

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2023

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 20, 2023. 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. This meeting is also being recorded. Mayor Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Ron Osovski, Patrick Wehling, Cole Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Absent: Joe Chaney. The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator Marty Stovall, Police Chief David Lacy, Sgt Ben Murry, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Utilities Treasurer Mona Kuhlenengel, Utilities Operations Superintendent Carl Abbott, Library Director Donna Kruse, Building Inspector Keith Morrison, Street Foreman Lonnie Horstmann, Troy Watkins, Paramedic Manager Andrew Snodgrass, Paramedic Joe Grubbs, Fire Engineer Dave Holland, Account Clerk Katie Drake-Heng and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve minutes from the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Approve the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of March 7, 2023 to March 20, 2023.

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

Claims List					
March 20, 2023					
Larson Motors	Capital	\$30,000.00	J WINDLE DISTRIBUTING, INC	Resale	\$115.92
Payroll	Salaries	\$135,908.26	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Const	\$7,667.00
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$317.04	Kreifels Electric L.L.C.	Rep/Maint	\$919.10
Wex Health, Inc	Benefits	\$714.55	Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$20.14
NE Secretary of State	Dues	\$30.00	Perry Mader	Travel	\$933.91
3E GENERATOR SHOP	Rep/Maint	\$500.00	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$289.37
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	Contract Serv	\$304.93	MOORE, PATRICIA	Reimb	\$13.20
Action Technology Services	Contract Serv	\$400.00	MORRISON, KEITH	Training	\$27.96
AKRS Equipment	Rep/Maint	\$1,691.55	Mullenax Auto Supply	Supplies	\$77.84
American Recycling &	Trash	\$240.33	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$425.48
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$2,157.89	NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TE	Rec Event	\$520.00
AT&T MOBILITY	Wireless Service	\$89.72	Nationwide Trust Contributions	Pension	\$2,146.00
Rebecca Austin	Grant Purchase	\$1,008.00	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities	\$11,131.50
Richard D. Bennett, Jr.	Contract Labor	\$470.00	NEBRASKA CITY T.N.R.	T.N.R. Program	\$90.00
Bill Walters & Son Shop, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$304.13	NO LIMIT POWER, INC	Rep/Maint	\$351.06
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$307.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Rep/Maint	\$10.99
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$2,603.67	Odey's Inc.	Grounds	\$11,310.10
BSN Sports	Grounds	\$1,776.10	OMNI ENGINEERING	Asphalt	\$418.25
Callaway Golf Sales Company	Resale	\$234.96	Ronald Osovski	Training	\$151.30
Capital Business Systems	Contract Serv	\$303.29	Otoe County Clerk	Dispatch	\$4,987.50
Card Services	Multiple	\$1,498.73	PAINTER, MICHELLE	Reimb	\$252.60
Cherry Road Media Inc.	Adv	\$333.29	POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	Supplies	\$229.51
CITY OF NC	TIF Reimb	\$7,406.53	PRIDE HOMES	Refund	\$200.00
CivicPlus, LLC	Code	\$950.00	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	Postage	\$444.52
CROWNE PLAZA	Training	\$269.90	Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$132.01
DAS STATE ACCTG - CENTRAL	Radio Systems	\$290.00	Christopher D Richardson	K-9 Unit Reimb	\$730.67
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$41.95	SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, LLC	Rep/Maint	\$270.00
DULTMEIER SALES DAVENPORT INC	Rep/Maint	\$2.26	SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS	K-9 Unit	\$14,575.00
DUNSTER, RANDY	Training	\$163.17	Sunset Law Enforcement, LTD	Supplies	\$2,338.30
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$266.05	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	Legal Service	\$2,875.00
ELAN CITY, INC	Donation Purchase	\$6,499.00	Time Warner Cable	Cable	\$167.03
Fareway Stores, Inc.	Resale	\$19.34	Tree Worx Tree Service, LLC	Contract Labor	\$750.00
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK	Loan	\$4,017.02	Unifirst Corporation	Contract Serv	\$262.33
FIRST WIRELESS, INC.	Equip	\$5,564.90	VAIRKKO	Computer	\$98.00
FIVE J CATERING	Awards Dinner	\$2,304.00	Van Wall Turf & Irrigation	Rep/Maint	\$76.76
GALLS, LLC	Uniform	\$49.96	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Rep/Maint	\$112.57
Seth Hawkins	Legal Service	\$2,600.00	WEX BANK	Fuel	\$401.25
Hireright GIS Intermediate Cor	Background Screenings	\$88.80	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$753.05
HORIZON BANK	TIF Reimb	\$14,961.99	ZERO FRICTION, LLC	Resale	\$416.33
Ideal Pure Water	Supplies	\$51.00	Zimco Supply Co.	Grounds	\$1,161.00
			Zoll Medical Corporation GPO	Computer	\$552.50

Mayor Bequette appointed Katie Drake-Heng as the first City Treasurer of Nebraska City. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette appointed Perry Mader as the City Administrator of Nebraska City. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette and Marty Stovall recognized Lonnie Horstmann for his 14 years of service to the City prior to his retirement.

Mayor Bequette and Marty Stovall recognized Troy Watkins for his promotion to Street Foreman.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed April 2nd – 8th 2023 as National Library Week. Donna Kruse was present to receive the proclamation on behalf of the department.

Chris Lindner of FORVIS reported on the Annual Audit of the City and Utilities financial holdings.

Andrew Snodgrass and Joe Grubbs reported on the EMS Billing progress.

Treasurer's Monthly report was given, as of February 28, 2023, Total Nebraska City funds of \$10,987,673.97. Total Cash and Reserve for Nebraska City Utilities of \$14,048,233.85. Total City of Nebraska City and Utility funds \$25,035,907.82. Council acknowledged receipt of City Administrator Report. Randy Dunster spoke regarding this report. Council acknowledged receipt of Utility Claims for period ending February 28, 2023.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve to enter into an agreement with a collection agency for EMS billing once the definitions section in paragraph 2 has been completed and authorize Andrew Snodgrass to sign. Andrew Snodgrass and Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Sharp, Osovski and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Osovski to approve to approve the updated job description for Paramedic Manager with EPCR spelled out. Andrew Snodgrass spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Sharp, Osovski and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve the installation of a new SEI Security System for the Veterans Memorial Building in the amount of \$30,000.00. Jim Kuhn spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve a request from Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging to provide a letter of support to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for FY23/24. Beth Williams and Amy Mason spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Sharp, Osovski and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Sharp and seconded by Osovski to approve a request from American Recycling & Sanitation Inc. to approve increasing the fees by 4%. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve a rental contract with Perry Mader for the Wildwood Historic House apartment. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Sharp to approve a waiver to amend the General City Employee's Pension Plan specific to the City Administrator position. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Wehling, Sharp, Osovski and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Osovski and seconded by Mayor Bequette to approve a Facility Use Agreement with the Nebraska City Public School and the Morton James Public Library and allow Donna Kruse to sign the contract. Donna Kruse spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve an Unsafe Property Notice for property located at 516 North 13th Street. Keith Morrison spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Osovski and seconded by Wehling to award the bid to Capitol City Concepts, LLC for the Comparable Pay Study for FY23-24 and also to inquire about the addition of the price to include the part time employees in the study also and to bring the bid back to the Council should it not be included. Marty Stovall spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve **Resolution 2935-23** to install a stop sign at 15th Street and S 63rd Road and a yield sign at 15th Street and Industrial Road. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 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