

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 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, and from this day forward the meetings will be recorded.

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

The hearing for the blight study was opened at 7:06 p.m. Jeff Ray from JEO Consulting met with the council regarding the blight study and redevelopment plan. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopt the blight study. Motion carried. Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Horne to adopt the redevelopment plan. Motion carried. Both of these motions are covered under Resolution #721. The hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

Adam Vetter and Amanda Hajny met with the council concerning Cherry Corner Estates. The occupancy rate is down from last year and the facility is currently under pressure financially. Vetter made some recommendations, and discussion was held as to how occupancy could be increased. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to initiate a line of credit to be able to use if needed. Motion carried with Goebel abstaining.

Jarrod McCartney was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted a general update via email. He stated a gift of \$50,000.00 was received for the hotel project, and they are at the cusp of raising the \$2,000,000.00 needed for the project.

At this time Mayor Brown presented Sue Meline with a Key to the City. Sue has been the City Clerk for the past 34 years and is retiring March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the minutes from the February meeting. 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 December received in February was \$20,423.28 compared to \$13,508.22 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Mahin 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.

Mayor Brown nominated Brenda Knehans to replace Bridget Daehling on the Board of Public Trust. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin. Motion carried.

Councilman Goebel submitted a letter of resignation for the Economic Development Advisory Board. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the resignation. Motion carried with Goebel abstaining. With no current replacement nominees in mind, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to table the topic until next month. Motion carried.

Spring clean-up will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The council decided to reach out to the school to see if any groups would be willing to volunteer to help. The compost site will be opening on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The next business in order was the survey sent out to the community about a new exercise room, updated exercise equipment and updates at the scout lodge. Due to lack of interest, a new exercise room is a dead issue for now. It was noted that in the original plans the conference room was to be the exercise room. The current exercise equipment will be addressed. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to proceed with movement at the scout lodge. Motion carried. Improvements will be made using funds received for community projects.

Superintendent Clark said the new pumps have been installed at the sewer plant and are working very well. The CPI project has started, and poles need to be set to do the overhead terminations and metering. The alley will not be completely closed for the hotel project as originally planned. Discussion was held on annual maintenance on the community center multi-purpose room floors. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to refinish the floors. Motion carried. A representative from Sterling West Playground Equipment is coming to visit about upgrading some playground equipment at the park. Fire extinguishers were inspected and cement work is to be done on the apron in the alley behind Casey's.

Attorney McCracken stated he is almost finished with a vendor application. He received a letter from the County Assessor regarding taxable properties that he plans to challenge. He also stated that all of the updates have been completed on the SCEDD manual and it needs to be reviewed before finalization. Hoping to receive grant funding for the dam project.

Under old business Attorney McCracken said he needs to send out letters to the properties brought to attention last month. Councilman Goebel thanked Superintendent Clark and his crew for everything they did around the city for Donald Stratton's funeral service.

For new business Clerk Olson mentioned a representative from Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center had stopped in the office to spread the word about what their organization carries out to achieve.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to enter into executive session at 9:40 p.m. for one employee evaluation and discussion of fill-in help wage. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume the regular meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve a raise for the Billing Clerk and the wage that fill-in help will receive. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	24,737.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	57.41
C Diaz- refund deposit	142.59
S Daily- refund deposit	118.67
WAPA- purchased power	6,116.46
Hometown Market- City Dad's Feed, fire dept	1,231.36
Olson Enterprises LLC- City Dad's Feed, fire dept	583.14
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
City of Red Cloud- applied deposits	400.00
Withholding- 2/15 payroll	1,073.94
Medicare- 2/15 payroll	429.32
Social Security- 2/15 payroll	1,835.64
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,138.80

Verizon- cell phone	51.66
Aflac- insurance	269.81
State Income Tax- month of February	949.84
R & M Disposal- trash service	12,245.00
The Lincoln National Life Ins Co- life insurance	174.12
J & A Auto Supply- diesel 911, tools	18.92
BCBS- health insurance	7,680.97
Kim Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
BCBS- health insurance	184.41
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	246.70
Webster Co Sheriff- sheriff contract	3,854.29
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.87
Various- to Board of Trust	833.34
Various- to General	2,499.99
Various- to Economic Development	750.00
Various- to Officer's Salary	1,643.76
D Long- cell phone	33.00
J Hersh- cell phone	44.00
M Clark- cell phone	44.00
General- to police fund	1,916.51
Various- business insurance transfer	4,754.02
John Hodge- attorney fees	75.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 service	350.00
Hometown Leasing- lease agreement	110.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
Water- to CM water reserve	625.00
Sewer- to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Electric- bond & interest	2,000.00
MEAN- purchased power	79,416.33
Great Plains- phone & internet	1,050.08
NE DHHS- swimming pool permit	40.00
T Hitchler- employee benefits	375.00
C Olson- digital voice recorder	40.54
PrestoX- pest control	40.66
Iowa Pump Works- replacing pumps at sewer plant	44,843.58
NE Public Health Env Lab- water samples	48.00
McConnell & Associates- cold patch	1,521.40
Barco Municipal Products- sign posts, tractor blade	760.15
Municipal Automation & Control- connect lift station control panel	742.86
Johnson Service Co- mobilization, clean splitter	1,250.00
DHHS Division of Public Health- water school	260.00
NMPP- envelopes	60.53
Utility Service Co Inc- quarterly water tower maintenance	4,447.50
Aramark- mop/towel service, uniforms	468.16

Energized Electric- boiler at power plant	17,279.32
Border States- transformer bracket	155.71
WAPA- purchased power	5,442.03
Dutton-Lainson Co- heaters at sewer plant	810.94
Baker & Taylor- books	331.82
Mayo Clinic Health Letter- subscription	32.00
National Geographic- membership renewal	41.15
O'Keefe Elevator Co- elevator maintenance	319.45
Bladen Sand & Gravel- gravel	164.71
One Call Concepts- line locate	15.35
Petty Cash- filing fee, meals at water school, office supplies	234.92
Social Security- 3/1 payroll	1,833.94
Withholding- 3/1 payroll	1,073.05
Medicare- 3/1 payroll	428.96
Center Point Large Print- books	175.00
CPI- fuel	789.68
Anstine Fire Equipment- fire extinguisher inspections	221.50
Landmark Equipment- hose, elbow, clamp	14.09
J & A Auto Supply- cable ties, paint, tools, supplies	301.58
Cardmember Service- oil mat, hotel @ water school, adobe for cpu	534.01
Kenny's Lumber- paint, adapters, tools, keys, parts, faucet, vanity	599.12
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	3,196.12
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,137.11
L Strobl- mileage	80.50
Eakes- clock, envelopes, copies, office supplies	484.32
Red Cloud Chief- meeting notices, minutes, liquor license renewals, blight study	507.64
Olson Enterprises LLC- brakes, fuel, repairs, oil change	2,553.97
Hometown Market- cleaner for sweeper	11.30
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply- steel for ripper	622.28
Auld Public Library- DVD's, janitorial, subscriptions	565.49
Rose Equipment- freight	20.43
C & D Service Center- trailer binder, hose clamp	71.86
Total Expenses	\$258,063.25

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk