

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne and Beitler, Attorney McCracken, Superintendent Clark, and Clerk Olson. Councilmen Goebel and Bryan were 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.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing on the Application for the CDBG Program at 7:02 pm. Lori Ferguson from SCEDD stated this Community Development Block Grant funding would help assist the hospital with facility enhancements. This is new money that was made available through Housing and Urban Development through the State in response to COVID-19. Should the application be successful, the City will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the hospital, making the requested funds available for them to undergo these necessary enhancements. Necessary enhancements include 4 additional rooms that will enable quality COVID care for patients and an outpatient clinic room and clinic exam room will also be converted to address COVID related issues as well as help patients that have long term effects from COVID. No public questions or comments were submitted for the public hearing. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #742 – Authorizing Signature for CDBG Funding. Motion carried.

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

Lori Ferguson met with the council again involving a resolution allowing SCEDD to assist with a CDBG application for a planning project. She stated Jarrod McCartney has been visiting with Craig Eberle from SCEDD regarding their assistance with the possibility of another CDBG planning grant to study downtown. This would bring in ideas from the community about future downtown revitalization. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve Resolution #740 for SCEDD to assist with a CDBG application for this planning grant project. Motion carried.

Stacie Heldt, Todd & Lisa Mahin and Chuck Griffith of the Red Cloud Health & Recreation Committee which is a subdivision of the Red Cloud Community Foundation Fund met with the council to discuss the possibility of building a walking trail around Red Cloud. They are requesting to use the City Engineer to continue onto the next step of this process. Horne said the City will reach out to JEO to find out what is needed to continue forward, and this topic will be revisited at the July meeting.

Amanda Hajny, Brian Hof, Brad Burgess, and Roger Bohrer met with the council on behalf of Cherry Corner Estates. Continued discussion on financials was held. Hof encouraged the council to consider any and all offers from potential buyers that may transpire. There was also some talk of maybe having a fundraiser.

Horne 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 March received in May was \$21,811.13 compared to \$20,231.54 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.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #741 – Special Events. This will be allowing a parade on main street for Street Car Days. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a new hospital emergency route per Mayor Brown. He was curious what everyone’s thoughts were on moving the route one block north to 8th Avenue. Horne stated the EMTs would prefer 8th Avenue as it’s a smoother route. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to find out from the State if we can move the hospital sign at 7th Avenue and Highway 281 to 8th Avenue and Highway 281. Motion carried.

Next, Mayor Brown stated he had had a conversation with Jim Johnson and Dayre Williams about the City paying for the concrete for the new welcome signs. After discussion on this topic, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to pay for the concrete. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark stated Brooke Seachord from JEO sent the 2021 Little Blue NRD and Lower Big Blue NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. The final public review period for this is June 1 – June 30. Any changes need to be submitted for consideration by then. Clark said there is an Urge Test at the power plant June 22nd & 23rd, there are streetlights around town that need to be replaced, a bid has been received from Figgins Construction for 11th Avenue, and the carport for the mini-excavator has arrived at the cemetery. He also spoke of the water main break that was repaired south of town by the railroad tracks and that the pool is open for swimmers! Samuel Heater is putting in a lean-to shed and a fence, Roger Rasser is adding on to his house and Jay Yost is putting up a fence.

Attorney McCracken said letters to nuisance properties were sent. He would also like to update some language on an ordinance but is going to wait until next month when the full council is able to attend.

Under old business, Clerk Olson said Casey Fangmeyer had dropped off some sketches of the proposed changes to occur at the ballfield. He has been in contact with Petsch Electric, Bell Plumbing and Rod Hunter and is hoping to have cost estimates for the July meeting. She also said Rod Hunter had dropped off an additional bid to fix around the windows and finish the doorway at City Hall. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the additional bid from Rod Hunter. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss purchasing a property in town. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume regular session at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the offer and purchase the property at 330 N Walnut St. 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 9:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	23,041.75
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	197.51
C Folkman- refund deposit	2.49
S King- refund deposit	200.00
State of NE DHHS- returned LIHEAP funds	162.48
WAPA- purchased power	5,462.14
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	103.23
NE State Treasurer- dog license fees	62.50

City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	101.83
Verizon- cell phone	52.62
Withholding- 5/15 payroll	981.45
Social Security- 5/15 payroll	1,794.54
Medicare- 5/15 payroll	419.70
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,331.34
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
State Income Tax- month of May	839.49
R & M Disposal- trash collection	11,979.50
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,047.46
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
BCBS- health insurance	7,396.79
BCBS- health insurance	216.45
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	247.90
Aflac- insurance	208.31
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	112.10
J Daleness- refund deposit	87.90
Withholding- 6/1 payroll	1,130.73
Social Security- 6/1 payroll	2,138.86
Medicare- 6/1 payroll	500.20
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,635.59
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,050.00
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll, vendor expenses	5,527.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
Petty Cash- opening money for pool	100.00
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
P Calkins- 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
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	510.00
CPI- TIF payment, fuel	14,625.98
Auld Public Library- dvd's, SRP supplies	164.72
NE Fire Sprinkler- annual inspection	415.00
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	48.00
NE State Fire Marshal Agency- annual inspection	120.00
Hydraulic Equipment Service- bucket truck inspections	2,698.75
Utility Service Co, Inc- quarterly payment	4,447.50
NeRWA- annual membership renewal	175.00
Eakes- towels, trash bags, janitorial supplies, copies	512.79
NDEE Fiscal Services- sewer loan payment	10,628.80
Baker & Taylor- books	18.05
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	615.66
Cardmember Service- equipment, business cards, Adobe, materials/supplies	457.18
Landmark Implement- valve, fitting, bushing for wells	65.22
Barco Municipal Products- street signs	414.96
Nationwide- surety bond renewal	159.00
Bear Graphics- checks	453.12
PrestoX- pest control	120.91
Grainger- Xmas lights, wire stripper, pavement repair, tools, etc.	1,542.30
MEAN- purchased power	68,965.86
Zee Medical Service, Inc- first aid kit refills	45.55
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- filter	34.19
Red Cloud Chief- ads, minutes, notices	969.30
Municipal Supply, Inc- valve, couplings, pipe	1,844.88
Sunset Pool Supplies- lifeguard chairs, test kit, thermometers	2,889.88
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	826.04
Consumer Reports- subscription	32.10
Reader's Digest Large Print- subscription	32.10
Real Simple- subscription	24.00
Central Plains Library System- subscription	50.00
Barnes & Noble- books	687.54
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	103.23
Northern Safety & Industrial- safety glasses	54.40
One Call Concepts- line locates	72.91
T Goos, LGI- lifeguard/CPR certifications	1,550.00
F Bauer- reimbursement for uniforms/supplies	315.67
Sandry Fire Supply- mounting bracket, gear	684.55
Kenny's Lumber- shower heads, nozzle, hose, power washer rental, etc.	1,060.82
Hawkins, Inc- fluoride	158.50
Olson Enterprises, LLC- fuel, tire, battery	715.58
J & A Auto Supply- fuel filter, battery charger, parts/supplies	147.28
WAPA- purchased power	3,676.91

NMVCA- mosquito workshop, dues	40.00
Kohmetscher Feed Service- dog food, gloves	36.98
Roger's Inc- refrigerator @ Scout Lodge	789.00
C & D Service Center- oil, parts for mower, freight	239.14
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Petty Cash- postage	53.50
Total Expenses	\$216,988.47

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk