

MINUTES-March 15, 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 Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of March 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, 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 MARCH 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD FEBRUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT & SDL – JUG STORE LLC – MAY 8, 2021 FROM 2:00 PM TO 12:30 AM – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM, 1001 AVE D – WEDDING RECEPTION. Moved by Soden and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 7:05 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE – TORADO ALLEY, LLC, D/B/A TORNADO ALLEY – 507 AVENUE E. At 7:05 PM Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing. Garrett Lampman and Lisa Lampman are present at tonight's meeting to answer any questions. Councilman Meyer asked when they plan to open. Mr. Lampman stated he is hoping for the weekend of May 1st. The bowling alley will be open with six out of the eight lanes open and a sports bar theme. It will be more burgers and fries and sandwich type items. No steaks at this time. They will be working at keeping the food orders to 10 minutes. With no other questions or comments, Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:07 PM. Mayor Dixon then asked for a motion for approval for Tornado Alley for a Class C Liquor License. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the application for a Class C Liquor License for Tornado Alley. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKALGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER COMMUNITY ARTS & REC GRANT APPLICATION. This is an annual request. They are requesting \$27,832.99. They are requesting the exact amount as last year

as they didn't have ball due to Covid-19. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the grant application from Wisner Community Arts and Rec and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried. Jason Schweers said that they are starting to look at replacing all three score boards. Mr. Schweers will get some estimates and bring them back to the city.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION. The amount of the request is \$81,400.00. This is to help cover costs for platting at Grandview Addition and some surveying. Moved by Jay and seconded by Soden to approve the grant application from Wisner Community Development and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION. This is an annual application in the amount of \$3,000.00. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the grant application from Wisner Public Library and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER'S 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION GRANT APPLICATION. The amount requested is \$15,000.00. Moved by Soden and seconded by Barry to approve the grant application from Wisner's 150th Birthday Celebration and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELKHORN VALLEY ARTS UNLIMITED GRANT APPLICATION. The amount requested is \$3,605.00. Anne Ausdemore stated that this is the 25th year for EVAU. With the Wisner's 150th celebration they wanted to do a few more things in conjunction with the celebration and didn't have enough funds to do so. Mrs. Ausdemore said that they won the right to host a Smithsonian Institute traveling display in January of 2022 at the Wisner Senior Center. Mrs. Ausdemore explained some of the activities that will be held in conjunction with the 150th celebration. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the grant application from Elkhorn Valley Arts Unlimited and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 – CLOSURE OF STATE HIGHWAY FOR SPECIAL EVENT – JUNE 27TH – WISNER'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PARADE. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve Resolution No. 2021-1, closure of state highway for special event on June 27, 2021 for Wisner's Sesquicentennial Celebration parade and to forward onto the State of Nebraska for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1157 – TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 710 TO AUTHORIZE CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY WHO HAVE A WISNER

ADDRESS TO BE APPOINTED AS TREE BOARD MEMBERS. Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2021-1157, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 710 TO AUTHORIZE CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY WHO HAVE A WISNER ADDRESS TO BE APPOINTED AS TREE BOARD MEMBERS; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, and move that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Soden second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rule was adopted by the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No 2021-1157 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2021-1157 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Barry moved for final passage and Councilwoman Gobar second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2021-1157 adopted and in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct, and complete copy of said ordinance is as follows: Copy attached hereto becomes part of these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Councilman Barry stated that four speeding tickets is not enough in a month's time. Councilman Barry said this needs to be addressed more.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time to report on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Barry noticed that a lot of trees are being cut down and asked if the stumps will be taken care of as well. Mr. Woldt said that he will talk to Randy Nissen and get them taken care of.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:29 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer