

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 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 December 6, 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. 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, Police Chief David Lacy, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Building Inspector Keith Morrison, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Director of Parks and Recreation Scooter Edmisten, Park Foreman Raymond Doiel, Construction and Facility Manager Marty Stovall, Golf Shop Manager Ashli Leyden and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve minutes from the November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Approve the application for Electricians Registration to work for Eric Chlan with MP Technologies LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Glover. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette opened the Public Hearing on an amendment to the redevelopment plan of the City of Nebraska City utilizing Tax Increment Financing for Lifetime Vision Center on the south east corner of 11th Street and 11th Corso. Andrew Willis, Dan Mauk, Dr. Crotty and Dr. Kyle Peter spoke in favor of the proposal. No comments were made by the public. Mayor Bequette moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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 16, 2021 to December 6, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

| Claims List | | | | | |
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| December 6, 2021 | | | | | |
| Payroll | Multiple | \$286,387.71 | Loveland Grass Pad | Grounds | \$1,021.45 |
| Park Warehouse, LLC | Multiple | \$5,688.06 | Lynn Peavey Company | Court Exp | \$37.68 |
| Ameritas Dental & Vision | Multiple | \$9,981.39 | MAINELLI MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR | Rep/Maint | \$225.50 |
| Lincoln Financial Group | Multiple | \$7,016.12 | Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. | Supplies | \$463.08 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Multiple | \$56,839.17 | Mead Lumber | Multiple | \$53.25 |
| World Pay Integrated | Multiple | \$337.87 | Mercer's Do-It-Best | Rep/Maint | \$241.32 |
| Cede & Co | Multiple | \$164,392.50 | Miller Monroe Farrell | Insurance | \$1,558.00 |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING | Contract Serv | \$506.85 | Missoula Children's Theatre | Missoula | \$500.00 |
| Action Technology Services | Contract Serv | \$400.00 | MPPC, LLC | Multiple | \$465.00 |
| Adkins Signs | Adv | \$110.00 | MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV | Uniforms | \$348.95 |
| ADT SECURITY SERVICES | Contract Serv | \$539.88 | NAAC, INC | Grant Exp | \$1,782.00 |
| AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK | Loan | \$5,330.85 | NAPA AUTO PARTS | Rep/Maint | \$130.07 |
| Arbor Country Cleaning | Rep/Maint | \$1,522.00 | Nationwide Trust Contributions | Retirement | \$2,146.00 |
| Arbor Mart, Inc | Fuel | \$3,469.58 | Nebraska City Museum Assoc. | City Curator | \$2,416.67 |
| AT&T MOBILITY | Phone/Internet | \$93.36 | NC Tourism & Commerce | Tourism | \$7,083.33 |
| KEITH BAHR | Refund | \$200.00 | NDEE | Training | \$415.00 |
| Barco Municipal Products | Road Markings | \$45.41 | NE Law Enforcement Training Ct | Training | \$125.00 |
| BENDER, BRANDEN | Refund | \$200.00 | O'Reilly Auto Parts | Rep/Maint | \$68.14 |
| Benefiel Truck Repair | Rep/Maint | \$420.00 | Olsson Associates | Legal | \$1,920.85 |
| BKD | Audit | \$24,500.00 | Otoe County Clerk | Multiple | \$10,039.00 |
| Robert Moyer | Rep/Maint | \$297.50 | Pinpoint Communications | Phone/Internet | \$1,264.66 |
| Bound Tree Medical LLC | Medical Supplies | \$2,006.71 | Christopher D Richardson | Uniforms | \$52.66 |
| Brown Glass Company | Rep/Maint | \$240.00 | River View Pest Control | Pest Control | \$184.00 |
| RICHARD BUETZER | Refund | \$25.00 | SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, LLC | Equipment | \$151,918.50 |
| Card Services | Multiple | \$195.11 | STAR EQUIPMENT LTD | Equipment | \$17,625.00 |
| CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON | Legal | \$1,000.00 | Stryker Medical | Multiple | \$21,571.93 |
| Consolidated Management Co | Training | \$3.94 | SVEHLA LAW OFFICES | Legal | \$1,983.00 |
| Douglas Tire Co. | Rep/Maint | \$1,903.23 | THE GARAGE CO. | Refund | \$100.00 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Multiple | \$340.88 | Tree Wox Tree Service, LLC | Tree Stump Removal | \$2,820.00 |
| ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC | Chemicals | \$4,688.19 | TRISTATE RENTALS | Rental | \$165.00 |
| ERVIN, BETH | Refund | \$25.00 | TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE | Equipment | \$12,148.06 |
| Gatehouse Media NE Holdings | Adv | \$340.12 | Unifirst Corporation | Contract Serv | \$213.04 |
| GWORKS | ARPA | \$7,945.00 | VAIRKKO | Computer | \$98.00 |
| Hireright GIS Intermediate Cor | Background Screenings | \$54.06 | SCOTT VANDERVEEN | Refund | \$25.00 |
| Hopkins Automotive Inc. | Rep/Maint | \$45.80 | VERIZON WIRELESS | Phone/Internet | \$697.21 |
| HORNER, GEORGE | Uniforms | \$231.69 | WatchGuard Video | Equipment | \$4,654.00 |
| JEO Consulting Group, Inc. | Multiple | \$7,948.75 | WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE | Multiple | \$198.48 |

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| KEMZ SERVICE, LLC | Rep/Maint | \$131.25 | WEX BANK | Fuel | \$2,043.18 |
| TERRY KLEINEWEBER | Refund | \$200.00 | Windstream, Inc. | Phone/Internet | \$1,073.54 |
| KYLE MOYER CONSTRUCTION | Refund | \$25.00 | | | |

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Johns to approve **Resolution 2890-21** on an amendment to the redevelopment plan of the City of Nebraska City utilizing Tax Increment Financing for Lifetime Vision Center on the south east corner of 11th Street and 11th Corso amending page 5 paragraph A to remove the reference to “zero and no/100 cost”. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Wehling to approve **Resolution 2891-21** on a Redevelopment Agreement of the City of Nebraska City utilizing Tax Increment Financing for Lifetime Vision Center on the south east corner of 11th Street and 11th Corso amending paragraph 3.06 to remove the reference to “zero and no/100 cost”. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve JEO Consulting Group Task Order 21-03 for Engineering, 11th Street Corridor from 1st Corso to 7th Corso project in the amount of \$229,000.00. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Johns and seconded by Glover to approve the Execution of Construction Easements agreements for the EDA Project Award 05-79-06039 (the 19th Street Culvert project), and authorize the Mayor to sign. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the Veterans Memorial Building Project Committee’s request for the Mayor to sign the letter of support for the project and authorizing the Mayor to sign. Jim Kuhn spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Jim Kuhn led the discussion regarding the expenditure of \$40,000 in electrical work on the Veterans Memorial Building by the Veterans Memorial Building Foundation.

Moved by Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the drafted letter of support to the County Commissioners in support of a county wide housing development initiative as proposed by the Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation and upon approval authorize the Mayor to sign. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to temporarily suspend the actions and the activity of the Chaplaincy Corps until concerns over Covid-19 have been resolved. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: Johns, Wehling. Motion failed to carry.

Moved by Wehling and seconded by Johns to approve the Parks Department grant application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant of up to \$50,000 to replace old grills, picnic tables and add playground equipment in each City Park. Raymond Doiel and Kevin Thorne spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wehling and seconded by Glover to approve the proposed 2022 rates for Golf and Pool season. Ashli Leyden and Scooter Edmisten spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The Council tabled a request for the City to donate a family season pool pass and a 10 play w/cart punch card for the golf course to the Pat Edwards benefit on December 11th due to a potential conflict with state statute.

Mayor Bequette requested that the Council submit names to the City Administrator of potential individuals to fill the vacant Commissioner of Public Works position.

Lou Leone gave an update to the City Attorney search, reporting that the posting has been re-published.

Commissioner Johns departed the meeting at 7:24pm and returned at 7:25pm.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Glover to approve paying off City loans option 4a as presented by the City Administrator leaving the HVAC as currently financed and add the Street Truck and not pay off the Cart Lease. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council discussed that no offers have been made with regards to the sale of the EMS house located at 1402 1st Corso.

Mayor Bequette announced that the City Council would grant December 23rd as an extra holiday as a way to show appreciation to City Employees for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Mayor Bequette also announced the retirement of Louan Beard as the Assistant Library Director and thanked her for her years of service since 2003.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 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