

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
July 5, 2023

As per the notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Mahin, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Thies and Clerk Schmitz. Councilman Daehling was 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.

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

Next on the agenda was Courtney Crowley. Courtney brought to the council more information on fluoride in the water, he is advocating to have the city stop fluoridation in water because he believes water fluoridation is unnecessary and unsafe. Courtney states that fluoridation can have harmful effects on the public such as lower IQ points and higher risk in ADHD. He is encouraging people to do research on what fluoridation is and how it can affect you.

Dr Landgren was also present to speak on the fluoridation of water. Dr. Landgren has been practicing dentistry in Red Cloud for thirty-five years. He stated that fluoride is all natural and can be found in natural water sources such as lakes and rivers. Dr. Landgren informed the council that 72% of the U.S. is drinking fluoridated water, fluoridated water is also a beneficial to lower economic groups as well. He ended by saying that the ADA (American Dental Association) states that there are no negative effects on fluoridated water that has the optimal amount.

Councilman Horne made a motion to table a vote on fluoridation in water until August when all council members are present, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Terri Eberly was next on the agenda. She is starting the process of starting their strategic plan, which is a survey to give information on what the library can do for the community. Terri is asking for the council to let her put a link to the survey on the utility bill. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve her putting a link on the bill or with the bill seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Once the survey is complete, she will come back to the council to let them know what could be improved at the library.

Amanda Hajny was present to give updates on Cherry Corners. Amanda let the council know that they will be filling the last room this coming week. They are looking into transportation prices for residents that must travel out of town regularly. Amanda ended by saying that some residents wanted them to change their animal policy, but the assisted living board decided to leave it as it is.

Next on the agenda was Josh Young with SCEDD. First Josh went through the parcels from last year's nuisance program that he thinks should be rescinded. Councilman Horne made the motion to rescind parcel #1017 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Next Josh brought to the council properties from this year's nuisance abatement program that he thinks should be rescinded. Councilman Bryan made the motion to rescind parcel #2010 #2013 #2030 #2045 #2057 #2060 #2079 #2091 #2094 and #2115 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Next councilman Bryan made the motion to move parcels #1022 #2077 #2121 into penal court procedures, seconded by Horne. Motion carried. Next councilman Horne made a motion to accept postponement until August 8<sup>th</sup> for parcel #2032 #2058 #2065 #2067 #2093 #2097 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Lastly Josh brought to the council contract bids for abatement, councilman Bryan made a motion to table the vote till August so the council can get more bid options, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the Audit seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney was next on the agenda; he was unable to attend but gave the council a packet on general updates.

Public comments were then opened.

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

Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for April received in June was \$24,909.76 compared to \$19,445.41 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Horne made the motion to approve the new business rebate for Back Alley Bicycles seconded by Bryan, Mahin abstained. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken gave a general update. He brought to the council resolution #867 which approves a lot split. Councilman Horne made the motion to approve resolution #867 seconded by Mahin. Motion carried. Councilman Bryan made the motion to approve ordinance #666 which changes council meeting times to 6:00 P.M. seconded by Mahin. Clerk Schmitz completed the first reading. Councilman Horne made the motion to wave the three readings seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Attorney McCracken said we are waiting to hear from the state on the next steps of the land development grant.

Superintendent Thies was present to give the council general updates. He let the council know that Farabee Mechanical installed the blower for engine #3 and ran it to make sure everything was working which it was. The new street sweeper will be delivered in the middle of July as well as the new bucket truck. Superintendent Thies suggested that we put in the next fiscal year budget for a new pool pump due to the one we have going out and borrowing one from Superior. Lastly, he let the council know he is waiting for bids for digging up and replacing the concrete on third street between Webster and Cedar where the hole in the sewer was fixed. Lorinda Starnes got a fence permit, Red Cloud Community Schools, John Turner and Tru Built Construction got building permits.

Under old business attorney McCracken let the council know that he has sent over some properties that are on the nuisance list to the county attorney.

No new business.

Councilman Bryan made the motion at 8:58 pm to enter executive session to discuss the pool seconded by Mahin. Motion Carried. Councilman Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to return to regular session at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	\$32,488.47
Olson's- Fuel	\$69.93
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 6/15 Payroll	\$1,558.59
Social Security- 6/15 Payroll	\$2,909.72
Medicare- 6/15 Payroll	\$680.50
Central NE Collection- Garnishment	\$207.53
St. Income Tax- Month of June	\$1,278.42
Nationwide- 6/15 Payroll/ Loan	\$1,586.16
R&M Disposal- June Collection	\$12,945.00

D McGuire- Insurance	\$133.30
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$53.44
L Slieter- Refund Deposit	\$146.56
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Aramark- Rug Towel and uniform services	\$248.64
Taylor Goos- Lifeguard certification	\$1,485.00
NMPP- Distribution services/ Certification of compliance	\$1,900.00
The Lincoln National- Life Ins.	\$153.99
Aflac- Insurance	\$236.11
Principal- Dental Ins.	\$404.08
WCCH- Hospital Grant	\$25,270.35
C Roemer- Refund Deposit	\$150.00
J Peters- Refund Deposit	\$75.00
Postmasters- Postage on Bills	\$278.55
City of Red Cloud- Applied Deposit	\$200.00
Withholding- 7/1 Payroll	\$1,597.33
Social Security- 7/1 Payroll	\$3,021.00
Medicare- 7/1 Payroll	\$706.52
Nationwide- 7/1 Payroll/ Loan	\$1,566.79
Central NE Collections- Garnishment	\$209.57
Red Cloud FFA- Duck Dive	\$30.00
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	\$4,680.83
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	\$1,909.98
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
WAPA- Purchased Power	\$4,278.86
NE Public Health Lab- Water Test	\$604.00
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- Spacer/ Washer	\$97.61
Dutton- Lainson Comp.- Fittings	\$311.50
Rose Equipment- Hydraulic Filter	\$110.82
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$456.50

Border States- Wrench anchor, Meter Sockets	\$1,203.33
Sunbelt Rentals- Ditchwitch Rental	\$68.96
Red Cloud Chief- Meeting Notices, Mins etc.	\$237.27
Great Plains Communication- Phone/Internet	\$1,069.30
Deisley Excavating- Push up C&D Site	\$732.50
Eakes- Towels, Bath Tissue, paper Etc.	\$375.35
RC Chamber- SCD Sponsor	\$100.00
RC Animal Health- Gloves	\$20.00
Bear Graphics- Checks	\$883.08
Platte Valley Comm.- Pager Repairs	\$813.42
MEAN- Purchased Power	\$67,265.36
Presto X- Pest Control	\$50.78
Aramark- Rug, Towel and Uniform services	\$124.32
Auld Public Library- SRP, DVD & Books	\$278.68
Central Plains Library- Subscription	\$50.00
DATA443- Subscription	\$130.00
Red Cloud Chief- SRP ads, Book signings	\$306.00
Baker and Taylor- Books	\$621.59
Consumer Reports- Subscription	\$32.10
Auld Public Library- Summer reading program	\$25.02
Various- Employee Ins	\$8,976.20
BCBS- Ins.	\$275.75
NE Fire Sprinkler- Annual Inspection	\$425.00
Midwest Turf and Irrigation- Thermostat & Gasket	\$136.82
Border States- Wrap Spool Tie	\$41.62
TK Elevator- Elevator maintenance	\$341.46
SOS Portable Toilets- BRAN	\$425.00
Dana F. Cole Company- Audit	\$2,899.69
Cintas- First Aid restock	\$84.04
Jared Auto- Radiator Fan Clutch	\$390.29
Black Hills Energy- Natural Gas Selection	\$4,213.48
Universal Hydraulics- Cylinder Repair	\$231.86
Mark Bencken- BOT Mowing	\$90.00
Cardmember services- Chairs, Whistles, Fan ETC	\$375.44
Olson's Enterprises- Fuel, Brakes on 1999 Ford	\$1,355.65
Farabee Mechanical- Rebuild Blower on Engine #4	\$49,360.00
Hawkins- Chemicals	\$441.50
Auld Public Library- SRP and DVD	\$57.89
Norder- Chemicals	\$198.00
Dultmeier- Shurflo Pump	\$183.85
MARC- Speed Wipes, Aquatic weed picker	\$663.08
Total Expenses	\$267,605.62

Todd Brown, Mayor  
Maddy Schmitz, City Clerk