

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 9th, 2024

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Daehling, Goebel, 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.

Councilman Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the sheriffs report. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin made a motion to approve payment to JEO Consulting Group for \$4,507.80 for CDBG 2021 public work grant, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve CDBG Drawdown #9 seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Amanda with Cherry Corners was present to speak to the council. She gave general updates and let the council know that they are still full and have two people on the waitlist.

Jarrod McCartney was next on the agenda but was unable to attend. Todd Mahin let the council know that Jarrod is working on a youth sports grant that can help get score boards and backboards/ rims.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve new members on city boards as well as getting a list together to fill the other open spots on the boards. Seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for October received in December was \$32,743.52 compared to \$22,978.24 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Thies informed the council that they have been trimming trees, they also strung and attached the wire to out poles for Great Plains up at Red Cloud Motor Company. They have been patching potholes and working on snow removal. John Bengel and Brad Frey both got building permits.

Attorney McCracken was present to start he informed the council that board members are required to live in city limits by state statute. He also gave an update on the ARPA land development grant saying that they are rewriting the grant and taking it to legislation. Councilman Mahin made the motion to approve the city getting a new HR manual seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Clerk Schmitz did the first reading of ordinance #667 which states to authorize an occupation tax in the City of Red Cloud. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve ordinance #667 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to waive the three readings, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken

then went through a slide show of photos of parcels that are moving forward in the penal process. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #877 which declares the parcels from slideshow a nuisance, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Under old business city parking signs were discussed, superintendent will be looking into having certain ones replaced.

Councilman Mahin brought information on a Grid Resiliency Grant that the city would qualify for. The grant will help with grid improvement projects such as rebuilding and restoring energy infrastructure for transmission and distribution. Councilman Daehling made the motion for the city to apply for the grant seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Under new business, Clerk Schmitz brought to the council the possibility of increasing the amount we charge for cemetery deeds, copies, and faxes. The council wants the office to look into new prices for the next meeting.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 9:12 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations seconded by Goebel. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to return to regular session at 10:12 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raises as discussed, seconded by Mahin Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve advertising for a third office person, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve advertising for an apprentice lineman/ Journeyman lineman, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 10:14 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$27,166.63
M Schmitz- Zoom Meeting	\$128.31
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 12/15 Payroll	\$1,108.56
Social Security- 12/15 Payroll	\$2,126.32
Medicare- 12/15 Payroll	\$497.30
Nationwide- 12/15 Payroll/Loan	\$1,563.62
St. Income Tax- Month of December	\$1,113.68
Collection Associates- Garnishment	\$206.24
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$12,833.00
Petty Cash- Christmas	\$4,950.00
JEO- RC Dam Project	\$1,768.50
SCEDD- Nuisance Abatement/CDBG Grant	\$8,125.00
City Of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Norder- Weed Control	\$605.40
Withholding- 1/1 Payroll	\$1,073.55
Social Security- 1/1 Payroll	\$2,014.44
Medicare- 1/1 Payroll	\$471.16
Nationwide- 1/1 Payroll/Loan	\$1,483.40
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$189.29

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	\$11,590.58
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	\$1,340.25
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	\$1,000.00
D McGuire- Ins	\$66.65
Barnes & Noble- Books	\$58.56
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
CPI- Fuel	\$489.74
J&A Auto	\$238.05
Olson Enterprises- Fuel	\$1,023.04
Corporate Warehouse- Toner	\$1,799.65
Red Cloud Chief- Fair AD	\$50.00
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$54.85
Kully Pipe & Steel- Iron	\$288.71
Cintas- First Aid	\$25.69
NE Fire Sprinkler- BI Annual Inspection	\$425.00
Rose Equipment- Strip Broom	\$522.00
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$73,493.14
Sunbelt Soloman- Transformers	\$629.16
Aflac- Ins.	\$236.11
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,991.33
Red Cloud Chief- Meeting Notice, Minutes	\$179.11
Red Cloud Chief- Paper Renewal	\$35.50
SCEDD- Membership Dues	\$2,500.00
Dana F. Cole Company- Audit	\$13,433.04
SCPP- Electric for C&D Site	\$207.37
LCL Truck Equipment- Trailer	\$10,300.00
The Lincoln National- Life Insurance	\$148.96

RC Fire Dept- Maintenance	\$1,833.12
Various- Employee Ins	\$9,279.85
Universal Hydraulics- Cylinder Repair	\$237.82
RC Fire Department- Pager Repair	\$315.36
Garwood & McCracken- Legal Services	\$2,400.00
Dutton- Lainson- Coupling, Splice, Anchor etc.	\$2,087.33
Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform service	\$360.56
Auld Public Library- DVD, Materials	\$43.27
Eakes- Calendar, Shredder, Soap	\$529.44
Kearney Winlectric- LED Street Lights	\$907.50
Alexis Vanwey- Mileage	\$186.26
Postmasters- PO Box	\$118.00
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$10.74
Jared's Auto- 1993 Chevy	\$1,357.01
Jared's Auto- 1999 Ford	\$367.62
Sunbelt Soloman- Transformers	\$4,333.50
Sunbelt Soloman- Transformers	\$1,134.20
Bladen Sand and Gravel- Road Gravel	\$1,550.89
Great Plains Communications- Phone/Internet	\$981.41
Cardmember Services- Micro Trend, Light Bulbs, Tools Etc.	\$1,328.68
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$7,847.74
Aramark- Rug, Towel and Uniform	\$180.28
NE Public Power- Transformer Maintenance	\$1,857.95
JM Online- Domain Registration	\$27.95
C&D Service Center- Maintenance on Trucks/Chainsaws	\$641.43
Olsons Enterprises- Fuel	\$810.92
Dultmeier Sales- Tee jet Nozzle	\$85.35
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Selection	\$2,991.56
PrestoX- Pest Control	\$211.25
J&A Auto- Maintenance	\$124.97
CPI- Fuel	\$745.64
Kennys Hardware- Lightbulbs, Ice Melt Etc.	\$1,679.89
Corporate Image Design- Letter Head, Dog Tags, Stickers	\$432.00
C&D Service Center- City Pumper	\$803.15
Central District Health Dept.- Water Testing	\$436.00
Superior Outdoor- Parts	\$174.95
Jared's Auto Experts- Oil Change	\$128.00

Total	\$260,319.86
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Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk

