

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 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 15, 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 6:04 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. Mayor Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Paul Davis, Patrick Wehling, Vic Johns, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: None. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Lou Leone, City Attorney Drew Graham, Police Captain Lonnie Neeman, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Building Inspector Keith Morrison, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Construction and Facility Manager Marty Stovall, Paramedic Manager Andrew Snodgrass and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette honored the memory of former Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department member Thomas Schreiner and recognized the 57 years of service that he provided as a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Mayor Bequette opened the Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan. Keith Morrison, Andrew Willis and Marty Stovall spoke to explain the request. Dan Mauk spoke in favor of the project; no opposing comments were made by the public. Mayor Bequette moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Johns. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of January 31, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$6,975,443.85 Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$15,140,227.08. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$22,115,670.93. Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator Report. Lou Leone spoke regarding his report. Acknowledge receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending December 31, 2020. Acknowledge receipt of Utility Claims for period ending January 31, 2021. Nebraska City Utilities Annual Audit Report from KPMG for Fiscal Year 19-20. Jeff Kohrs and Matt Meyers spoke to explain the report. Nebraska City Annual Audit Report from BKD for Fiscal Year 19-20. Chris Lindner spoke to explain the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve minutes from the February 1, 2021 City Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Davis to accept the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of February 2, 2021 to February 15, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Davis with abstention to any claims pertaining to West Lake Ace Hardware, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Claims List					
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World Pay Integrated P	Multiple	-\$49.15	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$216.83
NE Dept of Revenue	Multiple	\$86.86	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Supplies	\$163.13
Discovery Benefits	Ins	\$227.05	MERZ INK	Planned Rec	\$813.30
Payroll	Multiple	\$133,894.17	Michael Todd and Company	Rep/Maint	\$754.60
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$356.02	Miller Monroe Farrell	Ins	\$1,558.00
Action Technology Services	Contract Serv	\$400.00	Mullenax Auto Supply	Supplies	\$49.20
AKRS Equipment	Rep/Maint	\$2,194.92	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV	Uniforms	\$261.90
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	Loan	\$3,362.74	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$835.07
American Recycling	Trash	\$212.59	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Retirement Plan	\$2,146.00
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$4,491.65	NC Area Econ Development Corp	Admin Exp	\$495.00
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Expense	\$175.00	NC Clerk - Treasurer	Multiple	\$102.30
Steven Ray Bescheinen	Contract Labor	\$1,020.00	Nebraska City Museum Assoc.	Multiple	\$20,000.00
Barrett Construction Company	Contract Labor	\$3,230.00	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$31,361.87
Benefiel Truck Repair	Rep/Maint	\$572.97	NE Liquor Control Commission	Misc	\$45.00
Richard D. Bennett, Jr.	Contract Labor	\$5,647.44	NSG Logistics, LLC	Chemicals	\$3,407.36
Robert Moyer	Contract Labor	\$292.50	Nebraska Secretary of State	Dues	\$30.00
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Multiple	\$111.83	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Multiple	\$49.22
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Uniforms	\$272.00	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
BURESH GOLF & EQUIPMENT INC.	Capital Improv	\$21,945.00	PANHANDLE EMS EDUCATION, LLC	Training	\$862.50
CADA CADA JEWSON	Refund	\$20.00	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	Postage	\$451.86
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$352.67	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Ground Trips/Revenue	\$4,047.81
Card Services	Multiple	\$2,751.40	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$74.70
Cornhusker State Industries	Donation Purchase	\$225.00	SCHEELE KAYTON CONSTRUCTION	Capital Improv	\$9,883.80
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	Rep/Maint	\$306.45	Schneider Electric & Refrig.	Rep/Maint	\$90.00
DAVIS, DENISE	Fitness & Wellness Reimb	\$240.00	Tag's One Stop	Fuel	\$47.45
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$1,186.43	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$115.90
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$60.72	Titan Machinery	Rep/Maint	\$74.80

Eggers Brothers, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$460.23	TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	Rep/Maint	\$1,230.44
FIRST WIRELESS, INC.	Multiple	\$1,371.11	Unifirst Corporation	Contract/Serv	\$256.80
GRAINGER	Rep/Maint	\$739.14	UNIVERSITY OF NE - OMAHA	Training	\$393.00
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$53.00	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Multiple	\$38,820.00	Van Wall Turf & Irrigation	Rep/Maint	\$84.52
Jerad Sornson	Rep/Maint	\$354.85	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Rep/Maint	\$74.66
JONATHAN CURTIS DESIGN	Refund	\$100.00	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$2,082.03
Ag Solutions Group LLC	Rep/Maint	\$591.93	Windstream,Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$55.61

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve **Resolution 2871-21** to Amend the Redevelopment Plan for the Nebraska City Grocery Store Project proposed to be located on the parcel on the northwest corner of the intersection of 11th Street and 11th Corso. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve **Resolution 2872-21** accepting the Redevelopment Agreement for the Nebraska City Grocery Store Project proposed to be located on the parcel on the northwest corner of the intersection of 11th Street and 11th Corso with the previously mentioned change from Community Redevelopment Authority to Community Development Agency in the first "now therefore" paragraph. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Glover to approve the MOU between the Nebraska City Public Schools and the City to build a storage shed adjacent to the tennis courts in Steinhart Park. Drew Graham spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve the use of the Wildwood Pond for a Special Olympics sponsored Polar Plunge, on a Saturday in April, (date yet to be determined), with possible assistance from the Parks Department and Fire/Rescue Departments. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the Radler Bike Festival route and requests to be held on June 5-6, 2021. Krystl Knabe, Marty Stovall and Captain Neeman spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve Change Order #1 with Scheele-Kayton Construction for the Fire Station Renovation Project. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to conditionally approve Change Order #3 on the Veterans Memorial Building Renovation contingent upon receipt of grant funds and to allow the Mayor to sign. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Davis to approve an agreement with Lincoln Pepsi to supply the soft drinks at the Wildwood Golf Course, Steinhart Aquatic Center and the Softball Complex. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johns departed from the meeting at 7:50pm.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to declare the 2012 ambulance box and power load as surplus and authorize the Paramedic Manager to proceed with the sale of both. Andrew Snodgrass spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Glover to approve **Resolution 2873-21** to approve the filing of a Special Assessment for 2020 Property Improvements. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

City Council discussed holding a City Council Retreat and potential dates. Lou Leone spoke to discuss the item.

Mayor Bequette gave a report on the Covid-19 situation as discussed by the earlier Board of Health Meeting.

Jeff Kohrs provided an update on the state of the Nebraska City Utilities at the Mayor's request, given the current cold snap as an emergent situation.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 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.

Randy A. Dunster, City Clerk-Treasurer