

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Goebel, Mahin; 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.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to open the One and Six Year Street Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Per state law the hearing was kept open for one hour. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to open the Zoning Hearing to consider an ordinance to approve new zoning regulations at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Nick Martin and Charles Bausch of Core & Main gave the council an informative presentation about new handheld readers for the city crew as well as switching the town over to a radio read system someday. After discussion was held, Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to purchase one new handheld reader. The current readers are getting to be worn out and are obsolete. Motion carried.

Ian Taylor of Great Plains Communications was present to answer questions from the council pertaining to the Pole Agreement between the City and Great Plains Communications and fiber being provided to households and businesses in Red Cloud. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the Great Plains Pole Agreement. Mahin abstained, motion carried.

Jarrod McCartney gave the council a general update. He stated lodging tax is doing well, and the Red Cloud Community Fund is trying to raise money to give back to other local non-profits. The interior design is complete for the hotel project and bids will be taken soon. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Goebel for Councilman Mahin to fill out the remainder of the term and be the new city representative on the Heritage Tourism Advisory Committee. Horne nay, motion carried.

Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the council to discuss enforcement of city codes relating to the use of ATVs/golf carts in the city limits. It was stated a bigger and higher visibility permit would be more sufficient than the ones currently used. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried.

At this time the council returned to the One and Six Year Hearing as the hour was up. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the Municipal Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve Resolution #728 – Accepting the One & Six Year Street Plan and Resolution. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve Resolution #729 – Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to close the hearing at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

The council then moved on to the Zoning Hearing. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to waive the three meetings. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Ordinance #652 for new zoning regulations. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to close the hearing at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and the city sales tax report. The city sales tax for June received in August was \$25,684.11 compared to \$15,520.66 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin 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 accept a letter of resignation from Ron Olson from the Board of Public Trust. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to appoint Bruce Sundling as Olson's replacement. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to decline the offer from LegalShield for an identity theft plan for city employees. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to set a date for fall clean-up. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to set a tentative date of October 24<sup>th</sup>, and the City will not be responsible for picking up metals. Motion carried.

After discussion, Horne made the motion was seconded by Mahin to have Auto Trim Design put tint on the windows at City Hall. Motion carried.

The council then discussed the fast road traffic on Cherry Street. After deliberation, it was decided to purchase speed bumps to try in an effort to slow down traffic flow among locations at the City's discretion.

Superintendent Clark stated the NDEE conducted an Air Quality inspection at the powerplant as well as at the burn pile at the C & D site. He said one more pole needs terminated at CPI yet for their project, and Figgins Construction will be moving forward with the street project in the near future.

Attorney McCracken confirmed to the council that the property at 506 N Seward St has sold. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #730 for a 4-way stop at 8<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve Resolution #731 lot split for Bohrer/Black Hills Energy. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #732 lot split for Vance/Snell. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to waive the three meetings for Ordinance #653. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to accept Ordinance #653 relating to recreational operations of unmanned aircraft systems and prohibiting the use of a camera or recording equipment while doing so on the premises of the Webster County Hospital. Motion carried.

Under old business the council discussed financial concerns regarding Cherry Corner Estates. Mayor Brown stated he would like to have a meeting with the Cherry Corner Estates Board as well as have two councilmen present to try to come up with a plan of action for the foreseeable future. He said he had reached out to Amanda Hajny and a meeting date was to be determined. Clerk Olson reminded the council of the Budget Hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to enter into executive session at 10:07 p.m. for 5 part-time employee evaluations. Motion carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to resume regular session at 10:29 p.m. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to accept the raises as discussed. Horne abstained, motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and the City Council, Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	25,209.30
NPPD- annual testing & inspections	2,915.00

Eagle Communications- cable @ CC	94.81
C Bostock- CC rental reimbursement	75.00
Principal- dental insurance	409.13
Aflac- insurance	167.10
Verizon- cell phone	51.34
State of NE- unclaimed property	53.81
Withholding- 8/15 payroll	1,037.98
Social Security- 8/15 payroll	1,881.40
Medicare- 8/15 payroll	440.06
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,179.98
State Income Tax- month of August	910.98
R & M Disposal- trash collection	12,346.00
The Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
Great Plains- phone/internet	1,092.42
J Hersh- mileage for class	251.28
BCBS- health insurance	197.31
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Postmaster- postage on utility bills	248.35
State of NE- return unused LIHEAP funds	101.67
Summit Masonry- sign caps for welcome signs	1,838.00
Withholding- 9/1 payroll	1,063.99
Social Security- 9/1 payroll	1,945.10
Medicare- 9/1 payroll	454.92
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,213.29
K Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
Electric- bond & interest	2,000.00
Water- to CM water reserve	625.00
Sewer- to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
Hometown Leasing- copier agreement	110.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 contract	350.00
John Hodge- attorney fees	75.00
Various- business insurance transfer	4,755.98
General- to police fund	1,916.51
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	1,643.62
Various- to Economic Development	2,083.15
Various- to General	2,500.11
Various- to Board of Trust	833.28
Various- to Historic Preservation	619.01
Webster Co Sheriff- police agreement	3,854.29

Utility Service Co- quarterly payment	4,447.50
CPI- chemical, fuel	595.45
Landmark Implement- oil, filter	89.65
League of NE Municipalities- membership dues	1,163.00
Demco- materials/supplies	753.29
FyrTek- work on City pumper truck	443.10
PrestoX- pest control	42.80
Red Cloud Chief- ads, notices, minutes	364.27
Auld Public Library- dvd's	80.80
Harold K Scholz, Co- labor on transformer	3,099.69
Norder Supply, Inc- chemical	162.10
Village Pharmacy- rubbing alcohol for water samples	61.61
Aramark- mop, towel, uniform service	534.44
M Bencken- mowing BOT properties	660.00
Border States- gloves	207.50
Farabee Mechanical- rebuilt fuel pump on engine 4	2,036.48
O'Keefe Elevator Co- elevator maintenance	319.45
MEAN- purchased power	84,511.04
Eakes- paper, office supplies	652.48
Municipal Supply, Inc- repair clamps	1,794.65
Overhead Door Co- work on recycle bldg door	184.51
Sioux City Tarp, Inc- cooling tower tarps	1,389.99
GWorks- annual subscription fee	2,400.00
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	313.00
Baker & Taylor- books	310.48
Noble Construction- labor/material @ scout lodge	75.00
NE Dept of Agriculture- annual pound permit fee	175.00
Hawkins, Inc- fluoride	440.38
Kucera Construction- doze C & D site	340.00
Nationwide- surety bond renewal	100.00
Corporate Image Design- utility envelopes	212.00
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	786.30
Cardmember Service- food, hotel room for workshop	296.55
People Magazine- subscription	118.26
Better Homes & Gardens- subscription	15.00
Real Simple- subscription	24.00
WAPA- purchased power	5,030.04
S Schulz- time spent on project NE-19-10006	7,780.00
NDEE Fiscal Services- annual operating fee	750.00
Bladen Sand & Gravel- sand & gravel	566.06
Eagle Communications- cable @ CC	94.81
NE Dept of Revenue- waste reduction & recycling fee	25.00
J & A Auto Supply- parts, brake cleaner	145.86
Kenny's Lumber- tools, mouse traps, thermostat, sprayer, materials/supplies	223.82

Olson Enterprises- fuel, batteries, tire repair	539.65
Dultmeier Sales, LLC- weed sprayer swivel elbow	7.41
One Call Concepts- line locates	15.75
Petty Cash- workshop expenses, cpu help, postage	163.85
Platte Valley Communications- battery	110.00
Principal- dental insurance	409.13
Sargent Drilling- timer @ south well	96.30
Bobcat of Salina- antifreeze	142.87
Garwood & McCracken, Lawyers- legal fees	5,764.01
C & D Service Center- battery, belt, filter	213.91
Total Expenses	\$217,784.23

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk