

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel, Bryan, 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.

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

Amanda Hajny, Roger Bohrer and Brad Burgess met with the council on behalf of Cherry Corner Estates. Continued discussion on financials was held. Amanda said a new resident will be coming on Monday, bringing the total number of residents to 8. She said people from out of state are interested in touring the facility, and the COVID restrictions that are in place at the facility will be lightening. Continued talk on the uneven sidewalk was held: Superintendent Clark is going to get in touch with a company about fixing the sidewalk, and Amanda is going to paint it for the time being so that it stands out to the naked eye.

Jarrold McCartney and Gary Meyer met with the council. They stated that Congressman Adrian Smith's office was excited to hear about the Hotel Garber project. They had advised to get the City to write a request for a special earmark for the project. This would essentially be a grant from the federal government. After discussion and deliberation, Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to allow Mayor Brown to sign the special earmark, Horne and Goebel nay, Mayor Brown voted nay to break the tie. Motion lost. Jarrod stated lodging tax was at an all time high in February. Tour de Nebraska is June 17<sup>th</sup>, and approximately 500 people are expected to be in town. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to shut down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between Cedar and Webster, to shut down 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Cedar and Webster (as long as there is still access to Parkview), to allow cyclists to camp in the City Park, to allow the Community Center to be used as an emergency shelter and as an indoor camping site, to allow the Community Center kitchen to be utilized by the RVAC and potentially WCCH for food service to cyclists, to allow port-a-potties to be set up in the park, and to allow the use of showers in the pool bath houses if the pool is able to open. Motion carried. Discussion was held about the City getting on board with LB357 and LB840. Kelly Gewecke has completed business retention and expansion interviews and Craig Eberle will be here next month to visit about downtown revitalization funding.

Amber Strobl submitted a letter to the council. She is a personal trainer and would like to be able to use the Community Center to train potential clients. The council determined that all parties would have to sign a liability waiver and all parties would have to have a membership. They had a couple follow-up questions and Clerk Olson was going to reach out to her to get the answers for them. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to charge Strobl \$5/client with the maximum charge of \$50.00 per month with the amendment that she would follow the Community Center's guidelines. Motion carried.

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

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for February received in April was \$20,363.48 compared to \$20,509.54 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan 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 Horne to name Patrick Calkins as the new Prosecuting Attorney for the City. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was summer help/swimming pool. The council said Superintendent Clark may hire 2 people for summer help. Clark stated 1 pool manager application had been received and there were 5 lifeguard applications in hand. Discussion was held on potentially cutting down on days open at the pool or hours of operation if no more applications are received. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to accept applications for summer help, lifeguard and pool manager as well as raise wages (summer help to a flat \$10.50/hr, lifeguards to \$8.00/hr, assistant pool manager to \$10.50/hr, and pool manager to \$14.00/hr). Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to have the City pay for all certification needed for all pool staff. Motion carried.

The exercise room at the Community Center was then discussed. The current equipment needs to be updated, fixed and/or replaced. Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Horne to have Goebel look into leasing new exercise equipment. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken suggested having an annual resolution for the summer sand volleyball league as well as Street Car Days stating if there is an SDL for a specific event to waive the city ordinance of no alcohol consumption in the tennis court for that specific time period. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the SDLs for volleyball league. Beitler abstained, motion carried.

Rod Hunter submitted a bid for flooring for the City Hall. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark stated he is concerned with the exhaust output on engine #4 at the power plant, and Farabee Mechanical is going to address this. The City has successfully completed the 30 day disinfection and is now done chlorinating the water. Spring armor coating has been completed around town and hopefully will be able to do more this fall. The guys have begun to clean out the pool and it will be painted this fall. Matthew Licking is putting up a fence, Diana Weber is putting up a shed as well as putting in a covered patio, Todd Mahin is adding on to his existing deck, Brad Frey is putting up a solar panel, Donna Strickland is putting up a covered dog pen, and Dyania Palm is bringing in a pre-fab cabin.

Attorney McCracken said he had nothing new to report.

Under old business Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to have McCracken send a letter if need be to 61 N Cedar as well as 105 S Seward. Motion carried.

For new business Clerk Olson stated she had received an SDL for the alumni banquet that needed to be signed and returned. McCracken said it could be signed at the public hearing on Wednesday during the time of approving Juan's Tacos liquor license.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to enter into executive session at 9:51 p.m. for 1 full-time employee evaluation. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to resume regular session at 10:19 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the raise 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 Horne to adjourn said meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries

24,251.52

Hometown Leasing- copier agreement	110.00
The Corner Nook, LLC- new business electric rebate	851.89
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	103.23
RC Fire Dept- fire dept officer salary	4,150.00
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Verizon- cell phone	49.93
RC Athletic Association- summer ball program annual donation	1,000.00
Withholding- 4/15 payroll	1,083.12
Social Security- 4/15 payroll	1,914.52
Medicare- 4/15 payroll	447.74
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,437.33
State Income Tax- month of April	945.38
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,520.00
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,044.45
BCBS- health insurance	216.45
BCBS- health insurance	7,396.79
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	250.10
Aflac- insurance	208.31
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,050.00
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll, vendor expenses	9,958.11
Withholding- 5/1 payroll	1,049.50
Social Security- 5/1 payroll	1,888.42
Medicare- 5/1 payroll	441.68
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,421.02
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
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
P Calkins- attorney fees	75.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 contract	350.00
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
Red Cloud Schools- annual liquor/tobacco license fees	3,752.50
Van Diest Supply Co- chemical	2,621.25
Country Living- subscription	29.97
PrestoX- pest control	124.12
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	238.00
Landmark Implement- nylon tubing, torsion spring, wheel, blade	215.40
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	715.66
Sargent Drilling- pump tests	600.00
Eakes- toner, office supplies	107.49
Municipal Supply, Inc- sewer lid plaques, manhole hook/ring	824.00
T-Shirt Engineers- jacket, shirts	181.65
MEAN- purchased power	66,007.97
Hometown Market- bleach for PP	7.47
CEI Security & Sound- work on camera @ CC	217.00
R & M Disposal- city wide clean-up	4,512.14
NMPP- air emissions, certificate of compliance, emission reports	2,200.00
CNA Surety- notary bond fee	40.00
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	200.00
Kenny's Lumber- flag, pole, hose, sprayer, keys, materials/supplies	337.99
J & A Auto Supply- maintenance/repairs	234.30
Olson Enterprises, LLC- fuel, tires, truck repairs	1,971.20
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	1,436.99
JEO Consulting Group- Project #161309.00 dam risk reduction improvement	1,695.00
Cardmember Service- adobe, mower seat, tail light	764.68
Earl May- tree for Arbor Day	199.00
Johnson Service Co- clean lift station/sewer lines, locate/expose manholes	9,501.70
Figgins Construction- armor coating	72,987.62
C & D Service Center- key stock, freight, bolt, coupler, washer, clip pin, fitting	343.18
CPI- fuel	406.91
Petty Cash- broom, memorial, parts, postage	171.61
Newport Group, Inc- quarterly retirement plan payment	213.00
One Call Concepts- line locates	20.38
Total Expenses	\$270,576.84

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk