

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
November 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 November 15, 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 the meeting was being recorded. 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: None. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Lou Leone, Interim City Attorney Drew Graham – via zoom, 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 November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Approve the BPW recommendation of EWO #540 to bury single phase line and set a 25kv transformer to serve a new home on Steam Wagon Road in the amount of \$15,346.33 with NCU paying \$8,089.65 and the customer paying \$7,256.68. Motion seconded by Commissioner Glover. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette to re-appoint Katie Mocnik to the Citizens Advisory Review Committee. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed week of November 14-20, 2021 as Family Week. Laura Steinmann and Loren Steinmann were present to represent the Nebraska City Jaycees.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of October 31, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$9,384,477.91. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$15,139,581.23. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$24,524,059.14. Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator Report. Lou Leone spoke regarding his report. Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending October 2021.

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 November 2, 2021 to November 15, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Claims List					
November 15, 2021					
Quality Brands of Lincoln	Resale	\$128.60	HUNZEKER, MARSHA	Artist Sales	\$116.25
Payroll	Multiple	\$126,864.24	Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$96.00
NE Dept of Rev	Multiple	\$830.19	Tristan Kingery	REF	\$100.00
Wex Health	Multiple	\$675.10	KOHTZ, KAREN	Artist Sales	\$84.00
A-1 Locksmith	Rep/Main	\$135.00	KUK, MARYANNE	Artist Sales	\$70.50
Craig Adamek	Artist Sales	\$33.00	Marie Lamb	Artist Sales	\$48.00
AKRS Equipment	Rep/Main	\$379.34	Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Rep/Main	\$650.80
ALMQUIST, DENNIS	Artist Sales	\$35.25	Larson Motors	Rep/Main	\$870.00
AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION	Dues	\$525.00	LITTLE, MARCIA	Artist Sales	\$48.75
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	Loan	\$2,245.18	LYON, PHYLLIS	Artist Sales	\$369.75
American Recycling &	Trash	\$374.12	MACY, BETH	Artist Sales	\$114.01
APLEY, PAM	Artist Sales	\$131.25	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$554.80
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$1,864.66	MCGINTY, PAT	Artist Sales	\$277.50
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Expense	\$150.65	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Rep/Main	\$127.72
ASSOC OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANG	Dues	\$165.00	Midwest Service and Sales	Rep/Main	\$190.86
BASSINGER, CHRISTIE	Artist Sales	\$15.75	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Main	\$66.67
BENNETT'S MOBILE MECHANIC	Rep/Main	\$805.00	NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TE	Planned Event	\$390.00
BERGER, DEB	Artist Sales	\$37.50	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Retirement Plan	\$2,146.00
BERGMAN, SUSAN	Artist Sales	\$9.00	NC Clerk - Treasurer	Filing Fee	\$10.00
BKD	Audit	\$7,500.00	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$13,782.77
Christian Blum	REF	\$350.00	Ron Neseth	Artist Sales	\$48.75
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Main	\$78.00	NITSICK, JANET ANN	Artist Sales	\$30.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$723.83	Odey's Inc.	Ballfield	\$659.90
BOYD, EVELYN	Artist Sales	\$125.65	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
Rachel Brodeur Holder	Artist Sales	\$26.25	PAINTER, MICHELLE	Multiple	\$230.50
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Uniform	\$118.15	PARTSCH, TAMMY	Artist Sales	\$85.79
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$469.25	Roger Pieper	Artist Sales	\$15.00
Card Services	Multiple	\$1,833.04	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	Postage	\$355.02
CARMICHAEL, ANITA	Artist Sales	\$218.81	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Grounds/Trips Revenue	\$1,078.54
CARPENTER, SANDRA	Artist Sales	\$22.50	Quill Corporation	Multiple	\$27.99
Consolidated Management Co	Training	\$55.02	Tom Ragland	REF	\$300.00
Brenda Copenhaver	Artist Sales	\$18.00	REID, RONNIE	Artist Sales	\$26.25

DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	SCHMITZ, JEFF	Artist Sales	\$15.00
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Main	\$840.79	Schneider Electric & Refrig.	Rep/Main	\$123.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Multiple	\$59.39	SHEFFERD, CHRISSY	Artist Sales	\$15.00
EASTMAN, LINDA K.	Artist Sales	\$60.38	Preston Shires	Artist Sales	\$15.00
ENGEL - RUT CONSTRUCTION	Rep/Main	\$20.00	Sylvie Shires	Artist Sales	\$15.00
ENGEL, BRANDON	Artist Sales	\$29.25	Carol Skinner Hammond	Artist Sales	\$150.75
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Resale	\$1.98	STOUFFER, LINDA	Artist Sales	\$33.75
FERTIG, CASEY	Training	\$665.28	Stryker Medical	Equipment	\$36,438.20
FEY, JIM	Artist Sales	\$69.00	Andrew Stukenholtz	REF	\$275.00
FRAME, JOY	Artist Sales	\$9.75	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$115.90
FRANCISCAN SISTERS	Tree Rebate	\$65.00	Titan Machinery	Rep/Main	\$615.00
FRERICHS, NANCY	Artist Sales	\$21.75	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$232.80
FRIEDLI, PAT	Artist Sales	\$25.00	VADON, JANET	Artist Sales	\$7.50
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	Supplies	\$241.24	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
GALLS, LLC	Uniform	\$355.36	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	Chemicals	\$3,745.00
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$276.85	VIVIAL MEDIA	Adv	\$16.85
Christy Goodrich	Artist Sales	\$25.50	WAHL, RON	Artist Sales	\$63.75
GRAINGER	Rep/Main	\$202.62	WALTERS, ANDREA	Artist Sales	\$66.00
HARGIS, MELVIN	Artist Sales	\$69.00	WELLSANDT, KRIS	Artist Sales	\$90.00
HEINE, LORI	Artist Sales	\$191.25	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$341.76
John Hodges	REF	\$180.00	Sarah Wiltse	Legal/Litigation	\$1,000.00
Elaine Hoemann	Artist Sales	\$93.75	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$54.37
HOLLIWAY, MARCIA	Artist Sales	\$303.00	Ashleigh Wirthele	Artist Sales	\$120.00
HORNER, GEORGE	Training	\$218.47	Gail Wurtele	Artist Sales	\$5.00
HUENINK, EUGENE & SHIRLEY	Artist Sales	\$84.75	ZAHN, ANDREW	Artist Sales	\$15.00
			Zimco Supply Co.	Chemicals	\$1,400.00

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Mayor Bequette to appoint Evan B Wickersham from JEO Consulting Group, Inc as our Street Superintendent. Marty 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 Wehling to approve **Resolution 2887-21** Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Johns to set up an Equipment Reserve Fund for the City of Nebraska City Financial Statements. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to set 35% of our current budget as our operational reserve fund. 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 pay \$151,000.00 for the SCBA Gear from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2888-21** regarding the bank loan for financing the SCBA Gear was nullified by the prior action taken to pay for the SCBA gear purchase out of the reserve funds.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve **Resolution 2889-21** Approving the bank loan for financing the Street Sweeper conditional upon verification that we are within the State Statute regarding loan limit allowances. 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 direct the City Administrator to draft a letter of support to the County Commissioners regarding a county wide housing development initiative for Council's approval at the next City Council Meeting. Dan Mauk spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council directed the City Administrator to prepare for a discussion at the December 6<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting regarding the possibilities for using the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Council discussed the City Attorney position vacancy and directed the City Administrator to re-advertise the job opening for the City Attorney position.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling for the Council to go into closed session with the City Administrator, Fire Chief and the Construction and Facilities Manager for the purpose of having a strategy session with respect to the sale of the EMS house located at 1402 1st Corso. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Glover, Wehling, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. Closed session began at 8:45 PM. Open Session resumed at 8:58 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 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