

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel, Mahin; Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark and Clerk Olson.

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.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried.

Kevin Kruse and Ann Nissen of JEO gave a follow-up to the council about the agreement the City had with them to do an evaluation on the dam site a few years ago. Since that time, funding has become available to apply for a CDBG grant for the dam project as well as culvert improvement/replacement, channel clean-out, drainage, etc. Applications for this grant are due in the summer of 2021. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to have Mayor Brown sign the amended agreement between JEO and the City to allow them to develop a plan and move forward with this project. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney stated lodging tax is up from last year, and the media blitzes he has put out have reached 250,000 people. The design development work has been completed on the Hotel Garber Project. He also stated Amanda Hajny had reached out to him about starting a foundation for Cherry Corner Estates. More research will be done on this. The Nebraska Tourism Conference will be held virtually this month, and the Community Foundation raised almost \$15,000.00 during the September "Give Where You Live" Campaign-- 90% of which will be granted back out around the community before the end of the year if enough quality, eligible applications are received.

Ron and Mary Lambrecht of R & M Disposal met with the council per the council's request to discuss billing and the cost associated with it. The Lambrechts gave the council some information to consider and the topic will be readdressed at the November meeting.

Don Theobald met with the council about using the Community Center for an upcoming jury selection and a trial if need be. He stated there is not sufficient space in the court room to practice safe social distancing. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to allow the use of the Community Center for jury selection and if necessary, a trial. Motion carried.

During public comments, Glen Brumbaugh met with the council about painting a mural upon entering downtown Red Cloud. He stated Adam Boggs would be the painter. The council liked this idea but said the image would have to be the right fit for Red Cloud. Glen will contact Adam to get more ideas as far as what to paint a mural of and will bring the ideas to the November meeting. Jarrold McCartney said grants are available to do multiple murals. Roger Bohrer, Brad Burgess and Carol Beitler then met with the council on behalf of Cherry Corner Estates. It was decided to have a work session between their board and the City Council on October 21st at 5:00 p.m. to try and find solutions to financial situations.

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

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for July received in September was \$23,559.74 compared to \$18,107.97 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Beitler 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.

Discussion was held on changing the responsibility of the water main codes between the City and the homeowner per Councilman Goebel. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to authorize Attorney McCracken to research and draw up a new ordinance for water codes. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin gave an overview to the council on where the TIF Project stands currently. SCEDD will be contacted to see if they can continue to move forward with the project at this point.

Renovations continue inside the Scout Lodge. It was brought up that new flooring for the bathroom is a need. The council said to move forward with getting new flooring in the bathroom.

Superintendent Clark told the council there has been an issue with a water test. He has visited with the district representative and it has been decided to test in another location. He believes it is an environmental issue more so than the sample itself. The street repairs will begin this month, and he is waiting to hear back about the specifications and regulations regarding the speed bumps that were approved last month. The CPI project has been completed. He then stated a RICE-MACT test needs to be done again at the power plant: NDEE found the stack reports to be non-compliant. The last test was completed in 2018, and testing is to be done every 5 years to set pressure parameters. Clark said the power plant will be offline until the issue is resolved. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to accept the bid from Farabee Mechanical to perform the compliance test. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken told the council there is a possible new nuisance property in town at 405 N Chestnut. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to have him send a letter to the homeowners. Motion carried. He will reach out to Prosecuting Attorney Hodge for a status update on nuisance properties.

Under old business the nuisance property list was discussed. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have 205 N Seward removed from the "condemned property" list. Motion carried. Goebel then made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have 59 N Webster, 442 N Jefferson and 941 N Cedar removed from the "keeping track of" list. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to enter into executive session at 10:31 p.m. for 2 full-time employee evaluations. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to resume regular session at 10:39 p.m. Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to accept the raises as discussed. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	24,853.76
Verizon- cell phone	63.14
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,051.50
Withholding- 9/15 payroll	1,077.33
Social Security- 9/15 payroll	1,935.86
Medicare- 9/15 payroll	452.78
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,206.42
State Income Tax- month of September	888.19

Aflac- insurance	167.10
BCBS- health insurance	197.31
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The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
RC Light/Water- annual transfer	46,670.34
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	249.45
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	600.00
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K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
Withholding- 10/1 payroll	1,102.69
Social Security- 10/1 payroll	1,972.28
Medicare- 10/1 payroll	461.28
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,221.98
Electric- bond & interest	2,000.00
Sewer- to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Water- to CM water reserve	625.00
Heritage- loan payments	3,971.11
Hometown Leasing- copier agreement	110.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 contract	350.00
J Hodge- attorney fees	75.00
Various- business insurance transfer	6,572.09
General- to police fund	3,295.72
M Clark- cell phone	44.00
J Hersh- cell phone	44.00
R Hitchler- cell phone	44.00
D Long- cell phone	33.00
Various- to Officer's Salary	802.08
Various- to Economic Development	1,420.65
Various- to General	833.34
Various- to Board of Trust	833.34
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.75
Webster Co Sheriff- police agreement	3,854.29
Platte Valley Communications- work on pagers	145.75
PrestoX- pest control	220.42
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	801.69
CPI- fuel, TIF payment	4,147.21
Cardmember Service- garage door opener part, adobe renewal	128.01
Border States- fuses & meters	597.18
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,073.82
MEAN- purchased power	80,024.25
Red Cloud Chief- ads, notices, minutes	275.22
Weissert Hardwood Flooring- recoat multipurpose room floor @ CC	1,291.00
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	183.00
Dultmeier Sales LLC- sprayer swivel elbows	13.38

Barco Municipal Products Inc- barricade legs, street & cemetery signs	729.25
League of NE Municipalities- workshop training	385.00
GTA Insurance Group- additional premium due on audit	697.00
Hawkins Inc- fluoride	358.20
Deisley Excavating & Trucking- chainsaw repairs	390.91
Auto Trim Design & Signs- tint on windows @ City Hall	2,120.00
RC Community Foundation Fund- Heritage Tourism payment	15,000.00
Auld Public Library- janitorial supplies, DVD's	606.12
Sandry Fire Supply- bunker gear	8,122.20
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	758.49
J & A Auto Supply- tools & supplies	217.07
C & D Service Center- flashlight, hitch pin, loop pin, clamping collar	101.09
WAPA- purchased power	3,924.87
Red Cloud Fire Dept- throttle cable, fire prevention week reimbursement	1,031.18
Municipal Emergency Services- air pack tests	786.91
One Call Concepts- line locates	47.99
Kenny's Lumber- grass seed, materials/supplies	382.92
Olson Enterprises- fuel, tire repair, a/c repair, floor mats	1,399.85
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	94.81
NE Municipal Clerks' Assn- annual dues	35.00
Barnes & Noble- books	83.13
Center Point Large Print- books	175.00
Hometown Market- janitorial supplies	18.92
Principal- dental insurance	409.13
Total Expenses	\$256,613.59

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk