

MINUTES-July 20, 2020
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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, July 20, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of July 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 City 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 City 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, Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Jonathon Brandow, Care Center Administrator.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RATIFY ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY CITY COUNCIL DURING MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 6TH TO JUNE 15TH BY VIDEOCONFERENCE OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY, PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RICKETTS' EXECUTIVE ORDERS NO. 20-03 AND 20-24. Moved by Soden and seconded by Gobar to ratify all actions taken by City Council during meetings held on April 6th to June 15th by videoconferencing or other technology pursuant to Governor Ricketts' Executive Orders No. 20-03 and 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – RESOLUTION NO 2020-12 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK AT 612 7 ST. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent announced that he received a building permit from the land owner today. Mr. Woldt asked if they wanted to hold off on approving the resolution since we received the building permit. The permit is for a driveway and sidewalk. The building permit states he will have the project completed on August 8th. Mayor Dixon stated that he would recommend going ahead with approving the resolution because the time frame on the resolution and building permit are the same, and this way will not have to bring the resolution to the next meeting. Moved by Soden and seconded by Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2020-12. Roll call: AYES: Soden, Gobar, Meyer. Nays: Liermann. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – WISNER RIVER PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO USE THE THUNDER DOME FOR THE COW TOWN CLASSIC FUNDRAISER ON AUGUST 29, 2020. Stephanie James reported that this fundraiser would not be like our normal fundraisers that we have held in the past. This would consist of a poker run and then a band with a BBQ. There would be no entry fee just a free will offering. Mayor Dixon stated that we would need to submit a plan to the health department. Mayor Dixon recommends the approval of the use as long as they follow the current health measures and fill out their event plan. Councilman Liermann stated that there will not be thousands of people and it will be more local residents attending. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Liermann to approve the use of the Thunder Dome for the Cow Town Classic's fundraiser on August 29, 2020. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – RUMOR'S – AUGUST 21 & 22, 2020 – BEER GARDEN – 12:00 PM TO 2:00 AM. Stephanie James reported that the fence will be put up by noon on Friday and the band will be on Saturday night starting around 8:00 PM. The band will face the south for noise control. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the special designated license for Rumor's on August 21 and 22, 2020 for a beer garden from 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WISNER POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STATE BID ON POLICE CAR. Doug Salmen, Wisner Police Chief, said that he has received the state bid from the county and a single battery, Ford Explorer is \$34,096.00 and a dual battery, Ford Explorer is \$34,446.00 from Anderson Auto Group out of Lincoln. Chief Salmen said a single battery would be all they would need. Discussion was held on the need for a single or dual battery and how the state bids work. The car would come with cloth seats, courtesy lamp, spot light, siren, & push bumper with LED lights. Councilman Meyer asked what the time frame would be for delivery. There is a possibility it could take 2 months to 6 months. We still have a spare car but if that one becomes inoperable, the police officers will share one car until the new one arrives. Discussion was held on trading in the old cop car or putting it up for bids. Moved by Liermann and seconded by Soden to approve the single battery, Ford Explorer for \$34,096.00 from Anderson Auto Group out of Lincoln. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – WISNER POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER. Doug Salmen, Wisner Police Chief stated that he has received eight inquiries. Unfortunately, five of them only sent in a resume and did not fill out an application. Chief Salmen went on to state that without an application he couldn't do a background check on the individuals. Two of the applications are very good candidates but are not certified. Chief Salmen said that one of the applicants he had in mind is certified and is an excellent officer. Chief Salmen told the council and the public about Tiffany. Chief Salmen and Mayor Dixon interviewed Tiffany this afternoon. Mayor Dixon said she will be moving into Wisner. Mayor Dixon recommends giving Tiffany McLean the position of police officer for the City of Wisner. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the hiring of Tiffany McLean as Wisner Police Officer. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITIES REPORT – D. Salmen. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Chief Salmen stated that the total calls for service of seventy-one and total traffic of forty-one are all what one officer took care of. This report is strictly Chief Salmen's. Councilman Meyer said that the biggest complaint they get is the speed on the highway. Chief Salmen said that when you're out there by yourself, and have seventy-two calls for service it is hard to run radar. Hoping that having a second officer will help. Chief Salmen has seen that the speeding has reduced. Chief Salmen explained how he does radar on the highway. Chief Salmen said that he is going to set up some cameras in the offices and on main street. All but one camera will be paid for through the Stop Program. Chief Salmen wanted to announce that there is a possibility that he will be having some schooling coming up in the near future. Mr. Salmen said he and his wife are doing everything possible to get moved to town.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, state he has three permits for this time frame. First one is at the Wisner Senior Center to put up awnings, next is at 1209 Ave E to install a garage door on a storage shed, and the last one is at 711 10 St. to put up a 24x24 garage on the back side of the house. Mr. Woldt stated that it will look like he is building on the lot next to him but the lot is shaped like an L.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mayor Dixon would like to thank the Car Town Cow Club for organizing volunteers to help cleaning the park up after the last storm. Mayor Dixon would also like to like Larry Bockelman for his thirty-nine years of service on the Rescue Squad and to congratulate him on his retirement from the department.
- B. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer stated that the refinancing of the bond is coming along and that the interest rate was at 3.18% and is now at 1.53% which is a savings of over \$58,000.00. Mrs. James was asked by the WCD if we could share their advertisement of the Grandview Addition on the City's Facebook page. Council suggested that she talk to the city attorney. Mrs. James said that rescue has met with a Danko Emergency representative to spec out a new ambulance. The price on the new ambulance is \$276,805.32. Shane Batenhorst with the Rural Fire Board said that they want to go to the Dinklage Foundation for 100% of the cost. Mrs. James asked if the Rural Board goes to Dinklage would the city need to go out for bids. Council suggested that she ask the city attorney this scenario.
- C. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, was approached by Chris Borgelt to see if he could build a garage behind his house but there is a storm drainage tube that runs where he wants to build. Mr. Borgelt would like to put tubing in and work it around the building and he would pay for the tubing if we would give him the northeast corner lot that is owned by the city. Discussion was held on how to lay out the tube and if changing the direction of the drainage ditch is even possible. Council suggested that the city attorney be involved so we figure out the land and the drainage ditch in the right manner. Council was also wondering about discussion at a previous meeting about doing a test well next to the current well and if getting rid of the lot is a good idea at this time. Mr. Woldt also stated that our water guy is working with Sue Lackie with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln who is a geologist to find some other possible well sites in Wisner. Mr. Woldt announce that the Wisner City Auditorium was noted as Project of the Year with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. The City of Wisner received \$200.00 from the award.

- D. Councilman Soden stated that the kids fishing pond has some algae on it, and is wondering if it is the blue green algae. Mr. Woldt said it was tested last year and was negative for it.
- E. Councilman Liermann said that the auditorium concrete and the alley concrete looks great. Mr. Liermann wanted to commend the city crew for getting the auditorium parking ready for the concrete.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:56 PM moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to August 3, 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