

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
February 1, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Nebraska City was conducted in the Gary White Memorial Room of the Rowe Safety Complex, 1518 Central Avenue and by video conference on the Zoom meeting platform, on February 1, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. The agenda was made available via the City Website and communicated in advance to the media, Mayor and Commissioners of this proceeding and said meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Bryan Bequette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held and stated that the meeting was being conducted under the Open Meetings Act. Mayor Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Patrick Wehling, Vic Johns, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: Paul Davis. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Lou Leone, City Attorney Drew Graham, Police Chief David Lacy, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Construction and Facility Manager Marty Stovall and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve minutes from the January 18, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Approve Electricians Registration to Work Application for Haco Electric Company, Inc. located at 521 W P Street Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried

Mayor Bequette opened the Public Hearing on Citizen's Advisory Review Committee's report as to the status, progress, findings, and suggestions of the Economic Development Program and Growth Fund. Dan Mauk spoke to explain the report. No other comments were made by the public. Mayor Bequette moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Johns. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette opened the Public Hearing on the intent to use Nebraska City Growth Funds from the Economic Development Plan for the Nebraska City Museum Association as a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to assist in covering expenses related to the Nebraska City Museums' Resident Admission Program. Dan Mauk and Dean Schissler spoke to explain the report. No other comments were made by the public. Mayor Bequette moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending September 30, 2020.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending October 31, 2020.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending November 30, 2020.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending December 31, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to accept the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of January 19, 2021 to February 1, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<b>Claims List</b>					
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Blue Cross Blue Shield	Multiple	\$141,970.88	American National Bank	Multiple	\$3,754.72
Ameritas Life Ins	Multiple	\$9,968.64	Farmers & Merchants Bank	10-52-5605	\$3,815.30
Lincoln Financial Group	Multiple	\$7,183.69	Miller Monroe Farrell	18-42-5948	\$5,804.00
City of NC Fund12-Fund15	15-01-1003	\$1,528.90	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Multiple	\$453.63
Payroll	Multiple	\$132,256.37	Keith Morrison	Wellness Reimb	\$240.00
Otoe County Title Company	10-52-5810	\$248,376.50	Mullenax Auto Supply	Rep/Maint	\$12.99
Adkins Signs	Adv	\$30.00	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Multiple	\$1,252.41
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$1,568.70	NATIONWIDE BONDS	Bond	\$200.00
AT&T MOBILITY	Wireless Tablets	\$92.96	Nebraska City Museum Assoc.	City Curator	\$2,416.67
Bill Walters & Son Shop, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$193.80	NC Public School Dist. 111	Tobacco License	\$195.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$595.91	Nebraska City Utilities	CDBG	\$151.53
Brad Yost Construction	CDBG	\$13,754.00	NC Tourism & Commerce	Tourism	\$7,083.33
Card Services	Multiple	\$626.77	NE Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Training	\$40.00
CHEEVER CONSTRUCTION CO	CDBG	\$98,130.60	NSG Logistics, LLC	Chemicals	\$5,134.08
CHI HEALTH ST. MARY'S	Health Screenings	\$2,420.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Multiple	\$100.43
CNA SURETY	Bond	\$40.00	OMNI ENGINEERING	Asphalt	\$433.35
Commercial State Bank	TIF	\$23,854.95	Otoe County Clerk	County	\$1,863.50
MALARIE CUTLER	Refund	\$25.00	Otoe County Mutual Aid	Dues	\$20.00
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	QUADIENT, INC	Rental	\$98.82
Dustin J Barrett	Capital Improv	\$200.00	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$91.96
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$297.95	R Carts - Rogg R McLean	Rep/Maint	\$2,330.98
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$148.91	River View Pest Control	Pest Control	\$184.00
ENGEL - RUT CONSTRUCTION	Refund	\$25.00	Schneider Electric & Refrig.	Rep/Maint	\$356.00
Fastenal Company	Supplies	\$53.75	SPIRAL COMMUNICATIONS	Phone/Internet	\$1,164.66
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	Multiple	\$90.00	Titan Machinery	Rep/Maint	\$74.80
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$224.00	ULINE	Donation Purchase	\$389.84
WADE HELGESON	Refund	\$200.00	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$240.28

Corporate Risk Holding III, Inc	Background Screening	\$57.43	VEETRONIX, INC	Rep/Maint	\$362.31
Infinity Aviation	Interlocal Agreement	\$4,382.67	VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone/Internet	\$688.14
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Multiple	\$34,174.75	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$165.70
Law Enforcement Systems	Investigation Expense	\$75.00	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$521.61
League of Nebr. Municipalities	Training	\$395.00	Witmer Public Safety Group	Rep/Maint	\$139.80
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$205.07			

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve **Resolution 2869-21** on the intent to use Nebraska City Growth Funds from the Economic Development Plan for the Nebraska City Museum Association as a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to assist in covering expenses related to the Nebraska City Museums' Resident Admission Program. Commissioner Glover declared her intent to abstain from voting due to her position as Treasurer of the Historical Society which is a beneficiary of this program. Dan Mauk, Dean Shissler and Drew Graham spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Abstain: Glover. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve a Grant Agreement with the Nebraska City Museum Association for a \$20,000 grant. Dean Shissler and Drew Graham spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Abstain: Glover. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Lou Leone led a discussion with the Council regarding potential changes to some of the retirement fund offerings.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska City Public Schools to build a storage shed next to the tennis courts for use by the school. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Eli McNeely spoke about his plans as this pertains to his chosen Eagle Scout Project, (if approved). Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve the BPW Electric Work Order #502 to install 4 new shark 200 meters at plant site 3 for \$25,000.00. Jeff Kohrs spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve the BPW recommendation for Electric Work Order #504 for 4160 Volt 3 phase to Hy-Vee for NCU portion of \$119,129.86. Jeff Kohrs spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve **Resolution 2870-21** adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan for Nebraska City, NE. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Glover, Johns, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve application for a CCCFF Grant for the Nebraska City Veteran's Memorial Building Project. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Mayor Bequette to approve Change Order #2 for the Veterans Memorial Building Renovation Project. Marty Stovall and Jim Kuhn spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve the Fire Department's request to apply for the FEMA assistance to Fire Fighters grant program for the funds to be used to purchase SCBA gear in the amount of \$280,000.00 and to approve Vice President Glover to sign. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Glover, Johns, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette gave a report on the Covid-19 situation as discussed by the earlier Board of Health Meeting and stated that the Board decided to meet only on the first Monday of each month going forward.

Commissioner Johns stated his appreciation for the employees of the Street Department, the Parks Department and the Cemetery Department working together to remove 16 inches of snow in the most recent snow event and asked that citizens please move their vehicles from the street to make an already difficult job of clearing the snow easier.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

#### AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Randy A. Dunster, City Clerk-Treasurer