

**MINUTES-November 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, November 15, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of November 10, 2021, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places 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 Chad Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, Jonathan Brandow, Care Center Administrator, and Doug Salmen, Chief of Police.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – WATER TOWER PROJECT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST IN MATERIAL COSTS. Mr. Woldt said that he had a couple of phone calls today regarding this agenda item. Tammy Bodlak, City of Wisner's City Attorney stated that she was supposed to receive documentation for the price increases and documentation for the pump, which she thinks there will be another request for the increase in pump costs. Ms. Bodlak said as of right now she has not received that documentation yet. Ms. Bodlak said that she had Mr. Woldt check on some dates and the notice to proceed was issued in March. As of today the materials have not been ordered yet. Councilman Barry stated that we should not be responsible for something that they haven't done before now. Ms. Bodlak said we don't even have all the costs yet that they will be requesting so she doesn't know if this board wants to vote just on what has been presented or wait until it all comes in.

Mr. Woldt asked if we could hold off on this and he would check with his supplier and see what his prices are. Ms. Bodlak said we can certainly check with our supplier on costs of the materials that will be needed. Mr. Woldt asked Owen Killham with Olsson, that the only stipulation is that the product has to be made in the USA. Mr. Killham confirmed that there is a by American Act on this due to the funding that is in place.

Mayor Dixon recommends that this item be tabled to have some more time to gather the information needed before making a decision on these extra costs that are coming before them. Moved by Jay and seconded by Gobar to table this agenda item until the next regular city council meeting. Mr. Killham and Mr. Woldt gave some clarification of the pump for the project. Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1163 – HOURLY WAGE ADJUSTMENTS OF CITY UTILITY, OFFICE WORKERS, LIBRARY, AND POLICE. Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2021-1163, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY AND SALARY PAY SCHEDULE OF CITY PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE EMPLOYEES, LIBRARY, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE, and moved that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Soden seconded said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: 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 2021-1163 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2021-1163 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Soden second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2021-1163 adopted and in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and 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. 4 – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 – YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FORM 2021. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve Resolution No. 2021-12 for the year-end city street superintendent certification for year 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent explained that the interlocal agreement had to include CDBG administrator. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay to approve Resolution No. 2021-13 that approves the interlocal agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District with which added CDBG administrator. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – TRAILS PROJECT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A CHANGE ORDER FOR A TIME EXTENSION. Mr. Woldt explained that November 1<sup>st</sup> was their timeline. They are asking for December 15<sup>th</sup> to be their substantial completion date with final completion being April 1, 2022. Most of their reason for stretching it out so far is due to some painting and striping that needs to be done and the weather may not

allow that to be completed. Mr. Woldt went on to say that they are pretty sure that all the concrete will be poured by December. Mayor Dixon asked if would be any grant funding that will be put into jeopardy due to the extension. Mr. Woldt stated that was his concern as well. There are about \$200,000.00 in grants to be collected on yet for the trails project. Mr. Woldt said that most of them will be fine with the extension except for the grant from Lower Elkhorn NRD which is about a \$30,000.00 grant. Councilman Barry would like to make sure with the NRD first before proceeding. Mr. Woldt said that he will talk to them and make sure that they will be fine with the extension on time. Mayor Dixon recommends tabling this agenda item to have time to contact the Lower Elkhorn NRD and verify that they will be fine with the time extension. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to table Agenda Item No. 6 – Trails Project – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Change Order for a Time Extension so that contact can be made with the Lower Elkhorn NRD to verify with them the time extension. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he does not have any building permits at this time.

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

A. Mr. Woldt stated that you may see a notice in the paper from NDEE for our wastewater treatment plant permit. The notice is just to inform everyone that a permit will be issued for the treatment facility.

B. Mayor Dixon has a lot of fear of a possible increase in the gas and electric. Mayor Dixon asked if there is anything we need to do to jump out ahead of it. Mr. Woldt said the amount of gas we have in storage is what's holding our price down right now. Mr. Woldt said as of now he does not foresee the price in electricity going up. Gas has been slowly creeping up since last February. We are still over a \$1.00 below what a PGA adder would be. We have to be above \$4.00 before we start thinking about adding a PGA to the bill. Right now the storage of gas is keeping us below. That gas in storage should get us through most of the winter. There is no guarantee in that.

C. Councilwoman Gobar asked if there was any dirt moving up at the Grandview Addition. Mr. Woldt stated that he has not seen any movement yet.

D. Councilman Barry would like to make a recommendation that at the next meeting, council and mayor who attends a meeting that we have to attend or been asked to attend in an official capacity, that we get paid for those meetings. Mayor Dixon said he will work with Randy and Stephanie on getting something put together by next meeting or the following meeting.

E. Councilman Jay asked how wide the sidewalk is going to be along 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Woldt said that four feet will be added to the existing four feet that is part of the existing street.

F. Stephanie James stated that Wisner's new ambulance is done and back in town. We will be going to Snyder to do the final inspection and if all goes well we will get to drive it back tomorrow morning.

G. Mayor Dixon asked our two guest to introduce themselves to the group. Keah and Kyla Taylor introduced themselves.

H. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police stated that he is going to get together with the city attorney and get something put together regarding the mopeds in town. He would like to get them classified under the ATV/UTV ordinance. Anything under forty-five cc's does not need to be licensed, but would like to have a city license.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:30 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer