

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

As per notice in the Red Cloud Chief, the Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 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 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 public viewing.

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

Jarrod McCartney met with the council to give an update. 10/11 News will be coming to Red Cloud over the next month doing interviews and filming for their "Pure Nebraska" segments. Tour de Nebraska will be in town on June 18th. Work on the hotel is scheduled to start in November. A fundraiser for the hotel project will be held on October 11th in Lincoln. He is hopeful for a large grant from the Daughtery Foundation for the hotel project. Cather received a \$415,000 grant for renovations to the Cather Childhood Home. He stated that the Barnfest/Women's Retreat was well attended. An estimated 300 to 400 attended. The hospital BBQ event also went well.

There was no public comment.

Gene made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the Financial Reports and City Sales Tax Report. Motion carried. The City Sales Tax received in September for July was \$18,107.97 compared to \$16,896.79 for the same month last year.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the claims for payment. Motion carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Horne to approve the payment to SCEDD in the amount of \$300 for the Electrical Efficiency Study. Motion carried. Beitler made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve Drawdown #15 in the amount of \$300. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then made his nomination of Casie Olson to the City Clerk/Treasurer position. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Mahin to approve the nomination with a starting date of October 9th. Motion carried.

Superintendent Clark told the council in regards to the possible water rate increase to base it on water meter size. His recommendation is to have one residential rate of 1" or less, then the commercial meters they will need to check their sizes. The council feels this is the best route to take. Once the information is collected it will be passed on to Rural Water Assn. for them to propose the rates by meter size. The recycling roof has been repaired. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to accept the bid from Kucera Construction in the amount of \$9,020 for the demolition of the former Packing Plant building. Motion carried. The Red Cloud Volunteer Firemen voted to donate \$4,500 towards the demolition. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to purchase a mini excavator from Bobcat in the amount of \$56,994. Motion carried. The other bid was from John Deere in the amount of \$58,805.50. The reason for going with Bobcat was the attachments available compared to the John Deere unit. The council will cash Cemetery CD's in the amount of \$49,000 to go towards the purchase. Sargent Drilling submitted a bid for the south well flowmeter in the amount of \$10,377.98. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to approve the bid submitted by Sargent Drilling. Motion carried. Next replacing the sewer pumps at the sewer plant was discussed. The bid received was from Iowa Pump Works in the amount of \$36,243 was approved by a motion by Horne and seconded by Beitler. Motion carried. He also had a bid from Johnson Service company for cleaning of the sewer lines. Even though the council feels this would be good maintenance the funds

are not available at this time. Building permits approved since the last meeting: telecommunications tower for US Cellular, lean-to for John Harvey and demolition permit for Public Board of Trust for 1046 N. Chestnut.

Attorney McCracken stated he didn't have much in updates. He did find out that there doesn't seem to be much available in grants for electrical upgrades, so most likely financing of electrical projects will need to be handled by revenue bonds.

Under Old Business(nuisance properties) McCracken stated he had sent an e-mail to Sara Bockstadter as to where she is at with some of the properties she is still working on but he didn't hear back from her. Clerk Meline asked about 822 North Cedar Street as she had received a complaint from a concerned citizen. McCracken stated he will send that property on to the prosecuting attorney. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Goebel to remove 530 North Cherry Street off the nuisance property as it was purchased by the Public Board of Trust. Motion carried. The property at 629 North Locust was also brought up as being a nuisance so McCracken will do the paperwork necessary on it.

Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to enter into executive session at 8:32 p.m. for two employee evaluations. Motion carried. Goebel made the motion and was seconded by Horne to resume the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried. Horne made the motion and was seconded by Beitler to give raises to the cemetery/park employee and City Clerk/Treasurer. 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 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

AFLAC, insurance – payroll deducted	269.81
Red Cloud Chief, legal printing	536.06
Withholding, 9/16 payroll	964.91
Social Security, 9/16 payroll	1,714.00
Medicare, 9/16 payroll	400.86
Nationwide, 9/16 retirement contributions	1,233.85
State Income Tax, for the month of September	798.12
R & M Disposal, trash pickup/utility bill collection	12,435.00
Great Plains, telephones	1,013.28
RC Light/Water, annual transfers from city facilities	48,592.41
The Lincoln National Life, life insurance	174.12
BCBS, group health insurance	7,182.19
Various, business insurance	4,754.02
Various, officer's salary	1,643.76
Various, economic development	750.00
Various, to general fund	2,499.99
Various, to Board of Trust	833.34
Various, to Historic Preservation	618.86
Nationwide, 10/1 retirement contributions	1,312.56
Withholding, 10/1 payroll	1,052.43
Social Security, 10/1 payroll taxes	1,823.20
Medicare, 10/1 payroll	426.38
Petty Cash, postage, supplies, etc.	186.63
Aramark, janitorial services	388.86
Eakes, office supplies	143.70
Cardmember Service	1,105.95
J & A Auto Parts, parts	92.59
CPI, fuel	407.38
Olson's Enterprises, fuel & repairs	1,611.24

Black Hills Energy, natural gas	\$765.70
Kenny's Lumber, materials & supplies	155.56
Principal, dental	454.59
Presto X, pest control	79.18

ELECTRIC

Theobald Law Office, collection fees	233.12
Midlands Area Agency on Aging, new business rebate	809.57
NE Child Support Payment, garnishment	254.75
BCBS, supplemental insurance	184.41
Postmaster, postage on utility bills	252.75
Electric, to bond & interest	2,000.00
Nationwide, retirement loan payment	198.71
Jason Franssen, towards cell phone bill	44.00
Joe Hersh, towards cell phone bill	44.00
NE Child Support Payment Center, garnishment	254.75
Municipal Supply, parts	3,244.32
Dutton Lainson, part/supplies	1,012.72
H. K. Scholz, service consultations	2,270.00
MEAN, purchased power for August	77,106.75
Border States, conduit, glove bag, etc.	3,867.24
Presto X, pest control – PP	96.30
Nationwide, 9/16 loan payment	141.59
WAPA, purchased power for September	3,924.87
NMPP, 2 boxes of utility bills	584.78
NPPD, switchgear inspection	6,725.84
Salaries	15,266.18

WATER

American Water Works Assn., dues	309.00
Water, to CM water reserve	625.00
Village Pharmacy, water testing supplies	8.07
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water analysis	133.00
USA BlueBook, fluoride pump	1,456.28
One Call Concepts, line locates	19.18
Hawkins, fluoride	184.04

SEWER

Sewer. to CM sewer reserve	625.00
MARC, sewer solvent	403.60

LIBRARY

Electronics Systems, fire alarm inspection	65.00
Auld Public Library, janitorial, DVD's, office supplies	153.58

Auld Public Library, memberships	250.00
Barnes & Noble, books	131.68
Auld Public Library, library conference expenses	304.78
Terri Eberly, mileage	231.42
Salaries	1,546.67
GENERAL	
Eakes, copies	299.23
Elliott Construction, down payment on recycling roof	3,815.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease payment	110.00
John Hodge Attorney, attorney fees	75.00
General, to police fund	1,916.51
Midland Area Agency on Aging, share of Public Transportation	4,592.59
Nationwide, treasurers bond	125.00
FIRE	
Heritage Bank, loan payment, storage bldg.	731.98
Mid Rivers 911, October user fee	350.00
Darin Barnes, fire prevention supplies	658.00
Sandry Fire Supply, bunker gear	8,131.26
T-shirts Engineers, uniforms	193.97
STREET	
Verizon, cell phone	58.77
Dalton Long, towards cell phone bill	33.00
MidWest Turf & Irrigation, parts for Toro's	77.15
C & D Service, parts	67.50
Salaries	2,421.38
COMMUNITY CENTER	
Kim Danehey-Nibbe, September contract payment	975.00
Eagle Broadband, cable TV @ CC	80.64
PARK	
Heritage Bank, annual payment mower	3,239.13
Salaries	357.45
CDBG	
City of Red Cloud, Electric Efficiency Study	2,940.95

POLICE

Webster County Sheriff, Sept. contract payment \$3,854.29

CONSUMERS

City of Red Cloud, applied deposits to utility bills 400.00

BOARD OF TRUST

Frank Degener, mowing properties for BOT 150.00

CEMETERY

Salaries 1,869.54

C & D SITE

Salaries 756.97

TOTAL EXPENSES

259,663.79

Todd Brown, Mayor

Sue Meline, City Clerk