

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 5, 2024

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Goebel, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Thies and Clerk Schmitz. Councilman Mahin and Daehling were 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.

Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the sheriffs report seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Brad Frey was present to speak to the council to give information on the Hardwick Park project. He asked the council if the city could set up a separate account for the project to deposit donations. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve a separate account seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Next was Cherry Corners councilman Horne gave general updates and let the council know they are still full. Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the bid from Energized Electric for new water lines at Cherry Corners, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Josh with SCEDD was present to speak on the Nuisance Abatement Program regarding penal properties. He went through a slide show to show the progress. Dan McMahan was also present to speak on behalf of his client. The council decided to leave all the properties on the nuisance abatement list for this next nuisance year to make sure they stay in compliance.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve April 20th for the spring clean up date, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Bridget from Headwaters was present via Zoom to speak to the council. She let the council know they are a nonprofit and help cities with grants. She informed the council of various grants for flooding. They have helped multiple communities with grants for various projects. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve Bridget looking into grants for the city as well as talking to JEO on our dam project, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney was present to speak to the council to give them a general update. He informed the council on how the foundation is helping with the Heritage Care Center and what has been discussed on the future for the facility with the hospital taking it over. The council thanked them for stepping forward to help with keeping the facility open and available to the community.

Public comments were then opened, Kathy Stockton was present and wanted to speak on what she has been going through with the Red Cloud Historic Preservation Commission. She informed the council that she had applied for a grant through them, and had it approved then they retracted the approval after the work was completed. Councilman Horne let her know that he is sorry that this had happened, but the council is unable to do anything and that she is needing to go back to the commission and have a conversation with them.

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

Councilman Hone made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for December received in February was \$31,735.78 compared to \$23,812.30 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne 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 of the structures the guys had been redoing in the alley behind the new hotel. He let them know that they have been looking at what streets will need to be worked on this year. They ran engines 3 & 4 on the 22nd. The new playground structure will be delivered early in april. Lastly, he got a bid on mowing for the cemetery.

Attorney McCracken was present to give general updates. He gave updates on the grants he has been working on just waiting back to hear from the state. He will be contacting the state liquor commission to talk to them about business in town having a beer garden and will be bringing that back to the council next month. He also went over the ordinances for the electric rates and water rates, they will return to this at the next meeting.

Under old business the council discussed electric cost of installations and rate adjustments, will be coming back to that next month when the whole council is present. The council then discussed the issue with cats in town, they are aware of the problem and are trying to find the best solution on how to remedy the issue. The old bucket truck is still up for bid.

Under new business a health and safety ordinance were brought up by the council. A health and safety ordinance would be in place on when to contact the authorities for a check after electricity and water have been shut off. Councilman Horne was unaware if the city was able to do that. Attorney McCracken will get more information on it and let the council know at the next meeting.

Councilman Goebel made the motion at 9:15 pm to enter executive session for employee evaluations, seconded by Horne. Motion Carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to return to regular session at 10:15 pm. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the bid for mowing at the cemetery, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve advertising for pool help, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve raises as discussed seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the contract with Attorney McCracken, seconded by Goebel. Motion carried. Councilman Goebel made the motion to approve the contract labor seconded by Mayor Brown, Horne abstain. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to adjourn said meeting at 10:17 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$26,664.41
JEO- Dam Project	\$1,989.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 2/15 Payroll	\$1,152.10
Social Security- 2/15 Payroll	\$2,116.18

Medicare- 2/15 Payroll	\$494.90
Nationwide- 2/15 Payroll	\$1,579.58
St. Income Tax- Month of Feb	\$1,033.63
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$206.20
R&M Disposal- Trash Collection	\$13,147.25
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$94.48
Alisha Dickerson- Refund Deposit	\$105.52
Island Supply Welding Company- Compressed Air	\$298.25
Nationwide- 3/1 Payroll	\$1,583.01
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$209.40
Withholding- 3/1 Payroll	\$1,205.80
Social Security- 3/1 Payroll	\$2,130.62
Medicare- 3/1 Payroll	\$498.32
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
Barco Municipal Products- Plow Blade	\$700.97
J&A Auto- Supplies	\$212.87
Barco Municipal Products- Hospital Sign	\$112.90
Red Cloud EMT- EMT Training	\$266.75
RCDF- Recognition Dinner	\$907.14
Hometown Market- Employee Benefits	\$674.04
Utility Service Co- Tank Payment	\$4,830.95
Cencon of Kansas- Rock	\$1,988.22
Cornhusker Cleaning- Janitorial	\$154.34

Cintas- First Aid	\$96.93
AFC Playground NE- Playground Equipment	\$22,523.00
Great Plains Communication- Phone/Internet	\$963.76
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$148.96
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
NE Dept of Energy- Pool Permit	\$40.00
Red Cloud Country Club- Employee Benefits	\$125.00
Aramark- Janitorial	\$188.34
LCL Truck Equipment- Plow	\$2,150.41
Barco Municipal Products- Library Sign	\$156.59
Kully Pipe & Steel- Tubing	\$336.23
CenCon of Kansas- Rock	\$2,001.18
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$84,101.03
Various- Employee Insurance	\$9,279.85
Benetech- Computer Services	\$150.00
Eakes- Money Book/ Pencils	\$62.25
Presto X- Pest Control	\$54.85
Powermanager- Envelopes	\$182.71
Kearney Winlectric- Lights	\$1,723.91
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$8.34
Auld Public Library- Materials/Supplies	\$70.47
Aflac- Ins	\$236.11
Auld Public Library- Materials/Supplies/DVD's	\$41.92
Border States- Arresters	\$413.28
Anstine Fire Equipment- Maintenance	\$875.00
One Call Concepts- Line Locates	\$14.70
Border States- Anchor	\$222.60
Aramark- Rug, Towel & Uniform service	\$188.34
GTA- Ins	\$4,336.00
Real Simple- Subscriptions	\$24.00
Barnes & Noble- Books	\$336.17
Energized Electric- Fill Line @ FH	\$2,833.33
Arbor Day Foundation- Membership Dues	\$15.00
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$6,613.13
Red Cloud Chief- Minutes, Notices, Job opening	\$656.75
Hometown Market- Janitorial	\$43.60
Auld Public Library- Materials/Supplies	\$16.57
Cardmember Services- Tools, Fuel Etc.	\$3,771.37
Olson Enterprises- Fuel	\$490.26
Kearney Winlectric- Unit Hub, Etc.	\$329.67
Total	\$241,574.64

Todd Brown, Mayor
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk