

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel; Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark and Clerk Olson. Councilman Mahin 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.

At this time Kyle Bryan was sworn in as the new south ward councilman and Gene Horne was sworn in as north ward councilman.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to appoint Horne as the President of the Council. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to appoint Goebel and Beitler for the financial committee. Motion carried.

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

Sharon Beitler of the Red Cloud Housing Authority met with the council and announced her retirement. She has been with the RCHA for 40 years. Brenda Piel of Blue Hill was introduced as her replacement. Brenda has been the director for the Blue Hill Housing Authority for the last 10 years. She will work between the two facilities.

Kyle Klein along with Lori Ferguson of SCEDD met with the council on behalf of the Webster County Community Hospital. Kyle stated the hospital is working on a CDBG grant application for some much needed improvements and equipment. The grant would need to be run through the city. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #734 Request for SCEDD to assist with 2020 CDBG-CV Project. Motion carried.

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

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for September received in November was \$22,153.87 compared to \$18,362.88 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.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to appoint JEO Consulting Group Inc as the City Engineer for 2021. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to appoint Ryan Kavan of JEO Consulting Group Inc as the Street Superintendent for 2021 as well as approve Resolution #735 Year End Certification. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler for the annual approval of Maintenance Agreement #32 and Certificate of Compliance. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve Resolution #736 Annual Approval of Consumption of Alcohol at Fire Hall. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #737 Annual Employee Recognition Dinner. Motion carried. The employee recognition dinner will be held on January 9th, 2021.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to appoint/re-appoint committee board members. Sheryl McCracken, Brad Burgess and Tyler Olson for Planning Commission; Paula Hammond for Zoning Board of Adjustment; Dan Conway and Wes Olson to replace Justin Elledge for the Cemetery Board; Ruth Small to replace Rowland Benedict on the Housing Board; Marcia Olson, Brian Hof and Roger Bohrer for Assisted Living Board; Peter Osborne for Library Board; Jim Fitzgibbon, Janet Maruhn and Dalton Long for Tree Board/Park; Kim Brubaker and Jay Hall for Historic Preservation and Beitler is going to ask at their next meeting about a replacement for Kay Blackstone; the Economic Development Advisory Board is meeting later this month and their nominations will be discussed at that time; Kory McCracken for Board of Trust. Motion carried.

Roger Bohrer and Brad Burgess met with the council on behalf of Cherry Corner Estates. They stated Cherry Corner was recently awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from the Nebraska Community Foundation. Attorney McCracken has prepared a marketing ad and it is almost ready to put out to the public. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to authorize Mayor Brown to sign any paperwork involving the marketing and real estate sales of Cherry Corner Estates. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown told the council he would like to see TV's purchased for City Hall and the Community Center as well as a meeting owl for the use of virtual meetings. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to go ahead with the purchase of these items. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark said there were four water leaks this past month, and a building was torn down on main street. NDEE got the testing done at the power plant and the results should be back soon. There were 138 line locates this month and no power outages. New windows were installed on the south side of City Hall as well as the new door. Hoping to have the glass put in the door sometime next week. One building permit was submitted: Max Merrill is putting up a car port. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to allow the purchase of a new city pickup for \$18,650.00. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to allow the purchase of a new grasshopper lawn mower for \$21,500.00. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken said he recently had a meeting with Jarrod McCartney and some representatives from UNK. They are trying to find someone to pair the City with for the next phase of the TIF project being the cost benefit analysis. Hoping to have more information on this next month.

There was continued discussion on nuisance properties under old business. Attorney McCracken would like to send nuisance letters to 325 N Seward St, 822 N Cedar St, 105 N Walnut St, 705 N Walnut St, 1021 N Locust St, 1021 N Webster St, and 510 N Elm St. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to authorize McCracken to proceed with the with the letters to the addresses as discussed. Motion carried.

