

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #747 – Accepting the One & Six Year Street Plan. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #748 – Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Brown said Stacie Heldt of the Red Cloud Health & Recreation Committee had reached out to him and asked if the alley west of the football field was vacated for the walking trail project. Attorney McCracken said that it was and that they could start any time. The committee has decided they will take care of all of the maintenance and bids have been received for concrete.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #750 – Development for Outdoor Recreation. Motion carried. This will help allow the Red Cloud Athletic Association to apply for a grant through the Nebraska Game and Parks for renovations at the ballfield.

Jarrold McCartney gave an update to the council. He stated the application process for Historic Tax Credits from the State Historic Preservation Office for the hotel project has begun. Lodging tax collections for June were an all-time record for a non-December month by a considerable margin, and the Farmers and Merchants Banquet will be held September 11th. Jarrod also said September will be a busy month with fundraising for the Community Fund campaign which will support the following projects: RC Ballfields Improvement, Recreation Trails, Hotel Garber/South Central State Bank Challenge, Youth Committee development, Heritage Tourism Development, The Valley Child Development Center and Historic Preservation Commission.

Amanda Hajny, Roger Bohrer and Brad Burgess gave an update to the council regarding Cherry Corner Estates. Continued discussion on the financial situation was held. Amanda stated an air conditioning unit went out of a room that is rented and is getting replaced. An ad is running in the paper to help promote Cherry Corner. At this time Michelle Sorsen from Kingswood Court in Superior met with the council. Michelle visited about the idea of transitioning Cherry Corner to a memory care facility. She had a lot of really good ideas that gave the council a fresh outlook on our Assisted Living. She asked if she could speak to the council in private to discuss her ideas further. Daehling made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to resume regular session at 9:19 p.m. The council asked Michelle to come back to the October meeting to further explore her ideas and future options. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to supplement Cherry Corner on an ongoing basis at this present time as they are left with roughly \$2500 of the \$100,000 that was originally agreed upon. 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 city sales tax report. The city sales tax for June received in August was \$22,249.65 compared to \$25,684.11 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling 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 the contract with SCEDD to provide grant administration services on the WCCH CDBG project. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve Resolution #749 – Cities of NE Retirement Plan. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to set fall City Wide Clean-Up for whatever date R & M Disposal decides upon. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to approve the broadband marketing inserts in utility bills for SCEDD. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark submitted a report to the council. His report said engines 2 and 5 were ran this month with no issues. A meeting was held with JEO Consulting Group about the possibilities of obtaining a BRIC grant to start the beginning phases of the City’s electric grid rebuild. He would like the council’s approval to have JEO go ahead with a budget audit as well as have JEO start the process of writing a letter of intent to apply for this grant. Both water tests and one special water test came back negative this month. Sargent tested the wells, and they said the efficiency of the south well is dropping and it will be needing rehabbed. The water tower is set to be drained, cleaned and inspected this next week. The pool has been drained and cleaned, and Jameson Painting of Minden has been contacted to paint the pool. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to raise the cell phone reimbursement rate for the cemetery/park employee up to par with the other utility employees. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken stated an application was submitted for the dam project. Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to add a drug policy to the employee manual. Motion carried. Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to not add Juneteenth as a federal holiday to the employee manual. Motion carried. At this time discussion was held regarding city employees maintaining a CDL license.

Under old business, Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Bryan to put 811 N Cherry St back on the Keeping Track Of list. Motion carried.

For new business, McCracken stated he was surprised to see the bridge at Division and Seward wasn’t on the One & Six Year Plan.

Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 10:27 p.m. for 5 part-time employee evaluations. Motion carried. Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Daehling to resume regular session at 11:00 p.m. Motion carried. Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the raises as discussed. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Bryan made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 11:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	31,774.14
State of NE DHHS Accounting- returned unused LIHEAP funds	817.94
Kohmetscher Feed Service- water softener salt	13.30
Superior Outdoor Power- oil for weed eaters	34.95
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	1,021.49

Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Kenny's Hardware & Home Center- signs, tools, paint, string trimmer, etc.	1,091.41
Norder Supply Inc- chemical	184.55
J & A Auto Supply- hose clamp	8.16
Municipal Supply Inc- maintenance/repairs	359.00
Withholding- 8/15 payroll	1,091.86
Social Security- 8/15 payroll	2,373.16
Medicare- 8/15 payroll	555.04
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,602.86
Credit Management Services- garnishment	176.69
State Income Tax- month of August	1,063.79
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,838.50
C Brooks- reimburse for window	247.25
Verizon- cell phone	47.41
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
Great Plains- phone/internet	793.01
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
BCBS- health insurance	216.45
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Aflac- insurance	208.31
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	247.96
Cherry Corner Estates- payroll/vendor expenses	13,471.28
Withholding- 9/1 payroll	1,161.92
Social Security- 9/1 payroll	2,045.92
Medicare- 9/1 payroll	478.50
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,709.17
Credit Management Services- garnishment	176.69
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,050.00
R Welton- refunded deposit	75.00
R Welton- returned credit balance on account	146.42
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
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	6,571.95
General- to police fund	3,295.77
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	802.12
Various- to Economic Development	1,420.53
Various- to General	833.26
Various- to Board of Trust	833.26
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.75
Webster Co Sheriff- police agreement	3,854.29
Border States- street lights, meter	1,042.27
Hastings Outdoor Power- chainsaw	782.99
Red Cloud Chief- ads, notices, minutes	414.70
Energized Electric- service calls, repairs	1,634.13
Utility Service Co, Inc- quarterly payment	4,830.95
D White- Spirit of Nebraska book	23.96
PrestoX- pest control	44.94
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	48.00
GTA Insurance Group- firemen life insurance	1,218.00
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	663.74
Landmark Implement- bolts, snap ring, oil	199.39
MEAN- purchased power	78,502.03
Harold K Scholz, Co- batteries, labor	2,793.75
Nebraska Library Commission- subscription	500.00
Hawkins, Inc- fluoride	376.50
Nationwide- surety bond renewal	100.00
Newport Group, Inc- Cities of NE retirement plan	1,350.00
Eakes- copies, janitorial, office supplies	916.51
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	1,214.76
Barnes & Noble- books	59.50
CPI- fuel, battery core	614.31
J & A Auto Supply- filter, oil, hose, floor dry, etc.	165.05
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	240.00
JEO Consulting Group- dam risk reduction improvement	264.50
Olson Enterprises- fuel, repairs	1,042.97
Kenny's Hardware & Home Center- materials, supplies	22.99
Do It Yourself Magazine- subscription	19.96
Reminisce- subscription	14.98
One Call Concepts- line locates	6.91
Auld Public Library- reimburse for supplies, books, dues & meetings	280.19
D Benedict- computer repairs	50.00
NE Dept of Agriculture- annual fee	175.00
Cardmember Services- paint, parts, fuel, Adobe	396.21
Baker & Taylor- books	746.70
Petty Cash- water samples, monitor, sign, memorial, candy, etc.	378.91
Sunset Pool Supplies- chlorine sticks	1,852.80
WAPA- purchased power	5,232.04
Vyve Broadband- cable @ CC	107.51

T-Shirt Engineers- uniforms	99.08
GWorks- annual subscription	2,400.00
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Total Expenses	\$219,700.36

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk