

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
October 18, 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 October 18, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the local paper and 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. 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: Patrick Wehling, Vic Johns, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: Paul Davis. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Lou Leone, Police Chief David Lacy, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Utilities Treasurer Mona Kuhlenengel, Utilities Operations Superintendent Dan Patton, Construction and Facility Manager Marty Stovall and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette announced the resignation of Commissioner Davis effective the end of the month as he has accepted a new job that will require him to move out of Nebraska City. Mayor Bequette also requested prayers for the Steven Roush family as Steven passed away on October 13, 2021.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve Minutes from the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Approve Application for Electricians Registration to Work for Action Electric Company, Inc.

Approve the BPW recommendation to approve Electric Work Order #534 to bury 25KV lines to serve four properties south of Palmyra for \$60,810.13 with the Utilities share of \$32,332.60.

Approve the BPW recommendation to approve Electric Work Order #536 to convert overhead lines to underground and set a padmount transformer for \$76,094.18 with Utilities share of \$13,007.71.

Approve the BPW recommendation to approve Electric Work Order #538 for four new digital voltage regulators on four generators at Power Plant #1 for \$155,875.00. 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 made a proclamation Honoring Cheri Madsen for Outstanding Achievements as a Member on the US Paralympic Team.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of September 30, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$9,502,787.46. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$14,753,032.43. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$24,255,819.89.

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

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Johns to accept the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of October 5, 2021 to October 18, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

<b>Claims List</b>					
October 18, 2021					
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Multiple	\$57,009.55	Marie Lamb	Artist Sales	\$48.00
NE Dept of Revenue	Multiple	\$2,084.28	Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$173.95
Payroll	Multiple	\$130,212.37	Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$335.99
Quality Brands of Lincoln	Resale	\$197.95	Lou Leone	Training	\$1,240.14
K&Z Distributing	Resale	\$40.90	Loveland Grass Pad	Grounds	\$73.88
Wex Health, Inc	Multiple	\$666.95	Lyman Richey	Sand-Gravel	\$3,282.06
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$268.79	LYON, PHYLLIS	Artist Sales	\$247.50
Action Technology Services	Contract Serv	\$400.00	MAINELLI MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR	Equipment	\$343.33
Craig Adamek	Artist Sales	\$72.75	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$465.96
ALMQUIST, DENNIS	Artist Sales	\$53.25	Mead Lumber	Rep/Maint	\$42.07
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	Loan	\$2,745.70	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Multiple	\$95.75
APLEY, PAM	Artist Sales	\$146.25	MERZ INK	Grant Purchase	\$3,800.70
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$2,804.80	Midwest Turf and Irrigation	Rep/Maint	\$566.00
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Exp	\$159.65	Miller Monroe Farrell	Insurance	\$204,285.00
AUPPERLE, MARYANN	Artist Sales	\$64.50	Mullenax Auto Supply	Rep/Maint	\$50.86
Benefiel Truck Repair	Rep/Maint	\$842.97	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Multiple	\$350.23
Richard D. Bennett, Jr.	Rock	\$7,994.23	NATIONWIDE BONDS	Bonds	\$100.00
BERGMAN, SUSAN	Artist Sales	\$45.00	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Pension	\$2,146.00
Cathy Blankenship	Fuel	\$41.03	NC Clerk - Treasurer	Multiple	\$40.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$3,012.29	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$14,762.69
BOYD, EVELYN	Artist Sales	\$170.25	NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Const	\$935.53
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$253.02	NE Law Enforcement Training Ct	Training	\$25.00

Card Services	Multiple	\$760.70	Ron Neseth	Artist Sales	\$68.25
CARMICHAEL, ANITA	Artist Sales	\$166.34	NITSICK, JANET ANN	Artist Sales	\$45.00
CARPENTER, SANDRA	Artist Sales	\$103.50	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	\$11.99
Concrete Industries, Inc.	Concrete	\$2,295.75	Omaha World-Herald Building	Adv	\$202.57
Brenda Copenhaver	Artist Sales	\$40.50	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	PARTSCH, TAMMY	Artist Sales	\$177.58
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$18.00	Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln	Beverages	\$159.65
Eakes Office Solutions	Multiple	\$252.36	Roger Pieper	Artist Sales	\$142.50
EASTMAN, LINDA K.	Artist Sales	\$52.50	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	Postage	\$44.98
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Multiple	\$286.26	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Ground Trips/Revenue	\$1,299.03
Fastenal Company	Rep/Maint	\$19.01	ROARTY, STEVE	Artist Sales	\$26.25
FEY, JIM	Artist Sales	\$69.00	Roddy Family Farm, LLC	Artist Sales	\$96.00
FRERICHS, NANCY	Artist Sales	\$97.50	SCHMITZ, JEFF	Artist Sales	\$67.50
FRIEDLI, PAT	Artist Sales	\$35.00	Carol Skinner Hammond	Artist Sales	\$27.00
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$361.33	SPEVAK, MARK	Refund	\$25.00
LARRY GLEASON	Refund	\$25.00	STOUFFER, LINDA	Artist Sales	\$105.00
GREEN, GLORIA	Artist Sales	\$45.00	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	Legal Services	\$3,380.00
HARGIS, MELVIN	Artist Sales	\$106.50	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$115.90
HEINE, LORI	Artist Sales	\$262.50	TRISTATE RENTALS	Rental	\$110.00
Elaine Hoemann	Artist Sales	\$63.75	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$91.02
HOLLIWAY, MARCIA	Artist Sales	\$214.00	VADON, JANET	Artist Sales	\$68.25
Hopkins Automotive Inc.	Supplies	\$8.49	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
HUNZEKER, MARSHA	Artist Sales	\$211.50	WAHL, RON	Artist Sales	\$146.25
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$68.00	WALTERS, ANDREA	Artist Sales	\$93.00
Infinity Aviation	Interlocal	\$4,382.67	WELLSANDT, KRIS	Artist Sales	\$126.00
Jerad Sornson	Rep/Maint	\$866.00	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$79.34
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	Contract Serv	\$262.38	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$1,078.27
KOHTZ, KAREN	Artist Sales	\$58.50	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$486.08
Ashleigh Wirthele	Artist Sales	\$172.50	Gail Wurtele	Artist Sales	\$103.00
			Zimco Supply Co.	Chemicals	\$784.00

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the Trail of Treats on Friday October 29th from 3:30pm – 5:00pm and to close 9th Street from Central Ave south to the alley with barricades and to place signs to slow traffic. Amy Allgood spoke to explain the request. 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 Wehling to add a full time Paramedic position and approve the promotion of Mary Seberger from an EMT to Paramedic and to make this change retroactive to October 1, 2021 and reduce the two full time EMT positions to one full time EMT position. Chief Schreiner and Lou Leone spoke to explain the request. 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 Glover to approve **Resolution 2885-21**, a resolution to approve the revised FY21-22 step pay plan. Lou Leone spoke to explain the request. 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 Bequette to approve the contract awarding Bird Rides the Shared Mobility Device Pilot Program Agreement amended by adding Exhibit #1 a City Map under paragraph 2 permitted use changing the wording to right of way, paragraph 3b striking the term “right away” and adding the term right of way, on page 11 Exhibit B striking the word “if” and increasing the number of units from 50 to 75 allowable units and adding on Exhibit 1 “City Map” the verbiage “subject to review by the City of Nebraska City” and once those changes are made, authorize the Mayor to sign. Lou Leone, Mike Butler and Chief Lacy spoke regarding the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: Glover. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Bequette to approve a contract extension with NDED for CDBG project #18-TD-002 for the Veterans Memorial Building project until April 29, 2022 and allow the Mayor to sign. 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 Mayor Bequette and seconded by Glover to approve a Municipal Animal Impound Agreement between the City and a Licensed Veterinarian and authorize City Clerk-Treasurer to request bids. Randy Dunster spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council tabled the gWorks Agreements for the Front Desk and Receipt Management Modules and directed city staff to find out why there is a price discrepancy between the bid price and the billed price.

Council tabled the Payment Processing Agreement with csgforte for the DataTech Front Desk Module until the prior item is resolved.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling for the Council to go into closed session in regards to the sale of the EMS house located at 1402 1st Corso with the Fire Chief, City Administrator and the Construction Manager to protect the public interests of the City as we are in negotiations regarding an offer. Commissioner Johns declared a conflict of interest

and departed the meeting at 7:48 PM. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Glover, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. The closed session began at 7:48 PM. The Council resumed Open Session at 7:55 PM. Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Glover to accept the offer of \$115,000.00 for the sale of the EMS house located at 1402 1<sup>st</sup> Corso and to start the process of selling said property and developing an Ordinance and the timeframe on the remonstrance period. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette reminded everyone of the Special City Council Meeting for the following evening to interview the final candidates for the City Attorney position.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 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