For new business, Mayor Brown brought up the idea of having cameras installed on main street. His thought was to have one by City Hall, one at the highway intersections and one at the post office. Goebel said he would visit with Ron Sunday to see if Emergency Management funds could be used for this at all.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to enter into executive session at 9:48 p.m. for 3 employee evaluations. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume regular session at 10:06 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to accept the raises as discussed. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve Councilman Bryan to replace Councilman Mahin on the Economic Development Advisory Board. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 10:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	23,962.88
Cherry Corner Estates- for payroll expenses	5,000.00
Figgins Construction- work on streets	106,099.35
Sandry Fire Supply- fire hose & gasket	750.45
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
CPI- fuel	38.49
City of Red Cloud- applied deposits	123.07
R Miguel- refunded deposit	121.99
M Bennett- refunded deposit	154.94
Norder Supply Inc- chemical	137.00
Withholding- 11/15 payroll	1,050.82
Social Security- 11/15 payroll	1,839.94
Medicare- 11/15 payroll	430.36
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,343.33
State Income Tax- month of November	856.44
Verizon- cell phone	53.94
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,600.00
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,102.46
Heritage Bank- Cherry Corner Estates line of credit	47,000.00
BCBS- health insurance	197.31
Aflac- insurance	167.10
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
City of Red Cloud- applied deposits	400.00
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BCBS- health insurance	7,265.72
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	249.45
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
Withholding- 12/1 payroll	1,070.09
Social Security- 12/1 payroll	1,867.12
Medicare- 12/1 payroll	436.70
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,390.18
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll, payroll taxes, vendor expenses	19,000.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	150.00
Electric- bond & interest	2,000.00
Sewer- to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Water- to CM water reserve	625.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
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
Cardmember Services- adobe, meals, hip waders	557.84
Hawkins, Inc- fluoride	349.61
Ace Irrigation & Mfg Co- materials/supplies	129.00
Sargent Drilling- monitor for south well	374.50
Ag Express Electronics- cable for snow plow	94.00
PrestoX- pest control	118.77
Utility Service Co Inc- quarterly payment	4,447.50
Border States- wedge clamp	48.18
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	615.66
Auld Public Library- janitorial supplies	13.68
NDEE Fiscal Services- sewer loan payment	10,628.80
Follett School Solutions- license support renewal	870.45
Tim's Flooring- install tile in scout lodge bathroom	289.50
Reminisce- subscription	24.98
Ziembra Roofing Co- roof repairs on MacFarland Hotel	876.00
Red Cloud Chief- ads, notices, minutes	297.87
MEAN- purchased power	68,314.55
Eakes- printer copies, office supplies	389.80
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	461.00
O'Keefe Elevator Co Inc- elevator maintenance	319.45
NMPP- Value Support Plan for PowerManager Software	2,303.00
Arbor Day Foundation- annual membership	15.00
JCO Commercial Flooring Srvcs- trim cove base & tile @ scout lodge	591.00
Dultmeier Sales LLC- parts for pump	143.81
NE Fire Sprinkler- annual inspection	410.00
C Olson- cemetery records	200.00
M Goebel- meeting attendance	2,800.00
D Beitler- meeting attendance	2,975.00
T Mahin- meeting attendance	3,150.00
G Horne- meeting attendance	3,150.00
T Brown- meeting attendance	4,050.00
Petty Cash- employee benefits, memorial, cards, water sample	2,104.34
Coast to Coast Solutions- coloring tote for SRP	191.44
Martha Stewart Living- subscription	19.00

House Beautiful- subscription	29.97
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	2,238.98
WAPA- purchased power	5,762.28
One Call Concepts- line locates	170.17
JEO Consulting Group- 2020 Road Program	3,000.00
NMPP- utility bills & envelopes	694.40
C & D Service Center- plastic ties	24.50
Municipal Supply Inc- vault socket	89.74
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	94.81
Olson Enterprises LLC- fuel, repairs, tank	4,804.31
CPI- fuel, tire repair	142.96
J & A Auto Supply- tools, parts, filter	62.77
Hometown Market- supplies	6.20
Barnes & Noble- books	130.34
Webster Co Treasurer- property taxes	67.68
T & L Mahin- reimbursement for grant award	3,500.00
Kenny's Lumber- rentals, lumber, materials/supplies	477.09
Corporate Image Design- keys to the City	590.00
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Time USA LLC- subscription	72.28
Total Expenses	\$393,336.88