

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 2nd, 2023

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2nd, 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.

Cherry Corners was next on the agenda Amanda Hajny was present to speak to the council. She informed the council they have had two more residents move in. They are also fully staffed, with being fully staffed and the weather being nicer they will be taking the residents out more. The school will be doing community service at Cherry Corners this coming weekend by helping with landscaping.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. To start with he went over the previous nuisance parcels from 2022. Councilman Bryan made a motion to rescind parcel 1023 seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Next Josh went over the parcels that are on the 2023 nuisance abatement program. He went through the parcels that are not in compliance and that should be declared a nuisance. Councilman Bryan made a motion to approve Resolution #863 declaring the parcels nuisances, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Lastly, he went over the three parcels that have turned in postponement request. Councilman Daehling made a motion to approve the postponement request for parcel #2010 till July 4th, 2023, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made a motion to approve postponement request for parcels #2091 and #2097 till June 6th, 2023, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

LeAnn from SCEDD called into the council meeting. She gave the council some information on the Rural Workforce Land Development grant. Information was given on what eligible activities the City will be able to do, no activities are permitted until funds are released. LeAnn went over the conflict-of-interest agreements and the scope of work. Councilman Daehling made a motion to approve Mayor Brown to sign the SCEDD letter that hires contractors and place on City letterhead, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the Grant Administration Contract, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Lastly Councilman Horne made the motion to have Mayor Brown sign the Project Management Letter later this month once reviewed, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda; he gave some general updates. He mentioned to the council that he is going to try and set up a meeting with Senator Deb Fischer's office and Mayor Brown along with Superintendent Thies to talk about obtaining federal funding for the city's electrical and water infrastructure. Jarrold is going to get the Downtown revitalization committee together because they can potentially leverage the Creative District funds.

Public comments were then opened, it was brought to the council's attention that someone has been using a Board of Trust property for their own personal property and blocking the ally. Attorney McCracken let them know that he was aware of this, and steps were being taken to have it handled.

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 Mahin to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for February received in April was \$22,240.22 compared to \$19,987.12 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling 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 let the council know that they ran engines 2 & 5 on April 25th, and everything went well. Figgins started working on the streets in the last week of April. They have started working on the building at the ballfield. The slide has been ordered for the pool, they sent out one of the pool pumps to be serviced but it is needing some maintenance, Councilman Bryan made the motion to have the pump fixed seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Next Superintendent Thies informed the council on the small bucket truck, it was taken to Seward on the 19th due to hydraulics not working. The council informed him that we should get the small bucket truck fixed due to storm season but also keep searching for a new one. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Superintendent Thies to look for a new truck with Mayor Browns approval, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Les Parish got a demolition permit, Cal Rasser got a building permit and Arcelia Gabriel got a fence permit.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He informed the council more about the Rural Workforce Land Development grant the city has been awarded and what our next steps are to start receiving funds.

Under old business councilman Mahin brought up the meeting on June 6th and where it should be held due to the community center being occupied with the BRAN participants. Councilman Daehling made the motion to move the June 6th meeting to the scout lodge seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Bryan made a motion to move the June 6th meeting time up to 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. due to the length of the meeting, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Under new business councilman Bryan informed the council that he has been attending the Historic Preservation meetings. He is aware that they are wanting to find new ways to reach out to people for them to apply for the grants that they provide. He told the council about the ideas that he has shared, and he informed the council to reach out to people who would be interested.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 10:12 pm to enter executive session for one employee review seconded by Bryan. Motion Carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to return to regular session at 11:00 pm. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to adjourn said meeting at 11:01 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$25,374.20
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 4/15 Payroll	\$1,074.55
Social Security- 4/15 Payroll	\$2,062.46
Medicare- 4/15 Payroll	\$482.36
Nationwide- 4/15 Payroll/Loan Payment	\$1,457.31
Credit Management- Garnishment	\$187.15
St. Income Tax- Month of April	\$1,087.18
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$12,774.75
Nebraska DEE- Water License	\$115.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
SCEDD- Fund Reimbursement	\$7,862.50
SCEDD- Grant Administrative	\$2,075.00
Postmasters- Utility Bills	\$279.18
Withholding- 5/1 Payroll	\$1,023.97

Social Security- 5/1 Payroll	\$1,994.18
Medicare- 5/1 Payroll	\$466.12
Nationwide- 5/1 Payroll/ Loan	\$1,449.07
Collection Associates- Garnishment	\$193.09
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
The Lincoln National Life Ins.- Life Ins.	\$153.99
Great Plains Communications- Phone/ Internet	\$969.76
Presto X- Pest Control	\$99.14
Principal Life Ins.- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
Eakes- Copies	\$296.40
Presto X- Pest Control	\$49.63
Graces Locksmith- Keys & Padlocks	\$395.50
Central District Health Dept.- Water Testing	\$172.00
Kenny's Hardware- Tools, Cemetery Boards Etc.	\$1,544.94
Dultmeier Sales- Boom Kit	\$165.20
Border States- Grip Dead-end	\$24.93
Eakes- Mailing Seals, Time Clock	\$355.28
Blackburn MFG- Flags	\$ 439.29
J&A Auto- Floor Dry, 80 Grit Cloth Etc.	\$242.59
Theobald Law Office- Collection Fee	\$317.09
Eakes- Envelopes, Envelope Moistener	\$45.95
D McGuire- Insurance	\$133.30
Webster County Clinic- Employee Physical	\$88.00
Aflac- Ins.	\$236.11
CPI- Fuel	\$399.23
Border States- Orange Markers	\$142.53
Bladen Sand and Gravel- White Rock	\$3,983.36
BCBS- Ins.	\$275.75
Various- Employee ins.	\$8,976.20

Raynor Garage- Hinges	\$204.00
Industrial Chem Labs- Root Begone	\$305.81
NE Public Health Lab- Fluoride	\$18.00
Dultmeier Sales- Turbo Flood jet	\$14.28
Dutton Lainson Company- Mounting Clevis	\$344.25
Van Diest Supply Company- Fertilizer	\$3,148.25
Barnes and Noble- Books	\$496.95
Baker and Taylor- Books	\$501.95
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$74,357.18
R&M Disposal- City Wide Clean Up	\$5,580.04
Red Cloud Chief- Minutes/Notices	\$579.12
Auld Public Library- Books	\$18.90
Barnes and Noble- Books	\$163.79
Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing	\$60.00
Cardmember Services- Bike Seat, Lineman Supplies Etc.	\$4,354.37
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$2,507.24
Smitty's Electric- Ball Field Lights	\$866.04
Sunset Pool Supply- Pool Supplies	\$10,197.10
Olson's Enterprises- Fuel/ Fuel Filter	\$10,556.55
Figgins Construction- Street Work	\$47,107.53
Aramark- Rug Towel and Uniform Services	\$124.32
RC EMT- New EMT	\$141.75
Dultmeier- Drift guard	\$45.79
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,357.44
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$23.38
RCFD- Employee Benefits	\$1,256.25
NMPP- 2023 Software Mani	\$2,303.00
NMPP- Membership Dues	\$845.18
Cherry Corners- Vendor/ Payroll	\$12,036.77
Total Expenses	\$288,667.99

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk