad Reach- Books	\$160.76
Corporate Wearhouse Supply- Toner	\$1,039.75
Petty Cash- Postmasters, Office Supplies	\$29.73
Aramark- Rug Towel and Uniform Services	\$124.32
Real Simple- Subscription	\$24.00
National Geographic- Subscription	\$51.70
Jared's Auto- Air Filter/ Service	\$166.34
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Service	\$4,230.08
Olson Enterprises- Fuel	\$1,447.17
Cardmember Services- Tools	\$1,391.66
Jared's Auto- Brake Switch/ fitting	\$712.16

Industrial Chem Labs- Root Begone	\$146.86
C&D Service Center- Oil	\$76.25
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,754.81
Border States- Electrical Dept	\$151.71
Dutton- Lainson Company- Lights, Dead End Clamp, Grip	\$1,425.78
One Call Concept- Locates	\$14.74
Terwey Construction- Alley Approach	\$6,000.00
Center Glass & Supply Co.- Service Call	\$115.00
Total Expenses	\$286,634.12

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk