

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and on Zoom pursuant to Governor Ricketts' Executive Order 20-24. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Mahin, and Goebel; 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 east wall for public viewing.

The nuisance hearing has been re-scheduled for next month's July 7 meeting.

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

Terry Eberly gave an update on the Auld Public Library. She stated the summer reading program will start in June and be a "grab-and-go". Hopefully in July it can be more "in house". Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the bid for the repairs to the interior wall in the library. Motion carried.

Jarrod McCartney gave the council an update via Zoom. He stated Webster County set another all time record for lodging tax in March, as revenue was up 40%. Progress continues on the hotel project. CARES ACT funding from the Department of Economic Development should be available June 15th for small businesses and livestock/ranching operations, and the Corner Nook opened on June 1st. The council decided to wait to vote on the extension of the partnership between the City and Heritage Tourism until they get to review the Heritage Tourism 5 Year Plan.

Katelyn Duffy met with the council about having a farmer's market in the park. She stated so far there are 8 vendors interested with anything from fruits and vegetables to crafts. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to allow the farmer's market at the park provided all guidelines are followed related to Phase II of SHDHD's current DHM. Motion carried. The farmer's market will begin on June 18th and will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for March received in May was \$20,231.54 compared to \$15,603.21 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

After much deliberation, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to not open the swimming pool this year due to lack of staffing. Goebel nay, motion carried. This topic could be revisited.

The next item of debate was the Community Center. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to open the Community Center to the public on June 8th. Motion carried. All FOB keys will be made inactive. In order to make a key active again, the key holder must come in to City Hall and sign a waiver. The key will then be made active again. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to have the multi-purpose room repainted. Motion carried. The multi-purpose room will be closed for a short time in July to put a sealer on the floors as well as new paint on the walls.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler for City Hall and the library to open to the public on June 8th. Motion carried. Plexi glass will be installed on counters.

Councilman Goebel spoke to the council about the idea of potentially getting permanent flags at the cemetery. He is going to look into this further and visit with families. The bathrooms at the cemetery will be open to the public again.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the signing of a property damage release form for the light pole that was knocked over by Olson's Sinclair. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve an application for a new business electric rebate for The M Guest House. Mahin abstained, motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve Resolution #724 for Special Events. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Resolution #725 COVID-19: Resolution of the Red Cloud City Council Regarding Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to sign the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for Use of Municipal Property for Youth Baseball and Softball between the City and the Red Cloud Athletic Association. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark said progress continues on the CPI project. New windows were installed at City Hall, and the new air units have been wired at the Scout Lodge and are ready to be tested. Some patching has been done to streets around town. Measurements and pricing for armor coating on the streets is in the works.

Attorney McCracken informed the council the food vendor application is nearing completion. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to pass an ordinance for food trucks. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to waive the three meetings held before said ordinance takes effect. Motion carried. He stated the planning commission will need to meet within the next 14-20 days to approve the revised zoning ordinance.

Under old business, it was noted that 436 N Franklin St is in the process of being cleaned up.

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 9:57 p.m. Motion carried. Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Horne to resume the regular meeting at 10:09 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Total Salaries	22,717.95
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	166.79
J Yost- refund deposit	33.21
Principal- dental insurance	353.57
Nebraska State Treasurer- dog license fees	62.50
Red Cloud Fire Department- donation for property burns	500.00
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,050.50
Aflac- insurance	167.10
J & A Auto Supply- belts, fuel	32.66
Withholding- 5/15 payroll	985.94
Social Security- 5/15 payroll	1,804.20
Medicare- 5/15 payroll	421.98
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,211.11
State Income Tax- month of May	787.03
The Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins Co- life insurance	153.99

Verizon- cell phone	50.72
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,104.58
Postmaster- postage for utility bills	253.30
BCBS- health insurance	6,240.79
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K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
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	4,754.02
General- to police fund	1,916.51
M Clark- cell phone	44.00
J Hersh- cell phone	44.00
D Long- cell phone	33.00
Various- to officer's salary	1,643.76
Various- to Economic Development	750.00
Various- to general	2,499.99
Various- to Board of Trust	833.34
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.87
Webster Co Sheriff- police agreement	3,854.29
Municipal Chemical Supply- TS Barren 55 Gal Drum	1,570.25
Nationwide- surety bond renewal	159.00
PrestoX- pest control	114.49
Utility Service Co Inc- quarterly payment	4,447.50
Sundown Services- Community Center cleaning	521.00
Border States- insulators, lights, supplies	1,243.99
NMPP- emission reports	1,200.00
CPI- fuel, chemical	142.46
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	499.70
Garwood & McCracken, Lawyers- legal fees since 9/9/2019	8,171.86
V Phelps- BOT liquor license reimbursement	42.75
Hometown Market- distilled water for well generators	6.60
Nebraska Life Magazine- subscription	42.00
Eakes- office supplies, toner	1,015.84
Country Living- subscription	29.97
Baker & Taylor- books	361.01
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	48.00
Island Supply Welding- parts for welder	167.73
Municipal Supply Inc- replacement battery pack	70.00
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	430.00

CPI- TIF payment	3,891.33
MEAN- purchased power	61,792.18
NDEE Fiscal Services- sewer loan payment	10,628.80
O'Keefe Elevator Co- elevator maintenance	319.45
NE Rural Water Assn- annual dues	175.00
Red Cloud County Club- donation	6,000.00
Petty Cash- water samples	53.50
Withholding- 6/1 payroll	975.16
Social Security- 6/1 payroll	1,883.92
Medicare- 6/1 payroll	440.62
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,149.17
J & A Auto Supply- belt, oil filter, supplies	46.28
Olson Enterprises LLC- fuel, work on street pickup	1,778.38
Cardmember Service- Adobe, Zoom	32.07
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	875.65
Village Pharmacy- water sample supplies	8.20
Kenny's Lumber- keys, tools, supplies, sprayer	335.89
One Call Concepts- line locate	13.04
C & D Service Center- tools, fuel additive, parts, battery	547.99
Total Expenses	\$183,034.77

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk