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COUNCIL CHAMBERS-
1111 AVE E, WISNER, NEBRASKA 68791

The City Council of the City of Wisner, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers at the City offices in Wisner, Nebraska, on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of April 15, 2020, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were mailed or emailed to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. A true copy of their signed acknowledgement of the receipt of the advance notice of this meeting and the agenda is filed in the office of the Clerk/Treasurer. An agenda for the meeting was kept continuously current, and was available for public inspection at the City offices three days before the meeting date. Agenda subjects were contained at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Chad Dixon presided and the Clerk/Treasurer recorded the proceedings of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the general public.

Mayor Chad Dixon called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the posted Open Meeting Act, pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Terry Soden, Barry Meyer, Chris Liermann, and Mayor Chad Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent and Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2020, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MARCH 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CDARS #4293 GENERATOR BOND. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to renew the Generator Bond Certificate of Deposit at Midwest Bank for six months at .41%. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – UTILITY DISCONNECTS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HANDLING OF DISCONNECTIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated that there are a lot of communities holding off on disconnecting customers. Mr. Woldt recommends that we continue on with disconnects as before. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer suggested if they come up with a letter stating that this is due to the pandemic, we would work with them. Mayor Dixon stated we should work on them as a case by case. Mayor Dixon suggested that if a city employee has come to your home three months in a row, that on the fourth month and there after the individual will be charged a \$50.00 fee each visit. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Liermann to allow the mayor to work with the city clerk and city administrator on a case by case basis as we get through this pandemic on disconnects. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – WISNER SWIMMING POOL – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2020 SEASON. Councilwoman Gobar said she has called a few other towns to see where they were at with opening the pool. Ms. Gobar’s recommendation is to have the pool open this summer. Ms. Gobar stated that if we have to have the ten-person rule, to have a sign in sign out sheet or work with the rules and regulations set at that time so that the pool can be open this summer. Ms. Gobar also suggested to have the pool open longer. Ms. Gobar said that her and Councilman Liermann will have a pay schedule ready for next meeting for council approval. A letter will be sent out stating that the applicants have been hired. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent stated that the city attorney said the last he has heard is that the governor is recommending that the pool stay closed until July. It was all agreed that this is a guidance. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the pool committee’s recommendation to plan on opening on the traditional date of Memorial Day weekend. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GENERATOR BOND – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REFINANCING OF OUTSTANDING BOND. Councilman Meyer stated that going with the “Shortened Amortization” the City would get a lowered interest rate at about 2.08%, but would require the City to pay an additional \$1,267 on average annually, and providing for a total net savings of just over \$45,000.00. This would allow the City to pay off the debt one year earlier. Moved by Liermann and seconded by Gobar to approve the refinancing of the outstanding bond with the “Shortened Amortization” option. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CITY-WIDE CLEANUP WEEK – APRIL 25-MAY 2. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent stated that fees will not be waived for construction waste, shingles, or tires. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the City-Wide Cleanup Week to be set from April 25th to May 2nd, 2020. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITIES REPORT – D. Salmen. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Councilman Meyer would like to see how many citations are given compared to the stops.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, state he has one permit 1702 Carrick Shea Dr. for a new home.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mayor Dixon instructed Mr. Woldt to open the camper pads tomorrow but leave the bathrooms closed. Mayor Dixon announced that Steve Ausdemore resigned from the Planning Commission Board and Board of Adjustments. Mayor Dixon thanked Mr. Ausdemore for his volunteer time on these boards. Mr. Ausdemore has been on the boards since their inception.
- B. Councilwoman stated that she has been approached regarding the speeding through town early in the morning from 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM.
- C. Councilman Liermann asked how the well was coming. Mr. Woldt stated that the well has been dug and they have steaked out for the building.
- D. Mr. Woldt said with the \$25,000.00 donation from Lyman Richie for concrete, about one-third of the parking lot at the auditorium can be completed. Mr. Woldt said if they could get a Dinklage Grant for \$75,000.00 the whole parking lot at the auditorium could be completed. Mr. Woldt said that the construction on the streets are delayed due to the

pandemic. The contractors are stating that supplies are not coming in and having trouble with help.

- E. Mayor Dixon stated, going back to the camper pads, the use of the pads would be at the user's own risk and would ask that no more than ten people congregate at a camp fire.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:30 PM moved by Soden and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to May 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regular session, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer