

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
March 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 March 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 6:01 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 Chief David Lacy, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, 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 March 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Approve the application for Master Plumbers and Drain Layers License for Icon Plumbing Company located at 4630 S 54th Lincoln, NE 68516.

Approve the application for Master Plumbers and Drain Layers License for Jake Shull located at 611 Irving Ave Riverton, IA 51650.

Approve the application for Master Plumbers and Drain Layers License for Liberty Mechanical located at 3830 S 6th Suite 1 Lincoln, NE 68502.

Approve the application for a Special Designated Liquor License for Knights of Columbus fund raiser event to be held on April 16, 2021 from 5:00pm to 9:30pm at Lourdes Central High School.

Approve the donation of one Steinhart Aquatic Center family season pass for the Lourdes Fundraiser Event.

Approve the request from NCTC to use 8th Street between 1st Corso and Central Avenue to host the annual Farmer's Market every Thursday evening from 3:00pm until 6:00pm on May 6th through August 26th, 2021.

Approve a general waiver of the sidewalk permit requirements during the 2021 Arbor Day weekend and 2021 Applejack Festival days. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried

Moved by Mayor Bequette to appoint Jeff Kohrs to the Municipal Facilities Board. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week. Donna Kruse spoke to explain the library services.

Mayor Bequette opened the Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment for the Community Development Block Grant program. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item and Dan Mauk spoke in favor of the proposal. 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, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of February 28, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$6,598,021.22. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$15,239,916.29. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$21,837,937.51.

Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator Report. Lou Leone spoke regarding his report.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending January 2021.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending February 2021.

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 March 2, 2021 to March 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.

<b>Claims List</b>					
March 15, 2021					
WorldPay-CC Fees	Multiple	\$90.92	Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$38.00
NE Dept of Revenue	Multiple	\$75.03	International Municipal	Training	\$50.00
Republic National	Resale	\$333.44	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Const	\$1,007.50
Payroll	Multiple	\$120,221.18	Jerad Sornson	Rep/Maint	\$431.00
WEX Health	Ins	\$227.05	Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$46.93
A-1 Locksmith	Supplies	\$15.00	Lynn Peavey Company	Supplies	\$46.40
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract serv	\$262.80	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$267.81
Action Technology Services	Contract serv	\$400.00	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Multiple	\$494.16
AKRS Equipment	Rep/Maint	\$18.24	Miller Monroe Farrell	Bond	\$53.33
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	Loan	\$3,362.74	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$280.95
American Recycling &	Trash	\$202.94	NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TE	Event	\$500.00
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$1,747.75	NATIONWIDE BONDS	Ins	\$100.00
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Expense	\$239.45	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Retirement Plan	\$2,146.00
Associated Fire Protection	Rep/Maint	\$250.00	NC Clerk - Treasurer	Reim	\$30.00
Barrett Construction Company	Contract Labor	\$297.50	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities PRR	\$13,544.30
Benefiel Truck Repair	Rep/Maint	\$1,310.91	NE Planning & Zoning Assoc.	Training	\$100.00
Bill Walters & Son Shop, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$102.92	NSG Logistics, LLC	Ice Control Salt	\$5,131.52
BLACKSTRAP, INC	Road Salt	\$10,167.89	Odey's Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$12,869.75

Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$849.28	OMNI ENGINEERING	Asphalt	\$834.30
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$4,263.36	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
Brown Glass Company	Rep/Maint	\$1,071.00	Otoe County Court	Fees	\$23.50
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Uniforms	\$102.00	Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln	Beverages	\$345.25
Callaway Golf Sales Company	Resale	\$6,930.35	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$85.97
Capital Business Systems	Contract serv	\$256.90	SCHEELE KAYTON CONSTRUCTION	Capital Improv	\$52,789.95
Card Services	Multiple	\$3,094.96	Schneider Electric & Refrig.	Rep/Maint	\$546.00
CHEEVER CONSTRUCTION CO	CDBG	\$301,350.60	SOUTHEAST NE TOURISM COUNCIL	Adv	\$100.00
CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON	TIF	\$6,227.50	THIELE GEOTECH, INC	Const	\$3,475.00
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	Rep/Maint	\$567.77	Tom's Radio	Rent	\$900.00
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	Rep/Maint	\$719.81
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$146.00	Unifirst Corporation	Contract serv	\$134.67
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$775.41	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
Eggers Brothers, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$41.50	Van Wall Turf & Irrigation	Rep/Maint	\$330.47
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Resale	\$303.26	VIVIAL MEDIA	Adv	\$16.75
Fastenal Company	Rep/Maint	\$161.59	WatchGuard Video	Body Cameras	\$49,375.00
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$902.22	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$34.71
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Donation Purchase	\$1,710.00	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$2,027.58
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	Uniforms	\$59.50	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$319.20
HENRY MOTORS SERVICE	Rep/Maint	\$181.56			

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to suspend the rules and move agenda item #26 to immediately with item #17.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve CDBG project 16-CD-204 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$320,850.85. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to table the permitting request for the parking of Golf Carts for sale on the sidewalk in front of 1220 Central Ave until the proper permit has been submitted. Drew Graham spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Davis to approve demolition of an unsafe building at 1014 South 3rd Street. Keith Morrison spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette opened the discussion regarding the actions being taken to address the odor coming from Cargill. Lou Leone read a letter from Cargill to address the issue. Michelle Jorgenson, Jan James, Shelly Storh, Debbie Shallenberger, Rick Shallenberger, Lynn Heng, Aaron Bahr, Jeff Kohrs, Victoria Watkins and Drew Graham spoke on this item.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to table the request from CHI Health St. Mary's to put up some light pole banners in the median on Grundman Blvd leading up the hill to St. Mary's. 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 consider renewal of City's Lease Agreement for the Nebraska City Transfer Station with American Recycling & Sanitation, Inc. with the changes to expand the area and add in the weigh scales as provided by the City Attorney. Jack Kelly and Drew Graham spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johns departed from the meeting at 7:48pm

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve the renewal of the Franchise Agreement for solid waste collection with American Recycling & Sanitation, Inc as provided by the City Attorney with changes to paragraph 2 collections sub paragraph b that will state removing refuse generated by the Spring Cleanup and striking the last sentence of that paragraph. Drew Graham, Marty Stovall, Jack Kelly and Amy Allgood spoke to regarding the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Glover to approve the Wildwood Historic House Grant Application Request for \$9,500 to replace the vinyl fence. Pat Friedli spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve the American Library Association Grant application for \$3000 to host a public conversation. Donna Kruse spoke to regarding the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Davis to approve replacement of existing backstop with Softball Association Awarded Funds on field 3 at the Softball Complex with a new netting backstop system through the coordination of the Parks Commissioner. Phil Silvius and Nick Schmitz spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Davis to approve Task Order #21-01 for the Preliminary Engineering for North 19th Street Sports Complex. Lou Leone spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Mayor Bequette to approve the farm lease for City property on N 19th Street to Dick Aufenkamp. Drew Graham spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Davis and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

At the request of the Director of Utilities the Council tabled the item regarding the BPW recommendation to purchase a 2021 Freightliner Vactor 2100i Truck for the purchase price of \$411,974.96 less a trade in of \$24,650.00 for a net price of \$387,324.96.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 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