

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 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 21, 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 Bryan Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Patrick Wehling, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: Vic Johns. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Lou Leone, Fire Chief Robert Schreiner, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs and Account Clerk Katie Drake-Heng.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve the BPW recommendation of EWO #142 to furnish and install 3 digital voltage regulators for generators 8, 9, & 10 with Power Factor Controllers in the amount of \$129,000.00.

Approve the BPW recommendation of EWO #542 to install a new single phase transformer for the new amphitheater for the Lied Center with the customer paying \$9,221.07 and NCU paying \$12,380.07 for a total of \$21,601.14.

Approve the BPW recommendation of EWO #544 to set two pad mount transformers, six miles south of Unadilla and half mile west of the intersection of 18 and "M" Road with the customer paying \$14,985.65 and NCU paying \$16,777.32 for a total of \$31,762.97.

Approve the Application for Electricians Registration to Work for Gatchell Electric Co. – Gary Reeve located at 8416 N 29th Street Omaha, NE.

Approve the Application for Electricians Registration to Work for Jason Robertson DBA Voltage Solutions LLC located at 14634 Grover Street Omaha, NE.

Approve declaring two stretchers as surplus and authorize to sell on Purple Wave. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wehling. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried

Treasurer's report was given, as of November 30, 2021, Total Nebraska City funds of \$9,312,047.34. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$14,992,728.89. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$24,304,776.23.

Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator's Monthly Report on Departmental activity and budget status. Lou Leone spoke regarding his report.

Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending November 30, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to approve minutes from the December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting with the two corrections as discussed. Upon roll call the following voted YES: 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 against the City and approving disposition of claims set for the period of December 7, 2021 to December 20, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Claims List					
December 20, 2021					
Robert Schreiner	Multiple	\$5,382.50	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Multiple	\$11,250.00
Wex Health, Inc	Multiple	\$674.25	Jerad Sornson	Rep/Maint	\$307.56
NC Clerk - Treasurer	Multiple	\$212.92	DEAN KROG	Refund	\$100.00
NE Dept. of Revenue	Multiple	\$192.41	Ag Solutions Group LLC	Rep/Maint	\$580.58
Larson Motors	Capital Outlays	\$32,465.00	Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Multiple	\$1,016.89
Payroll	Multiple	\$122,546.66	Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$66.38
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$268.79	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$135.87
American Recycling &	Trash	\$333.07	Mead Lumber	Rep/Maint	\$284.20
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$2,452.69	Todd Meadows	Fuel	\$35.73
Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	Animal Expense	\$106.65	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Multiple	\$146.31
Barrett Construction Company	Rep/Maint	\$300.00	Miller Monroe Farrell	Insurance	\$3,196.00
BEARD'S SALVAGE, INC.	Rep/Maint	\$35.80	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV	Uniforms	\$72.95
Beelner Service, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$700.00	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Multiple	\$358.10
Bill Walters & Son Shop, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$229.17	NATIONWIDE BONDS	Bonds	\$100.00
Kolton Bohac	Fuel	\$27.95	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$12,391.91
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$18.23	NeFSMA	Membership	\$35.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$1,373.35	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Multiple	\$534.93
ELAINE BOYER	Refund	\$25.00	Omaha World-Herald Building	Adv.	\$256.76
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$289.09	Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Shredding	\$35.00
Card Services	Multiple	\$1,919.70	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Ground Trips/Revenue	\$2,916.57
CHI HEALTH ST. MARY'S	City Wellness Screening	\$440.00	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$101.70
CM'S OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS GROUP	Rep/Maint	\$300.00	Southeast Area Clerks Assoc.	Dues	\$20.00

Creighton University Medical	Training	\$925.00	Stryker Medical	Multiple	\$4,532.40
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	Edwin Dean Reese	Grant Purchase	\$10,000.00
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$890.95	Sunset Law Enforcement, LTD	Ammo	\$2,391.43
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$302.73	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	Legal Services	\$1,787.00
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK	Loan	\$213.30	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$115.90
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv.	\$82.41	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$404.59
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	Uniforms	\$168.48	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Multiple	\$105.98
TODD GUENTHER	Refund	\$200.00	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$2,832.99
GWORKS	Computer	\$11,941.14	Sarah Wiltse	Legal Services	\$1,000.00
Hourly CIO	Computer	\$1,512.00	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$930.24
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$84.00	WINDY PRAIRIE SYSTEMS	Contract Serv	\$1,500.00
IPMA-HR	Employee Candidate Qualifying	\$407.00			

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to approve the agreement with Forte to provide integrated credit card processing with the existing gWorks accounting software. Lou Leone and Jason Tanksley, a representative from csgForte, spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to set up the Forte software to either absorb the credit card processing fees and pass on a 2% charge for charges that are \$2,000.00 or greater to the customers who use credit cards for payments to the City of Nebraska City. Lou Leone and Jason Tanksley spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Wehling to approve Change Order #1 of \$37,458.58 for the South Table Creek Bank Stabilization Project. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve the Administration Department to apply for up to \$8,500 donations from the local foundations to fund an appearance of The Retro Bill Show to perform for the DARE Program at each of the schools and a community wide show. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Lou explained that there are not any current offers on the sale of the EMS house.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to suspend the rules and move item 17 to the end of the meeting. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Council discussed, but did not take any action on the potential to purchase property at tax sale located at 524 7th Ave.

Lou Leone led the discussion regarding delinquent Nebraska City Economic Development Growth Fund loans.

Lou Leone provided the Council a report on the train depot corrective plat project.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling for the Council to go into closed session for the purpose of litigation strategy pursuant to the lawsuit filed by Karen Stigge for access to the property north of the transfer station with the City Administrator. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Glover, Wehling and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. Closed session began at 7:12 PM. Open session resumed at 7:28PM. Mayor Bequette stated that the Council had been updated and the City Administrator had been given direction.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 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