

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and the City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 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.

Goebel made the motion and Mahin seconded for Councilmen Horne to be re-appointed as the President of the Council. Goebel then made the motion and was seconded by Horne to appoint Mahin and Beitler to the finance committee. Motion carried.

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

Amanda Hajny and Roger Bohrer gave an informational update on Cherry Corner Estates. A financial report was given and they spoke of looking to target a different age group. There is a financial concern because of the high vacancy.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to rescind the vote to pay \$15,000.00 to the City Tourism Director for clarification and to revisit at the January meeting. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the November minutes with the exception of the previous motion. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the financial reports and city sales tax report. The city sales tax for August received in October was \$18,362.88 compared to \$16,688.38 for the same period last year. Motion carried.

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

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne for the annual approval of Maintenance Agreement #32 and Certificate of Compliance. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #717 Annual Approval of Consumption of Alcohol at the Fire Hall. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Resolution #718 Annual Employee Recognition Dinner. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve Resolution #719 Procedures for Payment of Claims with the exception of removing the wordage "excluding the Council President". Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to appoint/re-appoint committee/board members. Planning Commission 3 year term: Kenny VanWey, Lila Bohrer and Barb Kenny. Zoning Board of Adjustment 3 year term: Darrell Fisbeck and Dave Garwood. Cemetery Board 3 year term: Mike Kenny and John Arneson with the exception of Justin Elledge. Housing Board 5 year term: Michelle Ratzlaff. Assisted Living Board 2 year term: Abby Hansen, Carol Beitler and Brad Burgess. Library Board 4 year term: Marianne Fitzgibbon. Tree Board: Kim Danehey-Nibbe (3 year term) and Dalton Long (city representative). Historic Preservation Commission 3 year term: Teresa Lunbery, Marianne Fitzgibbon and Mike Kenny with the exception of Kay Blackstone. Economic Development Advisory Board: Bridget Daehling (2 year term), Ashley Olson (1 year term), Adam Vetter (5 year term), Jill Swartzendruber (1 year term), and Mike Kenny (1 year term). Board of Public Trust 5 year term: Ron Olson replacing Gary Meyer. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark gave a general update on the city. He stated that when the 13.8 transformer failed on November 4th, the power plant produced 39,099.56 Kw until they were able to go back online on November 6th – a total of 56 hours. 3,521 gallons of fuel were used at \$2.11 per gal

equaling \$7,429.31. He said that after weighing all options it would be best to have the current transformer repaired. Clark said the gutter on the south side of the library is leaking. It has caused damage to the plaster on the inside wall and calcium in the mortar is visible on the outside in the same area. The mini-excavator will be delivered sometime next week and Howard's Glass Company is making the glass for the office windows. Clark said the boiler at the power plant is needing replaced. With the heat exchanger out and losing water in the combustion chamber, the service technician from Rutt's said it would be just as much to replace versus repair. Bids were requested from Rutt's and Energized Electric. Clark said a meeting was held with JEO on the final draft of the water/sewer GPS mapping. He also said they will be replacing the lightbulbs around the courthouse. He then re-visited the topic of CPI seeking a break in their building permit since they are helping with costs of materials/supplies.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to have the existing transformer reconditioned. Motion carried.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to purchase a new boiler at the power plant. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to allow a one-time building permit exception fee of \$2,500.00 to CPI. Motion carried.

Attorney McCracken stated Mohlman missed the hearing pertaining to his dogs and an amended complaint was filed by John Hodge. He stated the dam project may qualify for the CDBG grant but may have to consider fixing culverts to add money to the project in order to qualify. He is going to work on vendor applications as well as spend some time with the zoning manual errors from SCEDD.

Under old business Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to stay with the same health insurance for city employees. Motion carried. 705 N Seward Street was brought up and it was addressed about the trees growing so close to the house. Trailers and cars parked on side streets for an extended amount of time were also addressed. Notices will be sent out with utility bills as a reminder only 3 dogs per house are permitted in city limits.

Under new business it was brought up that there have been complaints about loud stereos in town. McCracken said there is no ban, it is just a nuisance as to disturbing the peace.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter executive session at 9:16 p.m. for 3 employee evaluations. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to resume the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve raises for the Lineman, Power Plant Operator and Community Center Custodian. 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 Beitler to adjourn said meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Total Salaries	25,257.16
Withholding for 11/16 payroll	1,154.53
Social Security for 11/16 payroll	1,996.80
Medicare for 11/16 payroll	467.00
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	199.51
Jeraline Lyngstad- refund deposit	0.49
City of Red Cloud- applied deposit	200.00
Nationwide- underpayment on Hersh retirement	161.31
Principal- dental insurance	404.08
SCEDD- membership dues	2,500.00
Utility Service Co.- quarterly payment	4,447.50
Newport Group Inc.- quarterly retirement	213.00
Great Plains- phone & internet	1,065.28
CPI- fuel & tires	1,010.60

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company- life insurance	174.12
Aflac- insurance (paid by employees)	269.81
NE Child Support Payment Center- garnishment	254.75
Postmaster- envelopes	1,250.10
Kim Danehey-Nibbe- contract labor	975.00
Verizon- cell phone	61.24
Olson Enterprises LLC- diesel fuel at power plant	6,577.95
DHHS- return LIHEAP funds	380.00
Nationwide- 11/16 payroll	1,328.63
Nationwide- loan payment	198.71
Postmaster- postage on utility bills	251.10
RCCFF- heritage tourism payment	15,000.00
R & M Disposal- trash service	348.50
State Income Tax- November	980.33
R & M Disposal- fall city clean-up & fees collected from utility bills	15,044.20
BCBS- health insurance	7,514.62
Withholding- 12/1 payroll	1,283.10
Social Security- 12/1 payroll	1,916.98
Medicare- 12/1 payroll	448.32
Nationwide- 12/1 payroll	1,308.79
Meline- cemetery records	200.00
O'Keefe Elevator Co.- elevator maintenance	319.45
NE Public Health Env. Lab- water samples	264.00
Gary Thompson Agency- insurance premium	97.00
BCBS- health insurance	184.41
NDEE- clean water loan payment	10,628.80
Harold K Scholz, Co.- work on transformer	2,590.00
NE Fire Sprinkler- annual inspection	625.00
Bladen Sand & Gravel- gravel	356.54
Farabee Mechanical- parts & service call	2,137.35
Corporate Image Design- name plate, dog tags, ATV permits	267.00
Auld Public Library- filters, DVD's, legos	102.83
NE State Fire Marshall Elevator Division- annual inspection	120.00
Goebel- meeting attendance	1,575.00
Beitler- meeting attendance	2,450.00
Mahin- meeting attendance	2,450.00
Horne- meeting attendance	2,450.00
Brown- meeting attendance	3,150.00
Eakes- notary stamp, signature stamp, office supplies	1,437.11
Presto-X- pest control	112.35
Bear Graphics- checks	224.95
Webster Co. Sheriff- sheriff contract	3,854.29
Various, Historic Preservation- monthly transfer	618.87
Various, Board of Trust- monthly transfer	833.34
Various, General- monthly transfer	2,499.99
Various, Economic Development- monthly transfer	750.00
Various, Officer's Salary- officer's salary	1,643.76
Long- towards cell phone	33.00

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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- copier agreement	110.00
Heritage- loan payment	731.98
Water- to cash management water reserve	625.00
Sewer- to cash management sewer reserve	625.00
Electric- bond & interest	2,000.00
Sandry Fire Supply- suction hose	209.88
MEAN- purchased power	66,709.52
Tom Hitchler- seal & wash city hall	400.00
Follett School Solutions- license renewal	870.45
C & D Service Center- parts/tools/shipment	782.01
Border States- lights, jumper supplies	10,551.89
Good Housekeeping- 1 year subscription	29.97
House Beautiful- subscription	29.97
TIME- 1 year subscription	55.64
Martha Stewart Living- 1 year subscription	20.00
Reminisce- 1 year subscription	14.98
Aramark- towel service	685.16
J & A Auto Supply- supplies, tools	194.07
CPI- fuel, tire repair	256.19
Kenny's Lumber- window/supplies	295.62
Barnes & Noble- book	17.49
McConnell & Associates- cold patch	1,557.00
NMPP- VSP Program Software	2,303.00
Webster Co. Treasurer- 2019 RE taxes	64.56
Eagle Broadband- cable at community center	84.64
One Call Concepts- locate fee	8.83
Olson Enterprises LLC- tires, fuel	1,060.44
State of NE Dept of Correctional Services- safety backboard for fire dept	50.00
LCL Equipment Inc.- tool box, lights on street pickup	2,520.45
WAPA- purchased power	5,762.28
Petty Cash	2,125.00
Total Expenses	\$244,509.10

Todd Brown, Mayor

ATTEST: Casie Olson, City Clerk