

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cloud Community Center. Members present: Mayor Brown; Councilmembers Horne, Beitler, Goebel, Mahin; Attorney McCracken; City Superintendent Clark and Clerk Meline.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and asked those present to join the council in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. He then stated the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall for viewing by the public.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the renewal of the following non-class C Liquor Licenses: Olson's Sinclair, Hometown Market, WCPM and Casey's. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to open the One & Six Year Street Plan Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried. By law this hearing has to be held open for one hour; however, other business may be conducted during that hour. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Resolution #705 approving the One and Six Year Street Plan. Motion carried. Horn then made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to close said hearing at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the January Police Report. Motion carried. Sheriff Schmitz was not in attendance.

Thomas Sutton met with the council in regards to his organization to rescue dogs. He stated the dogs will be housed in Cowles. This is a no kill dog organization. Stated there has been a lot of interest in his endeavor. They hope to adopt the dogs out but if not adopted the dogs can live their lives out with the organization. They currently have some dogs in foster care. He also stated the shed he had talked to Attorney McCracken about will be erected in Cowles not Red Cloud.

Cowles Legion was scheduled for 7:20 p.m. but the council was running ahead of time and no one from the Legion was in attendance yet. Councilman Beitler stated the school will provide the electricity for the Memorial Wall.

Sharon Hueftle from SCEDD met with the council in regards to the annual membership dues. The County did not pay the 2018 membership dues and did not let SCEDD know by the deadline. Some members of the Red Cloud City Council and Blue Hill City Council met with the Commissioners in January but the County is not in favor of paying the dues. Membership is important in order to keep the costs to the City's affordable. Without the membership the City of Red Cloud would have had to pay an additional \$13,695 for the work SCEDD did. Liz Rasser from the Webster County Coalition spoke in favor of the membership. She stated they are willing to pay  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the 2018 membership dues. After some further discussion Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to pay  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the 2018 membership dues, with the City of Blue Hill paying  $\frac{3}{8}$  and the Webster County Coalition paying  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Motion carried. The Blue Hill City Council will be meeting next week, so will need to see what their council decides. Clerk Meline asked if the 2019 membership could be paid in the 2019 – 2020 fiscal budget year and Sharon said this would be acceptable. Clerk Meline will let the Blue Hill City Clerk know the vote made by the Red Cloud City Council.

At this time members of the Cowles Legion were in attendance. Stacy Rasser told the council their plans for a Veteran's Memorial Wall where the schools green house is located. What they are asking from the City is to waive the building permit fee and for funding. Goebel voted to waive the permit fee and was seconded by Horne. Horne, Goebel, Mahin voted yea, while Beitler abstained(member of the Cowles Legion). Motion carried.

Amanda Hajny – Cherry Corner Estates Director met with the council for an update on the facility. She stated they currently have three vacant rooms. The City Crew has replaced some of their lighting with LED lighting and she hopes to do this throughout the whole building. The washer and dryers need to be replaced with commercial grade appliances. At some point her Board feels they may have to try to offer more amenities to accommodate the baby boomers. Next she stated she had been contacted by Ameritas Investments in regards to refinancing the bonds. Her Board was in favoring of calling the

bonds and reissuing them, but the final decision lies with the City Council. John Trecek from Ameritas was in attendance to answer any questions pertaining to the bonds. The approximate savings would be \$48,446.56. Bonds can be called every five years. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to call the bonds by passing Resolution #706. Motion carried. Mahin introduced Ordinance #648 for issuance of bonds and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Goebel seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Horne moved for final passage of said ordinance and was seconded by Beitler to approve said ordinance and publish in pamphlet form. Motion carried.

Next Mayor Brown asked if there was anyone in attendance that wished to address the council during the Public Comment segment. No one wished to address the council

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the January Financial Reports and the City Sales Tax Report. Motion carried. The City Sales Tax for November received in January was \$15,062.83 compared to \$14,735.48 for the same month last year.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the claims presented for payment. Motion carried. These will be listed in full at the end of the minutes.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to pay Hometown Market the New Business Rebate in the amount of \$1,200. Motion carried.

There was a quote presented to the council for a new pump in the amount of \$5,786. There is some confusion if this is the pump on the sewer machine or the sewer plant. Therefore this was tabled for the March meeting.

The council was presented a proposal of \$31,650 for the installation of Nexus/Shark meters on the Station Power Units. Mahin stated there were a couple of changes to the original proposal that would drop the price to \$26,957.95. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to accept the proposal of \$26,957.95. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to make appointments to the following Boards &/or Committees: Superintendent Clark as the representative to the MEAN Board of Directors and Councilman Horne as the alternate; Superintendent Clark as the representative to the MEAN Management Committee and Councilman Horne as the Alternate; Superintendent Clark as the representative to the NMPP Member's Council and Councilman Horne as the alternate and Superintendent Clark as representative to the ACE Board of Directors and Councilman Horne as the Alternate. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to make it mandatory for the city crew to obtain a Class B CDL license. Motion carried. The City will pay for the license.

Mayor Brown informed the council it was time to replace the skid loader. He felt we need to upgrade to more horsepower as it will be needed not only for the dam project but other projects on the agenda. The guys tried out a John Deere, Bob Cat and Caterpillar. For the price the John Deere is the best buy at \$8,700 with a 3,000 hour warranty. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to purchase the John Deere skid loader. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to sign the Agreement with NMPP for Training Services for the utility crew and Scope Service to Agreement for Training Services. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken had Resolution #704 (Approving Lot Split): The North 110' of the West 142' of Annex Lot Nine(9) to the city of Red Cloud, Webster County, Nebraska; SUBJECT TO an easement for the overflow parking on the South 10' of the East 100' thereof which is hereby reserved to Grantor; which divides said lot into two tracts for the purpose of ownership and adjustment of lot lines. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to pass and approve Resolution #704. Motion carried. He informed the council he had sent some letters out to people on the nuisance &/or condemned properties. The council was asked to check out the camper parked at 846 North Elm Street. There was some discussion on the Dam Project. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have

Attorney McCracken send a letter to Rodney Timm as to the Dam Project since he owns the land around the dam. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then stated that it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss an employee matter. Horne made the motion and was second by Beitler to enter executive session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to resume the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried. Nothing discussed in the executive session required a vote by the council.

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 Horne to adjourn said meeting at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried.

The following is a complete listing of all claims approved for payment:

383/394	Net Salaries	8,864.27
473/484	Net Salaries	9,521.34
485	Webster County Treasurer, taxes Board of Trust properties	1,777.83
486	Adams County Court, garnishment	75.70
487	NE Child Support Pymt. Center, garnishment/Franssen	254.75
488	NE Child Support Pymt. Center, garnishment/Hersh	265.50
489	R & M Disposal, trash collection/city property pickup	11,982.50
490	PRA Construction, clean up 1005 N. Webster Street	250.00
491	Todd/Lisa Mahin, Historic Preservation Grant	2,000.00
492	Verizon, cell phone-street dept.	47.12
493	Van Diest Supply, chemicals	319.25
494	BlueCross BlueShield, supplemental insurance	178.17
495	AFLAC, insurance-payroll deducted	269.81
496	Principal, dental insurance	331.43
497	Red Cloud Chief, legal ads	516.13
498	Nationwide, 1/16 retirement contributions	1,373.69
499	Medicare, 1/16 payroll	380.96
500	Withholding, 1/16 payroll	918.63
501	State Income Tax, for month of January	668.89
502	Social Security, 1/16 payroll	1,629.02
503	Great Plains, telephones	1,009.24
504	Palace II, employee recognition dinner	767.77
506	Postmaster, postage for utility bills	258.10
505	Kim Danehey-Nibbe, contract labor for January	975.00
507	The Lincoln National Life, life insurance	153.99
508	City of Red Cloud, applied deposit to utility bills	200.00
509	One Call Concept, line locates	4.53
510	BlueCross BlueShield, group health insurance	6,263.30
511	PRA Construction, 1005 N. Webster clean up	285.00
512	City of Red Cloud, applied deposit to utility bill	200.00
526	Electric, to bond & interest	2,000.00
527	Sewer, to cash management sewer reserve	625.00
528	Water, to cash management water reserve	625.00
529	Heritage Bank, fire bldg. loan payment	731.98
530	Hometown Leasing, lease payment on copier	110.00
531	Mid Rivers 911, user fee	350.00
532	John Hodge Attorney, attorney fees	75.00
533	Various, to business insurance fund	7,358.16
534	General to police fund	1,916.51
535	Nationwide, retirement loan payment	59.81
536	Nationwide, retirement loan payment	262.87

537	Jason Franssen, towards cell phone bill	44.00
538	Joe Hersh, towards cell phone bill	44.00
539	Dalton Long, towards cell phone bill	33.00
540	Various, to officer's salary	695.82
541	Various, to economic development	2,083.35
542	Various, to general fund	2,499.99
543	Various, to Board of Trust	833.34
544	Various, to Historic Preservation	500.01
545	Webster County Sheriff, January contract payment	3,854.29
546	Adams County Court, garnishment-Franssen	75.70
547	NE Child Support Pymt. Center, garnishment-Hersh	265.50
548	NE Child Support Pymt. Center, garnishment-Franssen	254.75
549	Auld Public Library, supplies, registration, etc.	426.96
550	Island Supply Welding, compressed air-fire dept	155.53
551	Ask Supply, dispenser for hand soap-office	50.00
552	Eakes, office supplies	508.61
553	JEO, Dam Project	2,152.00
554	MEAN, purchased power	77,039.06
555	Echo, LED lights-fire hall	1,474.10
556	Border States, volt meter, outside lights, tools, etc.	829.66
557	Sundown Services, flooring cleaned at Fire Hall	370.00
558	Farwest Line Specialties, safety harness & hard hats	516.69
559	Presto X, pest control	72.76
560	Northern Safety, protective safety gear	46.41
561	NE Public Health Env. Lab, water analysis	152.00
562	Aramark, towels, janitorial services	342.94
563	Iowa Pump Works, sewer pump repair/sewer plant	4,139.66
564	Nationwide, 2/1 retirement contribution	1,353.10
565	Withholding, 2/1 payroll taxes	966.57
566	Social Security, 2/1 payroll taxes	1,762.34
567	Medicare, 2/1 payroll taxes	412.14
568	Dutton Lainson, replace electric panel at power plant	68.84
569	MidWest Turf, repairs to old Toro	336.20
570	Woodward's, shred old documents	50.00
571	Lara Strobl, mileage	142.68
572	Corporate Image, updated letter head	168.00
573	Wes Olson, fire conference expenses	1,170.00
574	Olson's Enterprises, fuel and repair	1,529.11
575	Crescent Electric, pool lights	46.58
576	J & A Auto Supply, parts & materials	730.85
577	Eagle Communications, cable TV for Community Center	88.61
578	Black Hills Energy, natural gas services	3,501.08
579	Cornhusker Cleaning, janitorial	32.17
580	Kenny Lumber, materials & supplies	712.12
581	WAPA, purchased power for January	6,116.46
582	C & D Service Center, repairs	215.51
583	Cardmember Service, spreader, motor for time clock, etc.	1,171.01
584	Red Cloud Chief, renewal of subscription	31.50
585	Landmark, socket outlet on JD mower	10.15
586	Platte Valley, work on repeater	1,044.55
587	Hometown Market, fire/rescue recognition dinner	1,054.53

588	Petty Cash, extra postage, cert. mail, water sample postage	176.66
589	Ian Olson, fire conference expenses	901.19
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189,108.33

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Sue Meline, City Clerk