

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel, Mahin; Attorney McCracken and Clerk Olson. Superintendent Clark was absent.

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.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the Non-Class C Liquor License renewals for Casey's, Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial, Hometown Market, and Sinclair. Motion carried.

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried.

Jarrod McCartney gave a brief, informational update. He stated the Nebraska Tourism Commission awarded \$16,500.00 in marketing grants to the Willa Cather Foundation and the Red Cloud Tourism & Commerce. Each group received \$8,250.00. The Heritage Tourism board would like to do a new agreement with the council to be proposed at a later date. Kelly Gewecke and Dave Rippe will be in town on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> for business expansion and retention meetings. A bid was approved for the hotel project downtown and the interior design will finalize within a month.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to allow food truck vendor parking in front of On the Brix versus the north side of the block where vendors were previously designated. Motion carried.

Amanda Hajny and Roger Bohrer then met with the board pertaining to Cherry Corner Estates. They stated there is only one month of operating money left. The facility holds 18 people- in March there will be 11. After listening to their financial report, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel for Cherry Corner to try to get a line of credit from the bank. Motion carried. If a line of credit is not a feasible option, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to explore other alternatives and maybe have a special meeting. Motion carried.

Sharon Beitler from the Red Cloud Housing Authority gave an update about the property at 59 N Webster Street. They closed on the property on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a total price of \$2,500.00. Eight samples were taken for asbestos throughout the house and one sample came back at 15% in the kitchen flooring. Proper procedures will be taken to have the flooring safely removed. There are plans to take the house down.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for October received in January was \$16,389.83 compared to \$15,062.83 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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.

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #720. The following is established as a tariff of water rates to consumers based on quarterly consumption: \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water. Following are the customer charges per pipe size: ¾ - 1" @ \$55.00 per quarter (\$18.33

per month), 1 ¼" @ \$78.50 per quarter (\$26.17 per month), 1 ½" @ \$122.00 per quarter (\$40.66 per month), 2" @ \$205.50 per quarter (\$68.50 per month), 3" @ \$345.50 per quarter (\$115.17 per month), and 4" @ \$498.00 per quarter (\$166.00 per month). The usage charge, based on the quarterly water consumption, and the customer charge shall be added together to determine the quarterly charge to the customer, provided, however, that the customer charge still be paid monthly and the usage charge shall be paid quarterly; and provided that the rates herein established shall take effect with the April bill due in May.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to declare March 2020 "Problem Gambling Awareness Month". Citizens are urged to learn more about the consequences of problem gambling and help available through the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown nominated Bridget Daehling to replace Kevin Daehling on the Board of Public Trust. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to write off old utility bills totaling \$8,748.82. Motion carried. Utility bills must be more than 4 years old to be considered for write off.

Councilman Mahin furnished the Council with proposals he collected from Body Basics, CEI Security and Sound, Rod's Construction, Tim's Flooring, and Energized Electric for an expanded exercise/free weight room at the community center and renovation at the scout lodge. After consideration and discussion, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to proceed with renovations at the scout lodge. A survey will be mailed out to all customers to see if there is enough interest and the needed target number for the exercise room could be met. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to purchase a digital voice recorder to record all city council meetings moving forward for the purpose of clarity when executing minutes following meetings. Motion carried.

A written report was submitted by Superintendent Clark as he was absent at a three day water school.

Attorney McCracken stated he finished going through the zoning manual from SCEDD and everything has been updated. An index still needs to be made. He will get a vendor application completed this month. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to release the lien at 59 N Webster Street. Motion carried.

Under old business and nuisance properties, three addresses were brought up regarding concern in parking in yards. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to have Attorney McCracken send letters to 322 N Seward, 1021 N Locust and 629 N Locust. Motion carried.

For new business, Mayor Brown stated he was approached by a citizen about Midland Area Agency on Aging moving back to the Elm Street Center. Jarrod McCartney suggested having the citizen talk to Janice Hartman about it.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 9:25 p.m. for 1 employee evaluation. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume the regular meeting at 9:39 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve a raise for the City Superintendent. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Salaries	23,554.37
Dana F. Cole & Co. LLP- auditing services	7,713.12
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00

Solomon Corporation- transformer	17,655.00
Postmaster- 4 rolls of stamps	220.00
Verizon- cell phone	56.75
Aflac- insurance	269.81
Red Cloud Chief- minutes, ads, notices	386.37
BCBS- health insurance	7,680.97
Nationwide- retirement	1,207.41
State Income Tax- month of January	903.56
Withholding- 1/16 payroll	1,137.32
Social Security- 1/16 payroll	1,863.68
Medicare- 1/16 payroll	435.88
R & M Disposal- trash service	12,308.00
Social Security- 1/1 payroll	1,872.82
Withholding- 1/1 payroll	1,125.34
Medicare- 1/1 payroll	437.98
BCBS- health insurance	7,680.97
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The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.- life insurance	174.12
Great Plains- phone & internet	1,054.73
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	245.60
Kim Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
Sargent Drilling- new meter @ south well	10,985.44
NE Public Health Env. Lab- water sample	15.00
Electric- bond & interest transfer	2,000.00
Sewer- to CM for sewer reserve	625.00
Water- to CM for water reserve	625.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
Hometown Leasing- copier agreement	110.00
John Hodge- attorney fees	75.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 service	350.00
Various- business insurance transfer	4,754.02
General- to police fund	1,916.51
Clark- cell phone	44.00
Hersh- cell phone	44.00
Long- cell phone	33.00
Various- to Officer's Salary	1,643.76
Various- to Economic Development	750.00
Various- to General	2,499.99
Various- to Board of Trust	833.34
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.87
Webster Co. Sheriff- police contract	3,854.29
Border States- materials/supplies	1,503.82
Coast to Coast Solutions	170.07
Eakes- office supplies	360.90

Dultmeier Sales- parts/supplies	308.79
MARC- soap & dispensers @ CC	917.36
Corporate Image Design- labels & claims	399.00
Municipal Automation & Control- program meter @ south well	590.76
Presto-X- pest control	189.39
Sundown Services- floors @ fire hall	370.00
MEAN- purchased power	74,733.97
Platte Valley Communications- belt clips	48.00
Hometown Market- janitorial supplies	14.55
Aramark- towel/mop service, uniforms	468.16
Weathercraft- roof repair @ library	1,431.00
Hawkins, Inc.- fluoride for water	111.68
NMPP- reporting for emissions	350.00
Auld Public Library- membership dues, office supplies, DVD's, SRP	205.71
Barnes & Noble- books	158.27
Kucera Construction- demo packing plant	9,020.00
JEO Consulting Group- blight study	775.00
Cardmember Services- adobe for computer	16.04
Lara Strobl- mileage	147.20
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	94.81
SCEDD- membership dues	2,500.00
Red Cloud Country Club- employee recognition dinner	136.00
Petty Cash- postage, office supplies	189.35
Withholding- 2/1 payroll	1,278.38
Medicare- 2/1 payroll	485.64
Social Security- 2/1 payroll	2,076.46
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,312.29
J & A Auto Supply- towels, trailer connector, antifreeze, wipers, light	190.40
Fyr-Tek- ratchet headband for helmet	100.00
CPI- fuel	133.87
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	3,725.69
C & D Service Center- tools, pin, fitting, injectors, shipping	582.81
One Call Concepts, Inc.- line locate	8.84
Olson Enterprises- fuel, tires, pulley	1,201.54
Kenny's Lumber- supplies, magnets, shovel	677.71
Red Cloud Fire Dept- meal, rooms, cost @ fire school	2,648.79
Central NE Equipment- kit, float valve, stainless rod	133.05
Total Expenses	\$231,642.71

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk