

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 6th, 2024

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 6th, 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.

First on the agenda was John with JEO to discuss the progress on the dam project. He informed the council about the cost sharing he had looked into and a grant as well to help with the newly increased costs. John told the council that if we start the process, it will show progress and that we might be able to get another extension from CDBG to work on some more grants. Councilman Horne made the motion for John from JEO to apply for the water sustainability grant seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion for JEO to start the engineering process, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was Jarrod McCartney. He gave general updates and informed the council that the community foundation sent the city \$9,000.00 for improvements to the community center that will benefit youth sport programs with intent to update scoreboards. Next, he let the council know that he is encouraging them to look into having another Community Needs Assessment Survey done which helps with grant applications, the last one was completed in 2014.

Sharon Hueftle from SCEDD was next, she was present to continue the conversation on the Community Needs Assessment Survey. She informed the council of the benefits from the survey on being competitive with grants. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve SCEDD completing the Community Needs Assessment Survey, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #877 SCEDD being the 2024 Nuisance Officer, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the Nuisance Abatement Contract with SCEDD, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve payment to JEO for the amount of \$1,989.00 for the CDBG 2021 Public Works Grant seconded by councilman Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly Councilman Horne made the motion to approve drawdown request number ten, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Attorney Dan McMahon was next to speak to the council on behalf of Joe McDole and the nuisance properties that he has. Attorney McMahon informed the council that he wants to help McDole clean up his properties so that they do not need to go to court. The council informed him that he has had multiple opportunities to clean up the nuisance properties over the years and no progress has been made. Councilman Daehling made the motion to allow Joe McDole one month to clean up the three properties that are on the nuisance list for SCEDD and be in contact with Josh Young from SCEDD also for Dan McMahon and Joe McDole to come to the next meeting with a detailed timeline on when the rest of the properties will be cleaned up, if that is not completed then the council will go forward with the nuisance properties going to court, seconded by Mahin, Horne Nay. 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. She also gave them a quote from energized electric to fix the pipes that are leaking.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the Non- Class C Liquor Licenses, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the application for a Class C Liquor License by Alley Cats Bowling, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the occupational tax form as well as waive the fees and start reporting on February 29th, 2024, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. The occupational tax form as well as information on it will be sent out to the businesses it will affect, the forms will be available online as well as in the office.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve maintenance agreement 32-QE2113-002 seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve maintenance agreement 32-QE2113-001 seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Public comments were then opened.

Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne 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 November received in January was \$22,610.41 compared to \$21,394.28 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 was present to give the council a general update. He informed the council that they have completed the job at Olson's new bulk storage site and have replaced the rotten pole by the pool pump house. Dan and Pat are going around and looking at the streets to be worked on this year. The guys ran engines 2 and 5 on the 25th everything went good with that. Superintendent Thies brought up getting new playground equipment for the younger kids and handed out prices of a new set. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new toddler play set for the park, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Lastly, he let the council know how snow removal went.

Attorney McCracken was present to give general updates. He presented to the council a draft for the new PTO in the handbook.

Under old business councilman Mahin the motion to approve the new cemetery deed, copies, and fax prices, seconded by Daehling. Motion carried. Next Councilman Mahin mentioned the old bucket truck and if we should put it out for bid. Councilman Horne made the motion to put the old bucket truck up for bid seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Next was the electrical cost of installations and rate adjustments for future high usage customers, the council is going to have Attorney McCracken look into the previous ordinances and discuss again at the March meeting. Councilman Mahin brought up the 3rd Ave to Webster main that needs to have backfill completed on it. Councilman Goebel made the motion to have Superintendent Thies have someone come in and complete the project, seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Mahin gave us an update on the NDEE Grid Resiliency Grant, and

we are just waiting for next steps. Lastly, we are looking into getting a new water fountain at the community center that has a water bottle fill.

Councilman Horne made the motion at 10:17 pm to enter executive session to discuss applicants for the new office clerk position, seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to return to regular session at 11:19 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to have the city pursue actions as discussed as well approving the new office position applicant, 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 Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 11:20 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$24,897.45
Withholding- 1/15 Payroll	\$1,162.56
Social Security- 1/15 Payroll	\$2,083.10
Medicare- 1/15 Payroll	\$487.20
Nationwide- 1/15 Payroll	\$1,586.71
St. Income Tax- Month of Jan	\$920.12
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$12,775.00
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$212.61
Corie Barnes- Refund Deposit	\$200.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$400.00
JEO- Dam Project	\$4,507.80
Postmasters- Envelopes	\$1,710.80
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 2/1 Payroll	\$1,292.82
Social Security- 2/1 Payroll	\$2,268.76
Medicare- 2/1 Payroll	\$530.62
Nationwide- 2/1 Payroll	\$1,696.02
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$223.28
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	\$1,050.00
D McGuire- Ins	\$66.65
Aflac- Ins	\$236.11
MEAN- NOX Reporting 2024	\$500.00
Jared's Auto- Fuel Filter	\$298.64
House Beautiful- Subscription	\$34.97
National Geographic- Subscription	\$56.97
CR Consumer Reports- Subscription	\$30.00
Willow Lane Education- Books	\$392.23
Eakes- Copies	\$288.03
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$148.96
Sunbelt Soloman- Pole mount	\$4,875.00
RCVFD- Uniforms	\$835.00
Principal- Dental Ins	\$404.08
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$84,215.52
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Various- Employee Ins.	\$9,279.85
Mayo Clinic- Subscription	\$32.00
Core & Main- Sensus Support	\$2,300.00
Altec- Hinge Component	\$24.39
GTA- Bond	\$100.00
Altec- Door for Bucket Truck	\$692.26
Great Plains Communication- Phone/Internet	\$960.80
Eakes- Paper, Towels, Trash Bags	\$339.85
Dutton-Lainson Company- LED Lights	\$730.25
Auld Public Lib- Office Supplies	\$53.49
Good Housekeeping- Subscription	\$34.97
Petty Cash- Certified Mail, Amazon, Water Samples	\$66.40
Rose Equipment- Sweeper Payment	\$17,250.00
Better Homes & Gardens- Subscription	\$24.00
Auld Public Library- Materials/Supplies	\$32.07
Auld Public Library- Materials/Books	\$77.18
ISS- Fire Alarm Monitoring	\$480.00
Aramark- Janitorial	\$180.28
Dutton- Lainson Company- LED Lights	\$146.05
Jared's Auto- 1998 Chevy, Ignition Lock	\$683.56
Tom Hitchler- Employee Benefits	\$1,120.00
MEAN- Services Committee	\$400.00

Time- Subscription	\$72.28
Benetech- Computer Services	\$200.00
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$5.98
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$7,524.03
Cardmember Services- Postage, Fuel, tools Etc.	\$1,717.77
Baker & Taylor- Books	\$664.08
Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler- Inspection	\$475.00
Hometown Market- Employee Benefits	\$922.53
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Services	\$4,359.26
Kennys Hardware- Ice Melt, Power Plant Etc.	\$585.12
CPI- Fuel, Diesel @PP	\$12,308.20
Olsons- Fuel	\$1,007.96
Landmark- Parts	\$12.44
Total	\$316,993.77

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk