

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Bryan, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark, and Clerk Olson. Councilman Goebel 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.

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

Jarrold McCartney gave an update to the council. Numbers were slightly down for the website in March compared to last year at this time. Progress continues on Hotel Garber, he said they are hoping to utilize a mixture of New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits and possibly TIF to lessen or eliminate bank financing. McCartney stated the Hotel project is a great candidate for tax credits due to Red Cloud being located within a Census Bureau tract designated as "severely distressed" economically, and it would be creating jobs as well as bringing in revenue.

Katelyn Duffy then met with the council about having a Farmer's Market in the park again this year. She said it will begin June 17<sup>th</sup> and go until September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Casey Fangmeyer met with the council on behalf of the Red Cloud Athletic Association. He proposed upgrading the restrooms, storage facilities, crows nest and concession stands at the ballfield and is looking to the City to help with the cost of the project. Benefits would include increased restroom availability, increased storage, bigger concessions, and the potential to host bigger tournaments. The council told Fangmeyer to go ahead and start looking into pricing as far as plumbing, electrical, etc.

Wes Olson then gave the annual fire report to the City Council. Olson said the fire department responded to 34 fire calls in 2020, 2 being structure fires. They also had 2 house fire training burns. So far in 2021 the department has responded to 8 calls. The fire department would like to update the lighting on the city pumper truck to LED lights, and the bi-annual pump test for the city pumper is this year. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the report, approve the list of members and allow the purchase of new bunker gear. Motion carried.

Amanda Hajny met with the council on behalf of Cherry Corner Estates. Continued discussion on financials was held. Hajny said there are currently 8 residents at Cherry Corner. It was brought to attention that the concrete needs milled in front of the main entrance, and GT Fire may be able to find a compatible fire panel that wouldn't cost as much to replace.

Under public comments, Jared Lewis of Jared's Auto Expert met with the council. He is in the process of splitting lots and adding on to his existing shop as well as creating a parking lot. Discussion was held on vacating the alley behind his shop. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #740 Lot Split between Jared's Auto Expert and McDole along with Resolution #739 Lot Split of Jared's and Energized Electric. Motion carried. The alley will be vacated at a later date. Since the council was already on the topic, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #738 Lot Split between Anne Craig and Bruce Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for January received in March was \$21,775.04 compared to \$18,799.04 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the claims. These will be listed in full at the end of the minutes.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to have Mayor Brown sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to allow the Community Center to be used as a possible location for a mass vaccination site for the COVID-19 vaccine. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve a new business electric rebate for The Corner Nook, LLC. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark stated to the council there was a bad water test on the water system. An order was sent from the State to chlorinate and disinfect the system. The process is to chlorinate for 30 days, maintaining a chlorine level of 0.02-4.0 ppm. Figgins Construction will begin armor coating on streets around town this spring and hopefully more this fall. Johnson Service Company was here and conducted the budgeted sewer cleaning and camera work. There are a couple places of concern including a broken pipe and a hole in another. Both repairs will require an outside contractor.

Attorney McCracken said he will be sending out letters to the properties voted on at last month's meeting before City Wide Clean-Up on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He is waiting to be able to start the CDBG application for the dam project and had nothing new to report for the TIF project.

Under old business the price of renting the Scout Lodge was reviewed. It was agreed to keep the price at \$25.00 for the time being.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to enter into executive session at 9:22 p.m. to hold further discussion on Cherry Corner Estates. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume regular session at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to lower the asking price of Cherry Corner Estates from \$1.525M to \$1.4M. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	22,020.82
Kohmetscher Feed Service- ice melt	222.00
McKesson Medical-Surgical Govt Solutions LLC- AED battery & electrodes	346.08
WAPA- purchased power	5,574.87
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	1,122.76
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	103.23
J & A Auto Supply- tools, supplies, ball mount	80.89
CPI- fuel	111.55
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Landmark Implement- grasshopper mower	21,500.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
Withholding- 3/15 payroll	1,074.76
Social Security- 3/15 payroll	1,842.24
Medicare- 3/15 payroll	430.86
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11

Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,420.01
State Income Tax- month of March	845.32
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,317.00
Verizon- cell phone	54.25
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,056.91
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
BCBS- health insurance	7,396.79
BCBS- health insurance	216.45
Aflac- insurance	208.31
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	250.65
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll & expenses	11,129.00
Kim Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,050.00
Withholding- 4/1 payroll	1,155.51
Social Security- 4/1 payroll	1,982.40
Medicare- 4/1 payroll	463.64
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,488.49
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	199.22
C Ray- refund deposit	0.78
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
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
PrestoX- pest control	227.91
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	923.49
HGTV- magazine subscription	39.97
Border States- street lights, fuses, supplies	2,179.41
Eakes- office supplies	194.51
Landmark Implement- bushing, tube	19.30
Central NE Equipment- parts for washer	578.60

Auld Public Library- dvd's	68.84
O'Keefe Elevator- work on elevator	319.44
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	301.00
Protective Equipment Testing Laboratory- gloves & sleeves	105.34
Harold K Scholz, Co- service call @ PP	2,022.50
MEAN- purchased power	78,604.80
CPI- TIF Payment, fuel	1,024.09
Rose Equipment Inc- gutter broom motor for sweeper	1,718.89
Corporate Image Design- chair rack/chairs, tables for scout lodge	3,739.28
Midwest Alarm Services- fire alarm inspection	197.96
Barco Municipal Products- street signs	133.55
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- ball joints	347.32
Rachael Ray In Season Magazine- subscription	20.00
Coast to Coast Solutions- summer reading program supplies	170.27
D Benedict- repair computer	150.00
One Call Concepts- line locates	62.72
J & A Auto Supply- couplers, hose, clamp, tire gauge, filter, plug, oil	150.98
Cardmember Service- laptop, HR manual, adobe, chlorinator, tools	2,285.05
Kenny's Lumber- materials/supplies, mixer rental	380.34
WAPA- purchased power	5,802.36
Dana F Cole & Co LLP- audit services	2,120.00
NMPP- dues & ERDF contribution	867.80
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	2,662.39
Baker & Taylor- books	454.98
Petty Cash- water samples, supplies, certified mail	148.37
Olson Enterprises LLC- fuel	1,593.13
C & D Service Center- filter, parts	321.25
Hawkins Inc- fluoride, chlorine	799.50
Total Expenses	\$230,399.30

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk