

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 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; Superintendent Clark and Clerk Meline.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and asked those present to join the council in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. He then stated the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall for public viewing.

At this time Mayor Brown swore in Casie Olson as the new City Clerk/Treasurer.

Discussion was held on recent events with Brandon Mohlman's dogs. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to declare the dogs dangerous. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel for a letter to be sent to Mohlman regarding this. It was then Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried.

Kelly Gewecke from the Department of Economic Development met with the Board about the Leadership Certified Community Program. She gave a short presentation on the qualifications of becoming a Leadership Certified Community and how being certified might aid in receiving grants. Horne made the motion to pass Resolution #716 on becoming a Leadership Certified Community and Mahin seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Hansen gave a brief update for the Red Cloud Community Foundation. They are hosting a Visioning Session to talk about dreams and goals for the future of Red Cloud on Tuesday, November 12 at the Community Center. Ashley Olson visited with the Board about the Heritage Tourism Development Initiative and what they have been able to accomplish from 2015-present. Mahin made the motion to extend the agreement with the Red Cloud Community Foundation, Cather Foundation and the City for the Tourism Development Director at \$15,000.00 per year. Goebel seconded. Motion carried. Horne stated he would like to see an updated job description to be approved by all parties.

The Board of Public Trust along with Josh Sholtz and a handful of students from the high school gave an informative power point presentation on the house project they're working on at 1005 N Webster. They described what they have been able to achieve so far and what they plan to do to the house. Board of Public Trust will be having a fundraiser on March 28, 2020 and touched on properties belonging to them and what the future holds.

Jarrold McCartney informed the Board on current tourism data for Webster County. While Webster County was 2nd highest out of 6 counties in visitor spending, it was 2nd lowest in overnight visitors. He said that since 2015-2016 there has been a 13.1% increase in Visitor Spending, and 8.7% increase in Tax Revenue for the State and a 39% increase in Lodging Tax Revenue. Jarrold informed the Board that the Shopping Extravaganza will be held November 26 and Small Business Saturday is November 30. Horne made the motion and seconded by Mahin for Jake Yost to be added to the Economic Development Advisory Board. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

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

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the Financial Reports and City Sales Tax Report. The City Sales Tax received in October for August was \$21,344.38 compared to \$15,912.91 for the same month last year.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the claims for payment. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to reluctantly accept Jason Franssen's resignation letter and expressed gratitude for his service through the years. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Patty Blankenbaker's letter of resignation from the Housing Board. Motion carried.

At this time Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to replace Blankenbaker with Michelle Ratzlaff on the Housing Board. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the City Engineer for the year 2020. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to re-appoint Ryan Kavan as the Street Superintendent for the year 2020. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to adopt Resolution No. 715 Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark told the Board it had been brought to his attention cattle had been turned out to forage at the dam. They fenced the dam in in hopes to keep the cattle off of it. Iowa Pump Works has been notified that they can proceed with the lift station pump replacement. Hoping to start this project in December or January. The Bobcat E50 has been ordered and should be here within 30-45 days. An extended warranty was purchased for \$1,596.00. He stated they're hoping to get the front of the office sprayed and the awning back in place the first week of November. JEO has sent some preliminary water system maps to go through and make changes/additions as time permits. They would like to meet the first week in November. Superintendent Clark said they have been verifying water meter sizes as time permits. Hoping to have the rate study done in December. He said he was approached by Travis Kennedy from CPI about the fee for the building permit. Attorney McCracken is going to look into putting a one-time exception cap on the building permit fee for CPI because they are paying for materials/supplies. A transformer needs to be replaced at the Power Plant with an estimated cost anywhere from \$39,500.00 up to \$57,500.00 and about 10-11 weeks for it to come in.

Attorney McCracken told the Board he would like to keep an eye on 445 N Seward for a potential nuisance property.

Under old business (nuisance properties), Prosecuting Attorney John Hodge gave the Board an update on where they are with the properties at 305 N Cedar, 325 N Seward, 822 N Cedar, and 705 N Walnut. He is going to meet with the Judge to see if he can take over all of the McDole properties as the council is not happy with the lack of movement on these properties.

Under new business a copy of a resolution was presented to the Council pertaining to the payment of claims. No action could be taken but will be put on the agenda for the December meeting.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to enter executive session at 9:19 p.m. for one employee evaluation. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to resume the regular meeting at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to give a raise to the Street Foreman. 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 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Great Plains, telephone bills	1,054.22
Aflac, insurance	269.81
Federal, 10/16 payroll	1,122.87
Medicare, 10/16 payroll	463.40
Social Security, 10/16 payroll	1,981.40
R & M Disposal, trash pickup/collected from utility bills	12,213.50
Nationwide, 10/16 retirement contribution	1,333.82
Red Cloud Chief, legal printing	266.58
State Income Tax, October	863.07
Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins. Co.	174.12
BCBS, health insurance	7,182.19

Aramark, janitorial services	696.51
Kucera Construction, clean up of property at 814 N. Elm	720.00
Landmark, tools and gasket	168.14
Kohmetscher Feed Service, fencing materials	364.10
Barco, blade and measuring wheel	334.00
Eakes, office/janitorial supplies	246.30
Various to Historic Preservation	618.87
Various to Board of Public Trust	833.34
Various to General	2,499.99
Various to Economic Development	750.00
Various to Officer's Salary	1,643.76
Various to Business Insurance Transfer	4,754.02
Withholding, 11/1 payroll	1,275.34
Social Security, 11/1 payroll	2,550.68
Medicare, 11/1 payroll	499.08
J & A Auto Supply, parts	520.77
CPI, fuel	674.08
Kenny's Lumber, materials & supplies	419.67
Olson Enterprises LLC, fuel and fuel oil for power plant	7,481.46
Black Hills Energy, natural gas service	1,463.89
Mid-American Research Chemical, melt-a-way	207.03
Petty Cash, extra postage, supplies, water sample postage	195.70
Cardmember Services, seat covers and adobe	440.99
Nationwide	1,439.05
ELECTRIC	
Theobald Law Office, collection fee	152.65
Elliott Construction, balance due on recycling roof	4,076.55
NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	254.75
Postmaster, postage on utility bills	246.70
BCBS, supplemental insurance	184.41
Compass General Contracting, repairs to power plant roof	21,315.00
NE Dept of Revenue, state income tax payment	199.15
GSI Workshop, subscription	2,400.00
MEAN, purchased power	73,263.32
Border States, materials for CPI project	21,606.30
Dultmeier Sales, parts for power plant	388.15
Dutton-Lainson Co., materials and supplies	4.85
Joe Hersh, towards cell phone	44.00
Jason Franssen, towards cell phone	44.00
Nationwide, loan payment	198.71
Electric, transfer bond & interest	2,000.00
NE Child Support Payment Center	254.75
Summit Masonry LLC, repairs to City Hall	870.00
WAPA, purchased power	4,190.49
Salaries	15,813.83
WATER	
JEO, water system mapping (\$9,000 grant)	10,000.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab, water analysis	48.00
Water to Cash Management Water Reserve	625.00
State Licensure Unit, water certification	115.00
One-Call Concepts, line locates	14.61
Municipal Supply, Inc., coupling	734.98
SEWER	
Sewer to Cash Management Sewer Reserve	625.00
FIRE	
Sandry Fire Supply, boots (will be reimbursed)	580.37
Fyr-Tek, maintenance on city pumper	510.50
Mid Rivers 911, 911 user fee	350.00
Heritage Bank, loan payment	731.98
LIBRARY	
Auld Public Library, DVD's, office supplies, etc.	805.09
Terri Eberly, mileage	207.64
Demco, office supplies	322.54
The Library Store, office supplies	186.34
Baker & Taylor, books	703.56
Salaries	1,847.20
STREET	
Verizon, cell phone	53.90
Dalton Long, towards cell phone	33.00
After Hours Grafix, lettering for street pickup	117.00
Salaries	4,508.89
GENERAL	
NE Secretary of State, notary commission fee	30.00
CNA Surety, notary bond fee	40.00
General to Police Fund	1,916.51
John Hodge, attorney fees	75.00
Hometown Leasing, lease payment on copier	110.00
Nationwide, surety bond fee	100.00
COMMUNITY CENTER	
Kim Nibbe, contract labor	975.00
Eagle Broadband, internet	84.64
CONSUMERS	
City of Red Cloud, applied deposit	800.00
City of Red Cloud, applied deposit	200.00
City of Red Cloud, applied deposit	60.69
Dept of Health and Human Services, unused deposit	139.31
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	

Todd & Lisa Mahin, Historic Grant	3,000.00
POLICE	
Webster Co. Sheriff, contract	3,854.29
BOARD OF TRUST	
Darrell Fisbeck, work for BOPT	120.00
PARK	
Presto-X, pest control	36.38
Salaries	580.28
CDBG	
SCEDD, block grant	300.00
C & D Site	
Salaries	702.54
Total Expenses	\$241,474.60

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk