

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel, and 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.

Due to recently moving from the north ward to the south ward, Councilman Goebel submitted his letter of resignation. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to accept the letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to open the Public Hearing on the Application for the CDBG Program at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried. Lori Ferguson from SCEDD joined the meeting via telephone. She stated another public hearing needed to be conducted in reference to the public hearing in June to change the national objective. In June, the national objective on the application was to benefit a low/moderate income community. It was brought to her attention this needed to be changed to urgent need instead. There being no questions or public comments, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried. Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the council to renew the police contract with the City. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the new contract effective August 1, 2021 for a 5 year period. Motion carried.

At this time, Horne requested an adjustment in the schedule and moved up the vacating of the street and sidewalk right of way at 2nd & Franklin Street. After discussion on this topic, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve vacating the street and sidewalk right of way going west a half a block. Attorney McCracken stated an ordinance would need to be passed- Horne rescinded his original motion, Horne then made the motion of approval pending an ordinance seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Justin and Paige Bolin met with the council on behalf of the Red Cloud Athletic Association. They presented estimated costs of the ballfield upgrades for the council's information. They said they have received a donation and are applying for 2 grants, one being with the Nebraska Community Fund and the other with Nebraska Game and Parks. The association is looking to start the project maybe later this fall.

At this time County Attorney Patrick Calkins introduced himself to the Mayor and City Council.

Stacie Heldt, Lisa Mahin and Chuck Griffith with the Red Cloud Health & Recreation Committee met with the council to continue discussion on the walking trail project. JEO has been contacted- waiting to hear back from them. They are looking at applying for some grants, but due to deadlines will not be able to apply until next year's cycle. They would like the council to consider the idea of putting in an 8 foot wide concrete sidewalk from TVCDC to the elementary school to help with the grant application process next year. Showing commitment and some progress to the project would increase the chances in receiving the grant. Horne made a motion and was seconded by Beitler to form a committee for the walking trail project with Councilman Bryan being the representative from the council. They would like

to have someone from the school board, TVCDC and the Health & Recreation Committee be on it also. 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. There is just over \$30,600 left to borrow from the City before the original agreement of \$150,000 is met. Horne suggested to have a special meeting with their board and the city council. On a lighter note, Amanda stated that 6 bikers from Tour de Nebraska rented rooms to stay in during their over night visit in Red Cloud. Proceeds from this were put towards fireworks for the residents.

Under public comments, Roger Bohrer voiced his concern about why the earmark request was denied for Hotel Garber. The council voiced their opinion on the matter and encouraged anyone that has further questions to contact their councilman.

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 April received in June was \$23,995.99 compared to \$25,154.28 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Bryan 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 #743 – VanWey/Kudrna lot split. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve Resolution #744 – Sale of BOPT Properties at 530 N Cherry St and 905 N Cedar St. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken stated he re-wrote the ordinance pertaining to alcohol consumption on city property. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to waive the 3 meetings for Ordinance #654 - Alcoholic Beverages; Consumption in Public Places or Places Open to the Public; Restrictions. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to pass Ordinance #654 - Alcoholic Beverages; Consumption in Public Places or Places Open to the Public; Restrictions. Motion carried.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the insurance renewal with GTA Group pending the final changes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Juneteenth Holiday. It was decided to not allow the extra holiday to city employees at this time.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the opening of a separate bank account for ARP funds as well as put Mayor Brown and Councilman Horne on the account. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to discontinue the requirement of COVID waivers for the use of the Community Center. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the letter of resignation for the contract labor position at the Community Center and table further discussion on the matter for executive session. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark stated Farabee Mechanical was here to address the heating issues with engine #5 at the power plant. He said the City has had a report of coliform from a resident and the situation is being monitored closely. The district State Water Specialist has been contacted and samples were taken as soon as the lab was available. The highest reported coliform level from samples to date was 6 colonies/100 mL of water, and the rest of the samples have been 1 colony/100 mL of water. The representative from the State is thinking that coming off of our disinfecting regiment, the chlorine may

have worked some internal scale loose from a main. The water tower was flushed on Saturday and mains have been flushed as well. More samples have been taken, and results should be in by the end of the week. Figgins Construction completed work on 11th Avenue as well as a couple of blocks on A Avenue. Mosquitos have been fogged twice around town so far. Precision Concrete Cutting has been to Cherry Corner, the pool, community center, and around the park and has given a bid on fixing trip hazards at these locations. They were instructed to go ahead and fix the trip hazards at Cherry Corner. Clark said that the City is eligible for a BRIC grant for the electric system and would like to have a meeting with the council and JEO to discuss it further. Dan Thies is putting up a fence, John Harvey is adding an extension to an existing property, Diana Weber is also putting up a fence.

Attorney McCracken said the Department of Natural Resources reached out to him relating to the dam project. He is still planning on applying for a CDBG grant. The nuisance letters that were sent in June have been delivered. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to have a letter sent to 521 N Franklin St if need be. Motion carried.

For new business, Mayor Brown brought up the pigeon issue downtown. He stated he will be donating his efforts to put up some sort of barrier so that pigeons will not be able to get into Hotel Garber any longer. The state trapper has been contacted also.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 9:57 p.m. for continued financial discussion at Cherry Corner Estates and details on the position at the Community Center. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to resume regular session at 10:41 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the business as discussed in executive session. 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 Bryan to adjourn said meeting at 10:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	32,379.93
RC Country Club- donation	6,000.00
R & S Track Maintenance- labor for removing track	6,497.50
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel- labor for water break @ RR	3,315.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	400.00
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,146.62
Verizon- cell phone	51.15
N Favinger- reimbursement for grant award	2,000.00
T & L Mahin- reimbursement for grant award	1,000.00
Withholding- 6/15 payroll	1,057.16
Social Security- 6/15 payroll	2,107.46
Medicare- 6/15 payroll	492.86
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,560.48
Credit Management Services- garnishment	184.11
State Income Tax- month of June	1,114.58
R & M Disposal- trash collection	13,086.50
L Strobl- mileage	80.64
BCBS- health insurance	7,396.79
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The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co- life insurance	174.12
Postmaster- 4 rolls of stamps	220.00

Aflac- insurance	208.31
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	242.95
T Mohlman- refunded deposit	200.00
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,050.00
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll, vendor checks	10,820.00
Withholding- 7/1 payroll	1,102.33
Social Security- 7/1 payroll	2,092.06
Medicare- 7/1 payroll	489.26
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,621.13
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
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
Nebraskaland Magazine- subscription	19.26
Demco- office supplies	661.94
Corporate Image Design- door lettering	45.00
Barnes & Noble- books	60.15
Farabee Mechanical Inc- work on engine #5	14,335.90
TK Elevator Corporation- maintenance	319.44
Baker & Taylor- books	734.95
MEAN- purchased power	70,001.38
Figgins Construction- street maintenance	23,955.66
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	48.00
Northern Safety & Industrial- sunglasses	27.20
Barco Municipal Products- signs, speed bumps	1,109.17
Auld Public Library- reimbursement for books	223.58
Eakes- office supplies	45.73

Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	615.66
PrestoX- pest control	42.80
Tri-State Carports, Inc- carport @ cemetery	5,720.40
Energized Electric- supplies	85.70
M Goebel- meeting attendance	1,050.00
Sandry Fire Supply- face shield hardware	95.95
Red Cloud Chief- ads, notices, minutes	1,200.90
J & A Auto Supply- brake cleaner, wrench, washer fluid, door handle, etc.	127.63
CPI- fuel	754.21
Hawkins, Inc- fluoride	282.00
Sunset Pool Supplies- chemicals	48.56
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	540.00
One Call Concepts, Inc- line locates	17.27
WAPA- purchased power	5,734.72
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	589.00
Midwest Turf & Irrigation- parts for mower	23.84
NE Power Review Board- annual assessment	205.61
Olson Enterprises- fuel	627.04
C & D Service Center- oil, hose clamp, blade, seal kit	582.13
Red Cloud Municipal Airport- 100LL aviation fuel	154.16
Kenny's Hardware & Home Center- wrench, materials/supplies	142.91
Landmark Implement- tubing	32.45
Cardmember Service- uniforms for guards, volleyball net, security camera, etc.	944.79
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center- materials/supplies, tools, rent expense	756.81
Eagle Broadband- cable @ CC	103.23
Petty Cash- water samples, reimburse for batteries, coffee pot, flash drive	113.92
Platte Valley Communications- antennae	98.00
Total Expenses	\$253,880.79

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk