

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Daehling, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark and Clerk O'Tool.

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.

Councilman Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the Sheriff's report. Motion carried.

Ashley Olson was present to speak about the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund that was awarded to the City of Red Cloud and Willa Cather being the subgrantee, the grant contract ended on March 21, 2022. She stated the grant helped restore four Cather historical sites being Farmers and Merchants Bank, Burlington Depot, St. Juliana Catholic Church and Grace Episcopal Church. Ashley gave information on the restorations that were completed. She stated that to submit for reimbursement that she will need to send in a letter stating that work has been done and that updates have been completed. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have Mayor Brown sign the letter for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund stating that the restorations have been completed. Motion carried.

Next to speak was Sharon Hueftle from SCEDD to give information on the SCEDD nuisance property program. She gave an informative presentation on how the SCEDD nuisance abatement program works. She stated that the program works very well but it takes a lot of work. Sharon talked about in detail about the process of how the program is completed. She stated it's a good program because of the third party oversight and non-discriminatory review of properties. Sharon went over the financial aspects of the program as well. She stated that to complete the program the council would have to have a unanimous decision. The program has been completed in Superior, Franklin, Blue Hill and others. Mayor Brown is going to talk to the Mayors of the towns stated. Councilman Horne made the motion to table it for this meeting and make a final decision on the program at the next meeting, was seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

Ryan Zimmerman the Red Cloud Fire Chief gave a report on the fire department. He stated that in 2021 there was 8 wild fires, 7 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires and 5 accidents. He informed us that Mid Rivers service has gotten better. The fire department raised a little over 18,000 for battery powered jaws. A big thing Ryan stated was that by the end of the year they will be in compliance with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) for the departments bunker gear. Councilman Horne stated that he is impressed by how fast they respond to calls. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the Red Cloud Volunteer Fire Department members. Motion carried.

Lori Ferguson from SCEDD was next to speak. She was present to discuss and review submitted proposals for the City's Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant Study. Two firms submitted proposals one was Confluence and the other was Five Rule Rural Planning. Councilman Horne made the motion to have Mayor Brown be able to score, Daehling seconded it. Motion carried. The council then discussed results of the scoring process and decide on the next steps in the Procurement of a firm to conduct the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant Study. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to move forward with Confluence. Motion carried. Next Lori was present to have the council approve payment to the South Central Economic Development District, in the amount of 1,225.00 for grant administration services for the 2020 CDBG project in partnership with Webster County Community Hospital. Councilman Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Next was

to Approve reimbursement request submitted by Webster County Community Hospital. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Lastly was for the Approval of request for CDBG Funds Drawdown. Beitler made he motion and was seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney was next to speak he went over the Community Development Assistance Act. The Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) will apply for \$75,000 in CDAA Tax Credits on behalf of the Red Cloud Community Fund. It would be in 3 tranches, with the first two occurring before the end of this fiscal year and the 3rd occurring after July 1st. What Jarrod needed from the Council is a Letter of Support signed by the Mayor and the letter needs to show that the local government reviewed the application and that it is consistent with community priorities. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve Mayor brown signing the letter seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. He then gave a general update, he stated that on April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon someone representing USDA is having a virtual conference on certain programs.

Cherry corner was next on the agenda Amanda Hajny gave general updates on Cherry Corner. She stated that they toured multiple memory care facilities to see how the facilities are set up and how the staff handles memory care. Amanda stated that Cherry Corner should look into taking more Medicaid patients because multiple facilities only take one Medicaid patient. She let the council know that she is getting more quotes on nurse call systems and at the next meeting the council will be able to vote on which system to go with. Cherry Corner meetings are open to the public the next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Elementary school art room.

Public comments were then opened. Multiple people from the community stated that the SCEDD nuisance program would be a good thing to look into and that it has helped out other communities a lot. Also was stated that we have a good business community but not good housing and this program would be a good first step in improving our housing stock.

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

Councilman Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for February received in March was \$20,301.28 compared to \$21,775.04 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the claims. Motion carried. These will be listed in full at the end of the minutes.

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

Next on the agenda was Superintendent Clark. He gave a general update and let the council know that he is looking into bids to armor coat the streets this spring, also let him know about the applications we have received for help this summer at the pool. We will be having applications at the school for anyone interested. Superintendent Clark also stated that he has a bid from Pierce Electronics to convert our Civil Defense Sirens from hard wired to wireless. This would allow the Sheriffs Office, light plant and Mid Rivers to operate the sirens in the need of an emergency. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the quote given. Red Cloud Schools got a moving permit, Jared's Auto Expert received a demolition permit, Geraldine Lewis is putting up a fence, Ronda Hendrix is adding a deck, Joseph Stearns is putting up a fence as well as Mike Goebel.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update and stated that he has sent over multiple properties to Attorney Calkins.

Under Old Business councilman Daehling stated that he has been looking in to FEMA research and will keep us updated.

No new Business.

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to enter in executive session for one employee review at 10:24 pm. Motion was carried. Daehling made and the motion and was

seconded by Bryan to return to regular session at 10:28 pm. Motion was carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the raise as discussed. Motion carried

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 10:29 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$23,303.02
Principal- Dental Insurance	\$454.59
Kingswood Court- Van for Cherry Corner	\$5,000.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Verizon- Phone Bill	\$44.06
Withholding- 3/15 payroll	\$1,160.48
Social Security- 3/15 payroll	\$2,023.583
Medicare- 3/15 payroll	\$473.24
Nationwide- 3/15 payroll	\$1,663.56
St. Income Tax- Month of March	\$947.65
R&M Disposal – Trash Collection	\$11,209.00
Webster County Court- Garnishment	\$281.46
State of NE DHHS Accounting- Returned Funds	\$91.81
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$1,796.50
BCBS- Insurance	\$7,890.28
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Aflac- Insurance	\$222.21
Lincoln National life ins.- Life insurance	\$174.12
Red Cloud Chief- Paper renewal	\$33.50
Cherry Corner Estates- Vendor and Payroll expense	\$9,449.12
Withholding- 4/1 Payroll	\$1,250.56
Social Security- 4/1 Payroll	\$2,218.34
Medicare- 4/1 Payroll	\$518.80
Nationwide- 4/1 Payroll	\$1,704.22
Webster County Court- Garnishment	\$213.93
Postmasters- Postage for utility bills	\$258.70
Electric- To bond and interest	\$2,000.00
Sewer- To CM sewer reserve	\$625.00
Water- To CM water reserve	\$625.00
Heritage- Loan payment	\$731.98
Hometown Leasing- Copier agreement	\$136.64
Patrick Calkins- Attorney Fees	\$75.00
Various- Business ins. Transfer	\$6,598.28
Various- To police fund	\$3,295.72
M Clark– Phone bill	\$44.00
J Hersh- Phone bill	\$44.00
R Hitchler- Phone bill	\$44.00
D Long- Phone bill	\$44.00
Various- Officer salary	\$1,431.24
Various- To Economic Development	\$981.96
Various- To General	\$2,426.49
Various- To Board of Trust	\$416.67
Various- To Historic Preservation	\$618.00

Webster County Sheriff- Sheriff Contract	\$3,854.29
Monica Schmitz- Contract Labor	\$750.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 Contract	\$350.00
Mean- Purchased Power	\$77,064.17
Municipal Supply Inc.- Parts for water break	\$436.12
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$1,013.26
Presto X- Pest control	\$247.17
Eakes- Receipt books, trash bags, ink	\$275.24
Red Cloud Volunteer Fire Department- Annual compensation	\$4,150.00
Red Cloud Athletic Department- Annual Donation	\$1,000.00
JEO Consulting Group- Permit Renewal	\$4,412.50
M Clark- Milage	\$178.54
Auld Public Library- Summer Reading Program/ DVD's	\$208.51
Cooperate Image Designs- Important Notice Stickers	\$165.00
Eakes Office Solutions- Time Cards	\$25.99
Mid America Research Chemical- Dusting Sheets	\$187.65
Municipal Chemical Supply- Boiler Treat	\$1,069.20
Auld Public Library- Rummer Reading Reimbursement	\$20.00
L Strobl- Milage	\$149.76
Municipal Supply Inc- Brass Fittings	\$369.20
Hometown Market- Cleaning Supplies	\$16.19
Aramark- Uniform, Rug and towel service	\$751.40
Kearney Winlectric- Lineman Pliers	\$52.00
Sunbelt Solomon- Transformer	\$8,100.00
Cardmember Services- Meeting, water pump & exercise equip.	\$2,200.54
J&A Auto Supply- Door Handle, shop towel, body filler etc.	\$302.37
CPI- Fuel and Battery	\$999.25
C&D Services- Coupler, fitting, ball bearing etc.	\$948.25
Kenny's Hardware- Battery, Shovel Handle, Pliers etc.	\$813.71
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$5,875.28
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Service	\$2,986.14
Core & Main- Handheld Batteries	\$389.71
Landmark- Parts	\$69.60
Olson Enterprises- Fuel and Battery	\$1,622.93
Petty Cash- Postage Card	\$73.42
Total Monthly Expense	\$214,088.63

Todd Brown, Mayor  
Maddy O'Tool, City Clerk