

MINUTES-January 19, 2021
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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of January 13, 2021, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public place which are the Wisner Post Office, Wisner Public Library, and the Wisner City Office. 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, Jay Meyer, and Mayor Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer; and Jonathan Brandow, Care Center Administrator via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT, SDL – RUMOR’S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – MARCH 13, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 AM – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM, 1001 AVE D – ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION, SDL – RUMOR’S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – MARCH 20, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 AM – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM, 1001 AVE D – LIVESTOCK SHOW BANQUET, AND SDL – RUMOR’S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – MARCH 26, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 AM – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM, 1001 AVE D – DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – MEET & GREET WITH SUE FROM NEBRASKA STRONG RECOVERY PROJECT. Sue with Nebraska Strong stated that they work through Region IV that has a grant with the health department to try and get tools out to communities on how to deal with stress due to Covid-19. They distributed cards that has the hotline numbers on them. Teri with Nebraska Strong presented the power point (which are attached to these minutes). So if anyone knows of anyone that is extra stressed out please have them call the hotline numbers for free and confidential assistance. There are cards with the hotline numbers on them located in the front of the Wisner City Offices, on the City’s website and Facebook page, and they are also attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CEMETERY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RAISING OF CEMETERY RATES. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent stated that it has been several years since the grave opening fee has been raised. Office staff asked other communities what they charge and came up with the following recommendation; for a full grave \$500.00, cremation \$125.00, for a Saturday grave opening charging an extra \$50.00, and for a Sunday and holiday grave opening charging an extra \$150.00. Mr. Woldt talked to Jason Minnick, who is closely involved with the grave opening fees is fine with the rate change. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the recommendation of raising the cemetery grave opening fees to full grave \$500.00, cremation \$125.00, for a Saturday grave opening charging an extra \$50.00, and for a Sunday and holiday grave opening charging an extra \$150.00. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – AUCTION ITEMS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LISTING ITEMS FOR SALE ON BIG IRON. Mr. Woldt would like to put the following surplus items on Big Iron: 83 IH dump truck, walk-in cooler, the old auditorium basketball court flooring, five-yard dump box, ten-yard dump box, police car, two Kubota mowers, auditorium table and chairs, and a roll off hoist. Not all the items will go at once. Like the mowers will wait till spring and the cop car is not ready to be sold yet. Discussion was held on some the items to be sold and time frames. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to put the above listed items on Big Iron Auctions. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Some discussion was held.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time to report on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mr. Woldt said there is a logo contest for the new banners for Wisner's 150th celebration. The contestants who wish to submit a logo have until January 29th. The committee is hoping that the council will be the judges since they will be the ones paying for the banners. The quick turn-around is so that we can have them made and back before the St. Patrick's day Celebration. Mr. Woldt said he has someone that would like to donate hanging flower pots for the light poles with flowers in them. We would just have to find someone to water them. Discussion was held on different options on how to water them. Everyone agreed that it will look very nice for the City's celebration year. Mr. Woldt said that with the Grandview addition project for the utilities and streets, WCD would like the City to create the TIF (tax increment financing) project. Mr. Woldt suggests that we get someone in to talk to council that knows more about TIF. Mr. Woldt said there is about five individuals interested in building light commercial projects.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:42 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer