

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2022

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 March 21, 2022. 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 6:01 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. 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: Ron Osovski, 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, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Library Director Donna Kruse, 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 March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Approve the NC Jaycees request to hold their annual fundraiser on the intersection of 10th Street and Central Avenue from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturday June 11th with a rain date of Saturday June 18, 2022 and to hold their annual Independence Day Celebration fireworks show on Saturday July 2, 2022 with a rain date of July 3, 2022.

Approve the request from the NC Jaycees to use nine picnic tables to host the Annual Arbor Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Nebraska City Airport on May 1, 2022.

Approve request to declare excess Fire Department training books as surplus and to place the surplus books for sale.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Glover. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Glover, Johns and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed April 3rd - 9th, 2022 as National Library Week. Donna Kruse was present to receive the proclamation on behalf of the library.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of February 28, 2022, Total Nebraska City funds of \$9,455,680.14. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$13,902,037.73. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$23,357,717.87. Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator Report. Lou Leone spoke regarding his report. Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Financial Report for period ending January 2022. Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending February 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Osovski to accept the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of March 8, 2022 to March 21, 2022. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Claims List					
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Wex Health, Inc	Benefits	\$683.25	Ag Solutions Group LLC	Rep/Maint	\$689.28
Payroll	Salaries	\$120,092.99	Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$400.43
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$68.23	Lou Leone	Mileage	\$24.69
Cede & Co	Bond Pmt	\$1,602,539.90	MADSEN ELECTRIC, LLC	Donation Purchase	\$1,731.77
Quality Brands of Lincoln	Resale	\$291.00	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$436.00
K&Z Distributing	Resale	\$293.35	Mercer's Do-It-Best	Rep/Maint	\$738.71
NE Law Enforcement	Training	\$360.00	MERZ INK	Uniforms	\$152.16
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$268.79	Miller Monroe Farrell	Bond Ins	\$296.33
ADSCREEN GROUP	Capital Improv	\$13,550.00	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV	Uniforms	\$108.95
ANDERSON AUTO GROUP	Rep/Maint	\$332.37	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$257.84
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$2,282.62	NATIONWIDE BONDS	Bond Ins	\$100.00
Associated Fire Protection	Rep/Maint	\$350.00	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Pension	\$2,146.00
Benefiel Truck Repair	Rep/Maint	\$230.71	NC Clerk - Treasurer	Filing Fees	\$72.00
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$252.81	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$14,321.92
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$1,284.22	NORTH AMERICAN DIRECT.	Adv	\$200.00
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$240.31	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Rep/Maint	\$27.63
Card Services	Multiple	\$2,702.39	JOHN OLSSON	Refund	\$25.00
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems Fee	\$290.00	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$31.95	Otoe County Court	Uncollected Costs	\$34.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$167.91	Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln	Beverages	\$776.62
Emergency Repair Service	Rep/Maint	\$146.00	Pinpoint Communications	Phone/Internet	\$1,288.66
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Resale	\$144.56	QUICK MED CLAIMS	Ground Trips Revenues	\$3,953.42
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK	Loan	\$230.00	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$92.33
FELD FIRE	Rep/Maint	\$700.00	R & R Products Co.	Rep/Maint	\$686.81

foreUP Golf Software	Equipment	\$873.87	Sirchie Finger Print Labs	Supplies	\$30.54
FOSTERS FUN FOODS	Refund	\$260.00	SUNPRO SOLAR	Refund	\$600.00
Gatehouse Media NE Holdings	Adv	\$182.20	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	Legal Services	\$4,227.40
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Equipment	\$3,880.23	Time Warner Cable	Phone/Internet	\$247.13
GRAINGER	Asphalt	\$866.00	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$232.80
GRNE SOLAR	Refund	\$200.00	VAIRKKO	Cloud Services	\$98.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney	Training	\$109.95	Video Home Theater	Equipment	\$77.50
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$56.00	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Rep/Maint	\$43.89
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Const Serv	\$61,531.25	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$2,721.93
K7 Home Inspections & Repair	Rep/Maint	\$150.00	Windstream,Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$942.35

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Mayor Bequette to adopt an Equipment Reserve for the General Fund of \$612,071.00 for the FY21/22 budget year. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Johns to allocate between departments the General Fund Equipment Reserve using the value of the equipment held by each department and it's useful life. Lou Leone and Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Osovski declared a potential conflict of interest and departed the room at 7:14PM.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the SDL Application for the Knights of Columbus for April 9, 2022 from 7:00PM – 11:00PM at 412 2nd Ave. Mayor Bequette declared for full disclosure that he is a member, but not an officer of the Knights of Columbus. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Absent: Osovski. Motion carried. Commissioner Osovski returned at 7:16PM.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Wehling to approve the contract with ME Collins Contracting, inc. of Wahoo, NE Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the 2022 Street Improvements Asphalt Concrete Overlay Project Agreement in the amount of \$406,339.79. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Osovski to approve the Termination of Easement for the Arbor Village Replat 2 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to request to seek outside funding for the purpose of constructing two pickle ball courts at Steinhart Park with an estimated cost of construction is \$55,650.00. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Johns to request to approve the Employee Wellness Screening Agreement with CHI Health St Mary's and authorize the Mayor to sign. Lou Leone spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Lou Leone led the discussion regarding three town hall meetings for utilizing the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 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.

Randy A. Dunster, City Clerk-Treasurer