

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Scout Lodge. 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 Horne to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Katelyn Duffy was present to talk about the Farmers Market. She let them know it would start June 22<sup>nd</sup> and end September 14<sup>th</sup> every Thursday at the City Park. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the dates of the farmers market seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Bridget Daehling was present to speak to the council about the Street Car Day concert and beer garden. She let the council know that they have a six-foot chain-link fence for the beer garden, and they will also let the band know that they cannot drive on the grass as well. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve the Chamber using the City Park for the Street Car Day concert and beer garden seconded by Mahin, Daehling abstain. Motion carried.

Dan Conway was next on the agenda to present but was unable to attend, Mayor Brown spoke on his behalf. Mayor Brown let the council know that the Fire Department wants to change how they fill the trucks from on top of them to on the ground due to safety. The rural board agreed to pay 1/3 and was wanting the city to pay 1/3 as well. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to the Red Cloud Volunteer Fire Department for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the cost seconded by Daehling; Bryan abstains. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Courtney Crowley. He wanted to inform the council on how he would like to stop the fluoridation of the city water. He presented to the council multiple items of information on the harmful effects of having fluoride in water. He stated that towns over the population of 1,000 or more people are required to have fluoride in the water, Red Cloud is under the 1,000 people from the most recent census so he would like the city to stop putting fluoride in the water. The council brought up that to stop the fluoridation it would likely need to be put on a ballot and voted on; Attorney McCracken is going to look into it. Councilman Daehling suggested we table this till next meeting so the community can have more information on wanting to put fluoride in water and not wanting to, Superintendent Thies will also get more information on it as well to bring to next meeting.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. First Josh showed the council the parcels he suggested rescinding from 2022 due to coming into compliance. Councilman Daehling made the motion to rescind parcel #1043 seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Josh then went through the parcels from 2023 that were declared a nuisance that need to be rescinded due to coming into compliance. Councilman Horne made the motion to rescind parcels discussed seconded by Daehling. Motion carried; full list will be available at the city office. Next, he presented to the council properties that have not come into compliance yet and should abate. Councilman Daehling made the motion to abate parcels discussed seconded by Bryan. Motion carried; full list will be available at the city office. Lastly councilman Bryan made the motion to approve August 1<sup>st</sup> postponement date for parcel #2097, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #864 special event permit for Street Car Days Parade to be held on Saturday August 5, 2023 seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Amanda Hajny was present to give updates on Cherry Corners. She stated that they have an evaluation coming up which could fill the last room they have available. They are also looking at doing some summer activities to bring the public in to see everything that has been updated. A pergola was placed in memory of Phil Hansen on the back patio.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda; he was unable to attend but gave the council a packet on general updates.

Public comments were then opened, it was brought to the council's attention by Mark VanBeber that the stray cats are getting out of hand, and he has noticed multiple people feeding the strays. The council said that they have also noticed and will look into solutions to hopefully lower the number of strays.

Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for March received in May was \$25,909.99 compared to \$19,272.48 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 presented to the council a bid from Crawl Tree Service to trim trees from 4<sup>th</sup> street to 11<sup>th</sup> street on locust back from the lines. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve bid and to add any other streets that are in need as well seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. He brought up that we are having some major draining issues from 6<sup>th</sup> and Hwy 281 to the east to Elm Street and from there south to Hwy 136, he suggested having JEO come in and engineer something for the issue. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve JEO coming in and making a proposal, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Superintendent Thies let the council know the pool pump that we have on hand went out and had it sent out to get fixed, the first pump we sent out a couple months back is still 6 to 7 weeks away from receiving parts. They came up with a solution so the pool can still be open but unsure if the pump can be fixed, councilman Daehling made the motion to approve a new pool pump seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly, he let the council know that we should look into a new street sweeper, the one the city has is 20 years old and is breaking down. He presented prices on what he has found for a new one, the council would like to look into the budget before making a decision. VanBeber got a building permit and David Reiman got a fence permit.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He presented to the council resolution #865 which approves a Lot Split. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Resolution #865 which is approving the Lot Split seconded by Mahin; Daehling abstains. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve resolution #866 which states The Board of Public Trust purchased 934 N Elm St, seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion to approve Resolution #867 which states The Board of Public Trust purchased 1005 N Webster St. seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Lastly Attorney McCracken gave updates on the Land Development Grant, we are just waiting for the next steps.

Under old business Councilman Daehling brought up a new meeting time for the council meetings, the council said they would like to switch to 6 p.m. start times. Attorney McCracken is going to look into a new ordinance so the meetings can be changed. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve 6 p.m. meeting time for the council meeting on Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the community center meeting room, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Under new business councilman Daehling wants to get more information to us for the August meeting on Hotel Garber and the City Lodging/ Hotel Occupation Tax.

Councilman Bryan made the motion at 8:59 pm to enter executive session for one employee review seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to return to regular session at 9:37 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raise discussed, seconded by Daehling. 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 9:38 pm. Motion carried.

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| Total Salaries                           | \$24,270.06 |
| City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit       | \$200.00    |
| City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit       | \$284.06    |
| L Rabago- Refund Deposit                 | \$115.94    |
| City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit       | \$200.00    |
| Withholding- 5/15 Payroll                | \$1,151.55  |
| Social Security- 5/15 Payroll            | \$2,123.08  |
| Medicare- 5/15 Payroll                   | \$496.52    |
| St. Income Tax- Month of May             | \$1,020.23  |
| Nationwide- 5/15 Payroll/Loan Payment    | \$1,552.94  |
| Collection Associates- Garnishment       | \$209.48    |
| R&M Disposal- May Trash Collection       | \$13,787.25 |
| Withholding- 6/1 Payroll                 | \$1,225.21  |
| Social Security- 6/1 Payroll             | \$2,443.70  |
| Medicare- 6/1 Payroll                    | \$781.88    |
| Nationwide- 6/1 Payroll/ Loan Payment    | \$1,634.42  |
| Central NE Collections- Garnishment      | \$231.72    |
| Postmasters- Postage on Utility Billing  | \$285.48    |
| 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.          | \$153.99    |

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| Newport Group- Retirement Plan                      | \$12.04     |
| Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform service              | \$124.32    |
| NE Rural water association- Water Membership        | \$350.00    |
| MEAN- Purchased Power                               | \$62,417.00 |
| J&A Auto- Parts                                     | \$240.72    |
| NE Dept of Environment & Energy- Sewer Loan         | \$10,628.80 |
| Aflac- Ins.   | \$236.11    |
| CEI Security and Sound- Cameras and Microphone      | \$6,554.00  |
| NE Fire Marshall- Elevator Inspection               | \$120.00    |
| One Call Concepts- Line Locates                     | \$5.14      |
| The Hastings Tribune- Pool Advertising              | \$103.55    |
| C&D Service Center- Parts                           | \$1,070.40  |
| Eakes- Paper, Glass Cleaner, Trash Bags             | \$496.41    |
| Principal Life Ins.- Dental Ins.                    | \$404.08    |
| Platte Valley Communications- Pager Repair          | \$482.42    |
| Kennys Hardware- Tools, Time Clock etc.             | \$1,643.50  |
| Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing                            | \$120.00    |
| Sargent Drilling- Service Call                      | \$2,844.09  |
| Hometown Market- Cleaning Supplies                  | \$20.19     |
| Kohmetscher Feed- Allflex                           | \$31.25     |
| CPI- Fuel   | \$399.23    |
| BCBS- Ins   | \$8,976.20  |
| BCBS- Ins   | \$275.75    |
| GTA- Insurance Coverage                             | \$175.00    |
| Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform services             | \$124.32    |
| Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services            | \$1,231.15  |
| Petty Cash- Postage, Pool Opening, Computer expense | \$237.50    |
| Kearney Winlectric- Crimps                          | \$75.00     |
| Rutts Heating and AC- Pool Heater                   | \$165.00    |
| Auld Public Lib- DVD's and Books                    | \$59.12     |
| Great Plains Communications- Phone/ Internet        | \$929.36    |
| Van Diest Supply Co.- Chemicals                     | \$850.00    |
| Industrial Chem Labs- Chemicals                     | \$306.98    |
| Core and Main- Handhelds                            | \$9,461.17  |
| NE Public Health- Fluoride                          | \$339.00    |
| Border States- Hot Line Clamp                       | \$331.69    |
| Dutton-Lainson Comp- Adapter, Clamp Etc.            | \$1,351.77  |
| Border States- Arrestors                            | \$1,247.94  |
| Energized Electric- Concrete                        | \$1,053.27  |
| MARC- Soap  | \$164.67    |
| Johnson Service- Manhole Repair                     | \$10,050.00 |
| Bladen Sand & Gravel- Road Gravel                   | \$3,112.94  |
| NE Public Health & Environmental Lab- Water Testing | \$283.00    |
| Utility Service Co.- City Tank Payment              | \$4,830.95  |
| Dultmeier Sales- Nozzle                             | \$24.43     |
| J&A Auto Supply- Wheel Repair 2015 Chevy            | \$181.84    |
| Olson Enterprises- Fuel                             | \$1,212.46  |
| Norder- Chemicals                                   | \$44.20     |

Cardmember Services- Lifeguard uniforms, Chairs Etc.

\$929.30

Total Expenses

\$212,440.16

Todd Brown, Mayor

Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk