CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center Member present: Mayor Brown; Councilmen Horne, Beitler, Mahin; Attorney McCracken; Superintendent Clark and Clerk Meline. Councilman Goebel was absent.

Mayor Brown opened the meeting 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.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the June Police Report. Motion carried.

Bridget Daehling, Gary Thompson Agency, met with the council to go over the renewed Business Insurance. There is a premium increase over last year of $4,360, approximately 5%. She went over the reasons for the increase. No vote was necessary.

Jarrod McCartney, Director, Red Cloud Tourism and Commerce, met with the council to give them an update. The Economic Development Advisory Board held a meeting today to get organized and set their priorities. Heritage Tourism updates as follows: Jarrod was named as the Vice President of the Nebraska Travel Association, the Community Foundation Fun Run had 91 runners registered, 108 people attended the Community Foundation Banquet and 215 people attended part or all of the Cather Spring Conference and 11 kids participated in the Biz Kidz program. He reminded the council of an upcoming free concert at the Opera House, Republican River Stock Tank Float and Street Car Days.

There were no public comments.

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

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the June Financial Reports. Motion carried. The City Sales Tax for April received in June was $16,899.55 compared to $15,487.17 for the same month last year.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve a payment to JEO in the amount of $2,585.50 for the Electric Efficiency Study. Motion carried. Horne then made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve drawdown #13 in the amount of $1,936.87 and with the City Share of $645.63 equals the total payment of $2,585.50. Motion carried. Horne then made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to pay all claims as presented. Motion carried.

Beitler made the motion and was seconded Mahin to appoint Teresa Lunbery to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried.

Next the council discussed some items they would like to see in the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Next Superintendent Clark gave his monthly report. The whistle has been moved and is operational, the swimming pool seems to be running well with just a couple of minor issues with the boiler, he has met with FEMA and has another meeting this week or next week, hopes to get started working on the dam, the load data graph has been installed at the power plant and is working fine, problems with the voltage regulator on engine #2 but went ahead with the urge test but the Cities load was not high enough to reach capacity, so had to reschedule the test for August 8th. The utility crew is almost finished with the HVAC system at the High School. JEO was here and now have all the GPS data entered so this project is close to completion. JEO was not able to complete the Electric Efficiency Study by meeting time so a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30th. Also approved a building permit for Bernadette Carll for a wood fence.

Attorney McCracken presented an ordinance to the council for vacating an alley as requested by Gary and Beverly Meyer, Dennis and Lois VanWey, Kenny and Debra VanWey and Colleen Minnick. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve upon reading by title. Beitler, Mahin voted yea while Horne voted nay. Motion carried. Beitler then made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to suspend the rules of three readings, Beitler and Mahin voted yea, while Horne voted nay. Motion carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to publish in pamphlet form in the Red Cloud Chief. Beitler and Mahin voted yea, while Horne voted nay. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the tower agreement with U S Cellular. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have the Mayor sign the agreement, motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to sign the memorandum. Motion carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to have Attorney McCracken prepare a letter for Gary and Beverly Meyer that the City would not request any payment on crops, etc. on ground purchased by Meyer’s with platted streets and alleys within the property. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to have Attorney McCracken send a nuisance letter to the owner of the property at 530 North Cherry. Motion carried. Mahin made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to also have letters sent to owners of the property at 309 North Seward and 1122 Highway 136. Motion carried.

Councilman Horne asked about the monetary requests from Jarrod McCartney in his presentation. Since the requests were not on the agenda the council couldn’t vote but stated they would consider staying at the Silver Level of $100 with the Chamber of Commerce membership and donate $200 towards sponsoring of Street Car Days and go with the $250 leader sponsorship for the Community Foundation 5K run during Street Car Days. However these items will need to go on the August agenda for official action.

As there was no further business to be had and done by the Mayor and City Council, Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to adjourn said meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Principal, dental insurance 561.20

Red Cloud Chief, legal printing 568.95

Medicare, 6/16 payroll 601.74

Social Security, 6/16 payroll 2,572.90

Withholding, 6/16 payroll 1,162.94

Nationwide, 6/16 payroll 1,261.98

R & M Disposal, city property trash pickup & utility bill collection 11,916.50

State Income Tax, for month of June 950.24

Great Plains Communication 1,125.14

AFLAC, insurance-payroll deducted 269.81

The Lincoln National Life, life insurance 194.25

BlueCross BlueShield, group health insurance 8,143.87

Various, business insurance 7,358.16

Various, officer’s salary 695.82

Various, economic development 2,083.35

Various, general 2,499.99

Various, Board of Trust 833.34

Various, Historic Preservation 500.01

Withholding, 7/1 payroll 1,145.64

Social Security, 7/1 payroll 2,467.78

Medicare, 7/1 payroll 577.16

Nationwide, 7/1 retirement contribution 1,240.12

Aramark, towels, uniforms, janitorial 388.86

C & D Service Center, repairs, edger, trimmer 1,525.01

Eakes, office & janitorial supplies 513.60

MARC, red grease 197.76

CPI, fuel 1,864.76

Olson Enterprises, fuel & repairs 586.79

J & A Auto, parts & repairs 137.79

Kenny Lumber, materials & supplies 517.04

Black Hills Energy, natural gas service 2,235.86

Petty Cash, mtg. expenses, supplies, postage 86.54

ELECTRIC

Webster County Court, garnishment 88.12

NE Child Support Payment, garnishment 254.75

NE Child Support Payment, garnishment 265.50

Blue Cross Blue Shield, supplemental insurance 184.41

Postmaster, utility bill postage 254.40

Electric to Bond & interest 2,000.00

MEAN, purchased power for May 66,337.26

Core & Main, battery for 2nd handheld 193.68

JEO, Electrical Efficiency Study 2,582.50

Municipal Supply, electrical supplies 10.40

Solomon, 3 phase 150 KVA pad mount 7,169.00

Border States, electrical supplies 1,242.95

H K Scholz, test run generation, meter problems 3,607.00

Dutton Lainson, parts for whistle 86.99

H K Scholz, meters, paper chart recorder 42,300.00

Cardmember Service, monthly adobe fee 18.08

WAPA, purchased power for June 5,523.72

Zee Medical, 1st aid kit updates 41.05

Salaries 16,140.38

WATER

Water to CM water reserve 625.00

Nationwide, retirement loan payment-payroll deducted 59.81

Jason Franssen, towards cell phone bill 44.00

Joe Hersh, towards cell phone bill 44.00

Webster County Court, garnishment 50.68

NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment 254.75

NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment 265.50

NE Public Environmental Lab, water analysis 63.00

Sargent Drilling, well/pump tests 600.00

Hawkins, fluoride 184.04

One Call Concepts, line locates 14.19

SEWER

Sewer to CM Sewer Reserve 625.00

STREET

Kenny Lumber, supplies for volunteers to paint sign posts 38.79

Verizon, cell phone 46.80

Municipal Chemical Supply, chemical weed killer 300.00

Landmark, parts 4.00

Salaries 3,726.47

FIRE

Heritage Bank, loan pymt. On storage building 731.98

Mid Rivers 911, July 911 user fee 350.00

Sandry Fire Supply, gate valves 742.71

Danko Emergency Equip, bunker gear 125.15

Energized Electrical, parts for whistle 25.52

Fry-Tek, wildland bunker coat 268.25

CONSUMERS

City of Red Cloud, applied deposit to utility bill 98.17

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GENERAL

Hometown Leasing, copier lease payment 110.00

John Hodge, attorney fees 75.00

General to police fund 1,916.51

State Treasurer, state share of dog licenses 97.00

LIBRARY

Terri Eberly, mileage to meeting 87.00

Do It Yourself, subscription renewal 19.96

Auld Public Library, DVD’s, summer reading program expenses 223.59

The Library Store, office supplies 58.79

Salaries 2,742.69

COMMUNITY CENTER

Kim Danehey-Nibbe, June contract payment 950.00

Eagle Communications, cable TV 88.61

Presto X, pest control 39.59

BOARD OF TRUST

Frank Degener, mowing BOT properties 180.00

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POLICE

Webster County Sheriff, June contract payment 3,854.29

CEMETERY

Dalton Long, towards cell phone bill 33.00

Salaries 1,496.16

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JEO, Blight Study expenses 387.50

CDBG

City of Red Cloud, reimbursement from grant 1,518.75

SWIMMING POOL

Salaries 5,052.29

PARK

Salaries 3,281.32

COMPOST

Salaries 1,075.69

Total Expenses $238,640.64

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Sue Meline, City Clerk