

MINUTES-February 16, 2021
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-
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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, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of February 10, 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, 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.

Absent on the roll call: Barry Meyer.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Barry. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – WISNER RIVER PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERMISSION TO USE THE RIVER PARK FOR THE THUNDER BY THE RIVER TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL – AUGUST 20TH & 21ST, 2021. Dave Novak and Scott Krusemark were present at tonight's meeting. Dave Novak started out by saying that he was a little upset last year that the city council denied his request to use the Wisner River Park for the tractor pull but soon realized that it was a good idea that the event didn't take place due to Covid-19. Mr. Novak went on to say that this is Thunder's 15th year and it is Wisner's 150th and would like to maybe do something together or promote it all together for instance on Thunder's website. Mayor Dixon asked if they have thought about sending some representatives from Thunder to a 150th Celebration committee meeting to maybe help each other out. Mr. Novak said that Thunder needs to work hand in hand with the City. Mayor Dixon stated that this is pretty important to come back to our city especially in our celebration year of 150 and look forward to having Thunder in their 15th year. They did go out for sponsorships last year and all the sponsors understood with the cancelation due to Covid-19 and they were not upset about it.

Scott Krusemark said he is speaking for the board and not for himself that the board asked him to bring this up, last year when Thunder asked to use the park, things were brought up about their financing and if they could afford to have the pull, the board really felt that it was inappropriate to have questions like that. Mayor Dixon said that the tractor pull is very important to the City of Wisner and very important to the business owners of Wisner and to have an event that may not have the turnout because of Covid not having the people to show up to pay the tickets so that money can be made, it looked like it would have been a very tough struggle to continue with the show. Mayor Dixon said those comments came from him because of the importance that Thunder by The River brings to the City of Wisner, and to have that go away just to try and have an event, Mayor Dixon didn't feel that was the right thing to do. Mr. Novak said that the pullers all understood why the event didn't happen in 2020. Councilwoman Gobar said that since the event didn't take place along with other events that in 2021 events will be well attended. Moved by Soden and seconded by Jay to approve the use of the Wisner River Park for Thunder by The River on August 20th and 21st, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Barry. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time to report on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, explained what happened this morning with the power outage. The generators were running, the load for the town is more than what the generators can produce. There is about 1,000 KW difference that we could not handle. So then when the Southwest Power Pool did a rolling black out, so when they blacked us out our generators had to pick up all that load and said oh no we can't handle this so it tripped everything out and a bunch of alarms needed to be cleared. Once everything was brought back up the power was back on and nothing has blinked since. Mr. Woldt explained the different phase levels and at tonight's meeting we are back down to a level one, but still could do a black out. Mr. Woldt also said that over the past week our gas prices went way up, where we are in trouble with that is that 50% of our gas is pre-purchased at a certain price and the other 50% is purchased off of market and what is purchased off the market is three times higher. Just depending on our next bill we may have to do a PGA on the next utility bills to help make up that difference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:20 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on March 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Barry. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer