

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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 April 19, 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. This meeting is also being recorded. If you are in our Zoom audience, please keep your microphone muted. For those who are wanting to comment, please do the following: for those joining us via the Zoom app, or through their computer please click on the "Raise Hand" button, for those joining us through the call-in feature, please press *9 (star nine). This will notify our moderator, City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster, that there is a comment from one of our virtual attendees and he will let me know that you wish to speak. I will then have him unmute you. When you speak, please first state your name and address. 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, Building Inspector Keith Morrison, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Director of Parks and Recreation Scooter Edmisten, 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 April 16, 2021 City Council Meetings.

Approve the request from NCTC to use the Sunken parking lot for the Summer Saturday Film Series to be held from June 5 – July 31, 2021 and access to the public restrooms until 10:30pm on movie nights.

Approve BPW recommendation of EWO#71 to set a new pole and build 3 phase 13,800 volt in the Brock area for \$14,101.52 with NCU share being \$7,905.33 and customer share being \$6,196.19.

Approve BPW recommendation of WWO#75 to install new radios to modernize the Well Control and Water Distribution Systems for \$20,040.73. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried

Mayor Bequette and Commissioner Davis recognized the Nebraska City Utilities Electric Department for receiving first place in our division for the Safety Award of Excellence from the American Public Power Association for the year 2020. Logan Crunk, Stuart Abbott and Jeff Kohrs were present to receive the recognition.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of March 31, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$6,764,527.47. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$13,931,383.55. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$20,695,911.02.

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

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

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending March 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 April 6, 2021 to April 19, 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					
April 19, 2021					
K&Z Distributing	10-54-5402	\$161.60	KYLE MOYER CONSTRUCTION	Grant Purchase	\$600.00
Quality Brands of Lincoln	Resale	\$543.40	Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$227.24
Payroll	Multiple	\$121,156.06	Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$44.12
NE Dept of Revenue	Multiple	\$2,825.10	LEO A DALY	CDBG	\$2,916.57
Wex Health, Inc	Multiple	\$655.00	Loveland Grass Pad	Rep/Maint	\$183.54
City of Mason City	Donation Purchase	\$5,000.00	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	Rep/Maint	\$1,809.92
A-1 Locksmith	Rep/Maint	\$96.00	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$479.75
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$495.35	Mead Lumber	Grant Purchase	\$1,669.14
Adkins Signs	Rep/Maint	\$80.00	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Multiple	\$168.05
AKRS Equipment	Rep/Maint	\$620.86	Midwest Service and Sales	Rep/Maint	\$292.55
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	Loan	\$3,362.74	Municipal Code Corporation	Code	\$950.00
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$2,108.21	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV	Uniforms	\$36.95
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Expense	\$509.10	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$311.26
AT&T MOBILITY	Phone/Internet	\$92.96	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Retirement Plan	\$2,146.00
Richard D. Bennett, Jr.	Rock	\$13,828.44	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$9,977.51
Bill Walters & Son Shop, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$414.89	Nebraska State Patrol	Computer	\$1,009.38
Bishop Plumbing & Heating	CDBG	\$1,623.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Multiple	\$90.96
Robert Moyer	Rep/Maint	\$49.70	Odey's Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$574.90
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$878.19	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$1,907.66	Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Shredding	\$87.00
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Uniforms	\$204.00	Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln	Beverages	\$260.95
BROWNVILLE VILLAGE THEATRE	Adv	\$50.00	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	Postage	\$400.00
BSN Sports	Ballfields	\$839.98	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Ground Trips/Revenues	\$6,707.69

Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$229.35	MURIEL RAKES	Refund	\$25.00
Card Services	Multiple	\$1,530.63	Rhoades, Vickie	Supplies	\$15.04
CHEEVER CONSTRUCTION CO	CDBG	\$58,333.50	Shelter Home Service LLC	Rep/Maint	\$270.00
Citizen Printing Company	Printing	\$241.00	Southeast Area Clerks Assoc.	Dues	\$20.00
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$27.95	Southeast Plumbing & Heating	Rep/Maint	\$864.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Multiple	\$147.69	SPIRAL COMMUNICATIONS	Phone/Internet	\$1,719.24
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Resale	\$173.59	Stryker Medical	Rep/Maint	\$467.12
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$422.02	TASC	Reporting	\$214.14
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Equipment	\$1,283.95	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$115.90
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	Uniforms	\$99.50	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$293.81
HENRY MOTORS SERVICE	Rep/Maint	\$290.40	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
International Code Council	Dues	\$145.00	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	Chemicals	\$1,563.50
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$57.00	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$217.32
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Capital Improv	\$707.50	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$2,909.26
Jerad Sornson	Rep/Maint	\$131.25	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$807.27
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	Contract Serv	\$244.08	Yost Excavating, Inc.	Const	\$123,802.94
Kreifels Electric L.L.C.	Grant Purchase	\$3,080.00	Zimco Supply Co.	Rep/Maint	\$845.75

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the use of the Veterans Memorial Building Parking lot on May 29, 2021 and the SDL request from Dinty Moore's to be held from 11:00am to 10:00pm. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council gave unanimous consent to direct the City Attorney to review ordinances to make sure they are friendly to the Trap Neuter/Spay Return program and draft an Ordinance to return to the Council for approval. Rachael Inman and Jaime Sanks spoke to explain the program and the request.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Glover to approve NCTC request to use the Memorial Way on May 1, 2021 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for a Mariachi Band to perform. Amy Allgood spoke to explain the request. 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 demolition of the unsafe building at 1014 South 3rd Street. Keith Morrison spoke to explain the request. 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 Glover to approve the format for 2021 Facility Use Agreements for municipally-owned facilities and granting the Parks Commissioner the authority to enter into the necessary Facility Use Agreements until the format is changed. 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 City Hiring Policy for Pool Concession employees to be lowered to the age of 15 and to research and comply with all of the requirements for employing 15 year olds. Scooter Edmisten spoke to explain the request. 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 the application for an NRD Grant of \$25,000 to go towards phase one of the Wildwood Pond seawall project. Scooter Edmisten spoke to explain the request. 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 Johns to approve a Subordination Agreement related to a down-payment assistance loan made for the property located at 400 N 22nd Street. Drew Graham spoke to explain the request. 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 Change Order No.4 in the amount of \$5884.00 for a total contract sum of \$270,314.20 for the Fire Station Remodel 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 Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to direct the City Attorney and City Administrator to draft a policy for applying 40 hours of extended EPSL, (Emergency Paid Sick Leave), for everyone meaning that even if they have exhausted the 80 hours they can have another five work periods not to exceed a maximum of 40 hours of coverage to sunset at the end of June. Drew Graham and Marty Stovall spoke regarding the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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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