

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 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 April 3, 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, Joe Chaney, Cole Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Absent: None. The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator Marty Stovall, Police Chief David Lacy, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, City Attorney Drew Graham (via Zoom) and City Clerk Randy Dunster.

Mayor Bequette moved to approve the following consent items:

Approve minutes from the March 20, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Approve the report of new claims and approving disposition of claims set for the period of March 21, 2023 to April 3, 2023. Approve that the City waive sidewalk permit requirements during the 2023 Arbor Day weekend, Summer Sidewalk Sales weekend and 2023 Applejack Festival days, noting that a minimum of five (5) feet of clear walk way zone shall still be maintained in the C-2, Central Business District.

Approve the request from Keep Nebraska City Beautiful to use the ROWE Complex parking lot on Saturday April 22 from 9:00am – 12:00pm for Electronics Recycling Event.

Approve the request from Keep Nebraska City Beautiful to use of the Sunken Parking lot on Wednesday April 26th from 2:30pm to 6:30pm for a City-Wide Cleanup Event.

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

Claims List					
April 3, 2023					
Payroll	Salaries	\$146,525.16	LEAK INVESTIGATORS, LLC	Rep/Maint	\$12,000.00
WorldPay Integrated	CC Fees	\$191.51	Lincoln Journal-Star	Adv	\$1,637.00
Medica	Benefits	\$49,354.50	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Supplies	\$256.66
Lincoln Financial Group	Benefits	\$7,113.24	Mead Lumber	Rep/Maint	\$94.92
Ameritas Life Insurance	Benefits	\$9,664.16	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	Rep/Maint	\$130.00
Zirmed	CC Fees	\$345.27	Mullenax Auto Supply	Rep/Maint	\$2.60
Quality Brands of Lincoln	Resale	\$428.70	NAPA AUTO PARTS	Rep/Maint	\$828.03
Action Technology Services	Contracted Serv	\$400.00	Nebraska City Museum Assoc.	City Curator	\$2,416.67
American Recycling &	Trash	\$421.71	Nebraska City Rotary Club	Dues	\$125.00
Animal Hospital	Animal Exp	\$50.64	Nebraska City Utilities	Utilities /Rep/Maint	\$9,396.86
Arbor Mart, Inc	Fuel	\$3,828.44	NC VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING	Q Payment	\$15,000.00
DONALD BEHREND	Refund	\$25.00	NC Tourism & Commerce	Tourism	\$7,083.33
Richard D. Bennett, Jr.	Rock	\$1,179.69	NORTH AMERICAN DIRECT.	Adv	\$200.00
Bohl Plumbing and Heating	Rep/Maint	\$275.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Rep/Maint	\$14.35
Bound Tree Medical LLC	Medical Supplies	\$401.45	OMNI ENGINEERING	Asphalt	\$444.50
BSN Sports	Rep/Maint	\$669.95	Otoe County Clerk	County	\$4,166.50
Callaway Golf Sales Company	Resale	\$202.50	PAINTER, MICHELLE	Rep/Maint	\$80.00
Card Services	Rep/Maint	\$15.40	Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln	Resale	\$527.84
Cherry Road Media Inc.	Adv	\$474.81	Pinpoint Communications	Phone/Internet	\$988.37
CROSSWIND GOLF, INC	Resale	\$1,266.91	Ray Allen Manufacturing Co.	K-9	\$25.98
WILLIAM DEROO	Travel Riem	\$307.73	River View Pest Control	Pest Control	\$226.00
Douglas Tire Co.	Rep/Maint	\$116.00	RR DONNELLEY	Supplies	\$122.62
DUNSTER, RANDY	Training	\$91.51	SAND CREEK CONSTRUCTION	Refund	\$200.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$47.36	Cole Sharp	Training	\$153.27
Robert Earl	Training	\$149.99	JIM SMITH	Refund	\$25.00
First Class Flowers	Misc	\$50.00	Unifirst Corporation	Contracted Serv	\$262.33
GRUNDMAN CONSTRUCT	Refund	\$200.00	Van Wall Turf & Irrigation	Rep/Maint	\$437.47
Kreifels Electric L.L.C.	Rep/Maint	\$271.43	VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone/Internet	\$693.92
Landis Engine Company, Inc.	Capital	\$18,953.83	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	Rep/Maint	\$170.87
LANT HARDWARE, INC	Rep/Maint	\$13.29	Windstream, Inc.	Phone/Internet	\$529.51
Larson Motors	Rep/Maint	\$6,470.15	Zimco Supply Co.	Supplies	\$1,741.50

Mayor Bequette and Sargent Richardson introduced the new Police Department Canine “Alex” to the City Council and Honored his namesake Cpl. Matthew L Alexander, “Alex” who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2007. Cpl. Matthew L Alexander’s parents Mel and Monica Alexander were present and spoke about their son as well.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed April 28, 2023 as the official date of Arbor Day.

Mayor Bequette proclaimed the week of April 1, 2023 through April 7, 2023 as the Week of the Young Child. Dan Mauk spoke regarding the proclamation.

Marty Stovall gave the annual TIF Report pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 18-2117.02 for use of Tax Increment Financing in the City of Nebraska City.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve the request from the Bethel Church to give helicopter rides from their parking lot as a fundraiser event on July 1, 2023 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Pastor Keith Valenzuela spoke regarding the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Chaney, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Osovski and seconded by Sharp to approve a request from Jim Kuhn to build a “Welcome to Nebraska City” monument sign at the west entrance to town. Jim Kuhn spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Chaney, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Wehling to approve the request to use the Sunken Parking lot on Saturday May 6th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm for the Keep Nebraska City Beautiful Corn Hole Fundraiser. Sally DuBois and Amy Allgood spoke to explain the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Chaney, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wehling and seconded by Osovski to approve the request from Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce to approve the schedule of events for the 2023 Arbor Day Weekend. Amy Allgood spoke regarding the item. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Chaney, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Sharp and seconded by Osovski to approve **Resolution 2936-23**; authorizing City Clerk, City Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to manage City finances. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Osovski, Wehling, Chaney, Sharp and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling for the Council to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss ongoing litigation against the Nebraska Railroad Museum and that we be joined by the Interim City Administrator and the Executive Director of the Nebraska City Area Economic Development and the City Attorney who has joined us by zoom. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Sharp, Wehling, Chaney, Osovski and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. Council began closed session at 6:45 PM. Council resumed the Open Session at 7:36 PM. Mayor Bequette stated that direction had been provided to City Staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 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