

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

As per publication in the Red Cloud Chief, posting in four places, City Web-site and Facebook the Mayor and City Council met in a regular session on Friday, January 11, 2019 in the Red Cloud Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne, Councilman Beitler, Councilman Goebel, Attorney McCracken 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.

Next Mayor Brown had Todd Mahin to join him for the Oath of Office. Todd Mahin is filling the vacancy left on the council by the resignation of Marianne Reynolds.

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

Thomas Sutton was next on the agenda. He was a no show and had not contacted the Clerk to say he wouldn't be attending.

Dennis VanWey was scheduled to meet with the council in regards to closing or selling the area platted as a street. Dennis had called the office to take him off the agenda but once the agenda is delivered to the City Council, it can't be changed. Therefore it was announced at the meeting he would not be attending.

Mayor Brown asked those in attendance if they wished to address the council during the Public Comment segment. No one wished to address the council.

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

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the Financial Reports and City Sales Tax Report. Motion carried. The City Sales Tax received in December for October sales was \$15,614 compared to \$14,305.72 for the same month last year.

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

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the re-appointment of Christy Meline to the Housing Authority and to appoint Brad Frey to the Cemetery Board. Motion carried.

The One and Six Year Plan was presented to the council for their review. They won't actually pass the plan until the February meeting. There was no vote but the council deemed no revisions were required.

A couple of quotes were obtained for repairs to the sewer machine. After some discussion Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to table this to obtain more information. Motion carried.

Upon replacing the substation bushings they now need to be tested, removed and disposed of in an environmentally safe way. Two quotes were received for the job. After some discussion, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to hire Solomon Corporation for the job. Motion carried.

Replacing the tires on the big boom truck was brought up by Mayor Brown. A couple of pictures of the tires were presented to the council so they could see the shape the tires are in. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to replace the tires and obtain them from Olson's. Motion carried.

Councilman Mahin had requested that the Kansas Municipal Utilities Training be put on the agenda. He informed the council that training is available in Nebraska through NMPP and Kansas Municipalities with safety training led by Kansas Municipal Utilities and Vendor/In-house training by NMPP. The cost is \$500 annually and up to five (5) employees can attend. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to send the utility crew and the new City Superintendent to the classes. Motion carried.

At an earlier meeting the council had voted to make repairs to the big boom truck. After delivering the truck to Seward for the repairs, more problems were found so it changed the total amount of the

repairs. The council felt since the truck is there to go ahead with any additional repairs. There was no need for a vote this was mostly to let the council know of the other problems with the truck.

Under Attorney McCracken was the Dam Project. Recently Mayor Brown, Councilman Horne and Attorney McCracken met with members of JEO Consulting and Scott Dicke from the Lower Republican Natural Resource District to discuss this project. Brown, Horne and McCracken told the remaining members of the council about the discussion at this meeting. The main thing needed from the council members is if they want to bring the Dam up to code or do away with it altogether. After a brief discussion, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to move forward with the rehabilitation of the Dam. Motion carried. Either way will cost the City a lot of money. But what is important to the council is the safety of the citizens and to eliminate any liability removal of the dam could create.

Also under Attorney McCracken was a Police Report from a dog bite on December 24th. Since this happened in the owner's house and the victim did not wish to press charges there was no action required by the council.

Under Old Business the council directed Attorney McCracken to write letters to the owners of the properties located at 333 W 3rd Street, 137 West 2nd Street and 741 North Cherry Street. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to move the property at 705 North Seward from Keeping Track of List to the Nuisance List. Motion carried. The Board of Trust is looking into trying to purchase the property at 59 North Webster Street.

Under New Business, Clerk Meline reminded Mayor Brown and Councilman Horne that they are scheduled along with a couple of members from Blue Hill City Council to meet with the County Commissioners in regards to the County membership to SCEDD at 9:15 a.m. The council was also given copies of the tickets and revenue received from Rasser's for the hay/grass planted on City properties.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 8:29 p.m. for the employee evaluations and review apps for the City Superintendent and Power Plant positions. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to resume the open meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to hire Michael Clark as the new City Superintendent. Motion carried. Mr. Clark will begin his employment with the City on Monday, February 4th.

Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to give raises to a Power Plant Operator and Lineman as discussed. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to hire Frank Degener for Power Plant Operator to replace Arnold Merrill who recently retired. 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 Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.

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

Red Cloud Chief, legal advertising	328.09
Principal, dental insurance	448.96
R & M Disposal, trash pickup/utility bills	11,923.00
Withholding, 12/16 payroll	765.97
Social Security, 12/16 payroll	1,540.60
Medicare, 12/16 payroll	360.30
Nationwide, 12/16 retirement contribution	1,189.00
Lincoln National Life, life insurance	153.99
Great Plains, telephones	992.17

AFLAC, insurance-payroll deducted	269.81
Insurance, business-monthly transfer	7,358.16
Nationwide, retirement loan payments	322.68
Various, officers salary	695.82
Various, economic development	2,083.35
Various, to general	2,499.99
Various, Board of Trust	833.34
Various, Historic Preservation	500.01
Petty Cash, postage, supplies, etc.	158.81
State Income Tax, for December	756.34
Nationwide, 1/1 retirement contribution	1,273.60
Withholding, 1/1 payroll	826.94
Social Security, 1/1 payroll	1,516.70
Medicare, 1/1 payroll	354.68
C & D Service Center, parts	29.76
Aramark, janitorial services	336.48
Landmark, repairs	68.74
Corporate Image, dog tags, ATV permits, envelopes	554.00
Kenny Lumber, materials & supplies	392.42
CPI, fuel	687.09
J & A Auto, parts	176.29
Kohmetscher Feed, self-lighting torch/ice melt	263.76
Black Hills Energy, natural gas	3,754.69
Olson's Enterprises, oil & pickup repair	276.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield, group health insurance	6,263.30
Presto X, exterminating services	110.21

ELECTRIC

WAPA, purchased power for November	5,762.28
Olson Enterprises LLC, fuel for power plant	6,117.00
Tri City Sign Company, awning	6,110.00
Petty Cash, employee benefits	1,800.00
Adams County Court, garnishment	75.70
NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	265.50
NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	254.75
Postmaster, utility bill postage	233.42
Electric, to bond & interest	2,000.00
JEO, electrical system efficiency study	224.25
Hersh Digging, courthouse project	5,151.48
NMPP, utility bill envelopes	873.34
Dan Benedict, computer upgrades labor	250.00
Hydraulic Equip. Service, repairs to F550 bucket truck	5,003.78
Crescent Electric, bulbs	316.46
Zee Medical, 1 st aid kit updates	41.55
MEAN, purchased power for November	70,037.35
Cardmember Services, software	339.39
WAPA, purchased power for December	6,394.95

Border States, electrical supplies	1,251.07
Dutton Lainson Company, supplies	29.27
H. K. Scholz, repairs at power plant	6,430.80
Hometown Market, employee benefits	510.15
Salaries	13,274.43
WATER	
Water, for CM water reserve	625.00
Village Pharmacy, water sample supplies	4.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water analysis	149.00
Hawkins, fluoride	105.00
SEWER	
Sewer, to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Jason Franssen, towards cell phone bill	44.00
Joe Hersh, towards cell phone bill	44.00
Adams County Court, garnishment	75.70
Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	265.50
Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	254.75
FIRE	
Heritage Bank, loan pymt. on storage building	731.98
Platte Valley Comm., pager repairs	263.00
Echo, light bulbs	6.68
Energized Electric, heater maintenance	60.00
Municipal Emergency Services, protection gear	2,165.00
Interstate Battery, radio batteries	99.90
Mid Rivers 911, 911 user fee	350.00
R C Municipal Airport, aviation fuel for fire trucks	169.03
Raynor Garage Doors, overhead door repairs	633.87
GENERAL	
Garwood & McCracken, professional services for 5 months	3,455.89
Webster County Clerk, election expenses	427.13
Hometown Leasing, copier lease payment	110.00
General, to police fund	1,916.51
Eakes, office supplies	523.23
Kidder Benefits, administrative fees	225.00
John Hodge, Attorney fees	225.00
LIBRARY	
Barnes & Noble, books	57.30

Terri Eberly, mileage	81.75
Baker & Taylor, books	339.86
Good Housekeeping, subscription renewal	29.97
Auld Public Library, DVD's	17.96
Postmaster	90.00
Salaries	1,719.01
STREET	
Bladen Sand & Gravel, road gravel	81.63
Verizon, cell phone	41.46
Dalton Long, towards cell phone bill	33.00
Titan Machinery, o rings	57.95
Bladen Sand & Gravel, road gravel	281.10
JEO, One & Six Year Street Plan	3,000.00
Salaries	4,245.15
POOL	
NE Dept. of Revenue, swimming pool sales tax	504.37
NE Dept. of Revenue, state income tax	325.70
COMPOST	
South Central Public Power District, power to compost	231.68
Salaries	749.32
COMMUNITY CENTER	
Presto X, exterminating services	39.59
Kim Danehey-Nibbe, contract payment	975.00
Eagle Communications, cable TV	86.59
CONSUMERS	
City of Red Cloud, applied deposit to utility bill	200.00
City of Red Cloud, applied deposit to utility bill	150.00
BOARD OF TRUST	
PRA Construction, clean up at 506 N. Seward	500.00
Kenny's Lumber, respirators, gloves	58.91
R & M Disposals, roll offs at 506 N. Seward	1,189.11
POLICE	
Webster County Sheriff, December contract payment	3,854.29

INSURANCE

BlueCross BlueShield, group insurance	5,511.69
PARK	
Salaries	339.42
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$221,158.93

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Sue Meline, City Clerk