

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 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 approve the Sheriff's Report. Motion carried.

Jarrold McCartney gave a short and informational update about projects taking place in the community. He stated the hotel project continues to move forward, CCC has designed a new logo for Street Car Days and that the general consensus from the Community Foundation Visioning Session was that people want enhanced recreation and a thriving downtown.

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

Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for September received in December was \$19,624.99 compared to \$15,614.00 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

Horne 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.

After revisiting and clarification, Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to pay \$15,000.00 to the City Tourism Director following rescinding the vote to pay last month. Motion carried.

Per feedback from the Community Foundation's Visioning Session, Councilman Mahin proposed an idea to fulfill the community's wants/needs. He suggested renovating the Scout Lodge as well as add parking and moving city council meetings there. Subsequently then making a new exercise room in the conference room at the Community Center. The proposal suggested using the existing exercise room for a weight machine and additional free weights and putting an array of new equipment in the new exercise room. The council requested more information as well as updated prices on costs of materials and supplies and to revisit this topic at next month's meeting.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve a letter of resignation for Kevin Daehling with the Board of Public Trust. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a resolution to grant a legal government holiday for Native Americans. This concept died for lack of motion.

Superintendent Clark gave a general update on the city. Solomon Corporation has been notified about going ahead with the 2500Kva transformer rebuild. The transformer will be picked up next week. The new boiler at the power plant is working well. He touched on the problems the library has faced with leaking. Weather Crafters was contacted and they filled the holes in the tuck pointing, as well as placed screens on gutter sones and patched a gutter drain. A \$9,000.00 grant was received for water system mapping and the city received \$92,341.39 for FEMA Disaster Relief. The sewer project will take place the last week in January.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to accept the proposal for digital metering on 2400V switchgear feeders and bus-tie. After necessary revisions and upgrades, staff will be able to accurately observe and monitor the usage of each individual feeder and bus-tie. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and seconded by Beitler to raise water rates from \$40.00 per quarter to \$55.00 per quarter for ¾-1" lines, \$78.50 per quarter for 1 ¼" lines, \$122.00 per quarter for 1 ½" lines, \$205.50 per quarter for 2" lines, \$345.50 per quarter for 3" lines, \$498.00 per quarter for 4" lines, and \$1.00 per 1000 gallons to \$1.50 per 1000 gallons. Motion carried. The majority of people affected are covered under the ¾ - 1" line. Only 19 customers are affected by the higher rates. The last time the rates were raised was August 2013. A resolution will need to be approved at the next meeting.

Attorney McCracken stated he would like to add areas to the blight study map that was presented. Councilman Mahin will be in contact with a JEO representative. A letter was sent to 705 N Seward per request at last month's meeting. There are court hearings at the end of the month for 502 N Elm and 137 N Walnut. Going to keep an eye on 442 N Jefferson St.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to add areas to the blight study. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to turn 705 N Walnut over to Prosecuting Attorney Hodge. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to enter into executive session at 9:01 p.m. for 2 employee evaluations. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to resume the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve raises for the Power Plant Operator and City Clerk/Treasurer. 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 9:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Salaries	23,163.71
City of Red Cloud- applied deposits	400.00
Deb Fisbeck- refund budget balance	38.25
Black Hills Energy- gas service	2,323.63
JEO Consulting Group- 2019 street superintendent services	3,000.00
Petty Cash- extra postage, supplies, computer asst.	133.86
Cardmember Services- adobe on computer	16.04
Solomon Corporation- professional services	3,745.00
Principal- dental insurance	505.10
Bladen Sand & Gravel- gravel	276.37
Department of Revenue- swimming pool sales tax	364.06
E Oswald- refund deposit	80.76
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	119.24
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	87.66
M Shurter- refund deposit	112.34
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
DHHS Accounting- returned unused portion	156.36
Verizon- cell phone	57.00
Withholding- 12/16 payroll	1,023.54
Aflac- insurance	269.81
Social Security- 12/16 payroll	1,771.58

Medicare- 12/16 payroll	414.32
Nationwide- retirement	1,145.39
R & M Disposal- trash collection	11,521.50
State Income Tax- month of December	890.04
Great Plains- phone bill	1,070.12
SCPPD- power at compost site	216.74
The Lincoln Nat'l Life Insurance Company- life insurance	153.99
Bobcat of Salina, Inc- mini excavator	58,590.00
BCBS- health insurance	184.41
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	248.50
Kim Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	1,000.00
C Sprague- refund overpayment on utility bill	100.44
Municipal Supply, Inc- touch pad for meter	191.46
Electric- bond and interest	2,000.00
Sewer- to CM sewer reserve	625.00
Water- to CM water reserve	625.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
Hometown Leasing- copier agreement	110.00
Mid Rivers 911- 911 service	350.00
John Hodge- attorney fees	75.00
Various- business insurance transfer	4,754.02
General- to police fund	1,916.51
Joe Hersh- towards cell phone	44.00
Dalton Long- towards cell phone	33.00
Various- Officer's Salary	1,643.76
Various- to Economic Development	750.00
Various- to General	2,499.99
Various- to Board of Trust	833.34
Various- to Historic Preservation	618.87
Webster Co. Sheriff- police contract	3,854.29
Village Pharmacy- soap & rubbing alcohol	4.22
Border States- supplies, lights	1,774.58
MEAN- purchased power	70,233.62
Lara Strobl- mileage	69.60
Hydraulic Equipment Service- digger truck tamper	661.24
Garwood & McCracken- warranty deed	75.00
Corporate Image Design- letterhead	168.00
Sensus USA, Inc- software support, windows renewal	1,715.95
Farabee Mechanical Inc- fuel pump repair on engine 4	618.27
Auld Library Foundation- reimbursement for work on computer	2,650.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab- water samples	83.00
Eakes- office supplies	538.02
Red Cloud Chief- ads in newspaper	521.08
Baker & Taylor- books & subscriptions	283.85

Auld Public Library- office supplies, books, materials	548.42
Aramark- towel, mop & uniform services	357.18
Energized Electric- control board & sequencer	493.25
Presto-X- pest control	40.66
Dultmeier Sales- shop/spraying supplies	308.79
Olson Auto Body LLC- window replacement	189.60
Nationwide- retirement contribution	1,267.51
Rose Equipment Inc- coil controls for sweeper	519.11
CPI Elevator- TIF funds	5,949.81
Olson Enterprises LLC- fuel	214.76
Kenny's Lumber- materials/supplies	157.67
Follett School Solutions- license support renewal	870.45
One Call Concepts- line locate	13.81
Cardmember Services- Microsoft & adobe subscriptions	146.91
US Postal Service- post office box renewal	92.00
Eagle Broadband- cable	84.64
CPI- fuel, tire repair, propane	1,850.49
J & A Auto Supply- supplies	44.98
Platte Valley Communications- pager repairs	246.00
WAPA- purchased power	6,394.95
NE Dept of Revenue- state income tax	94.49
Principal- dental insurance	454.59
Black Hills Energy- natural gas service	5,107.85
J & A Auto Supply- materials/supplies	191.51
Integrated Security Solutions- fire alarm system	480.00
Landmark Implement Inc- towels	29.86
C & D Service Center- parts, tools, freight, scarfire, fuel additive	1,020.46
Hometown Market- employee benefits	494.95
Total Expenses	\$242,097.11

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk