

MINUTES-December 20, 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, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of December 15, 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, and Jonathan Brandow, Care Center Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INTENT TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR SANITARY & STORM SEWER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS – GRANDVIEW TIF PROJECT. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to approve Resolution No. 2021-15. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD'S #1712 ELECTRIC SINKING, #1713 GAS, #1714 GAS, #1715 ENTERPRISE SINKING, & #1718 COMBINED UTILITIES BOND. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay to approve renewal of CD's at Pinnacle Bank for six months at a rate of 0.16%. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1164 – ESTABLISHING OF BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION WARDS. Councilman Barry introduced Ordinance No. 2021-1164, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING A REVISED ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP WITH REVISED WARD BOUNDARIES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, and

moved that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Soden seconded said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, 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 2021-1164 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2021-1164 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Jay second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2021-1164 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. 5 – WATER SYSTEM MAPPING WITH GIS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. Mr. Woldt stated that the water system security grant that Wisner received, we have to put the professional services out for bid since JEO Consulting Group has not been our engineer for the past three years. Councilman Barry asked if we knew about what the bids should come in at. Mr. Woldt said the bids should come in around \$13,000.00. The grant will cover \$10,000.00 of the total cost. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to send out for bids for professional services for the water system mapping with GIS. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WISNER RIVER PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF NEW BALLFIELD SCOREBOARDS. Mr. Woldt stated that the intentions of the Wisner Arts and Rec board is to ask the City of Wisner to put \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of the scoreboards. The Rec board and the school will be putting in \$5,000.00 and the Rec Board also received \$500.00 from the 150th Celebration Funds. The balance of the purchase will be through a Dinklage Grant application. Moved by Soden and seconded by Jay to approve paying \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of the scoreboards. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER ARTS & REC DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. The request is for \$20,000.00 for the purchase of three scoreboards for the Wisner River Park ballfields. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve Wisner Arts & Rec's Dinklage Grant Application and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – LIAISONS – DINKLAGE FOUNDATION – MAYOR DIXON. Mayor Dixon stated that it is the City's turn to have two liaisons for the Dinklage Foundation Board. Mayor Dixon recommends Terry Soden to fill the second position on the Dinklage Board. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry to have Terry Soden fill the second position on the Dinklage Board. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WISNER CARE CENTER AND STANTON CARE CENTER – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. Mayor Dixon stated that he had this item added to the agenda to

fill in the other council members that are not on the committee for the Wisner Care Center. Mayor Dixon explained that when he was voted in as mayor, he was told to seriously look at selling the Wisner Care Center. Mayor Dixon stated that they felt it would be a financial burden to the City of Wisner. Mayor Dixon said he appreciated their opinions, but without looking at it, that was not the direction he wanted to go. Mayor Dixon felt the problem was management of the care center and changes were made there. Jonathan Brandow was brought in for approval of administrator and was told he needs to look at the future of the care center. The debt needs to be taken care of (which was to the city). The mayor also wanted him to look into ways of bringing in new funds and try to save money where ever possible. Mayor Dixon said that Mr. Brandow came to him with an incredible idea. He said it was to take a look at an interlocal agreement with Stanton Care Center. Mr. Brandow feels we can save a lot of money by sharing management between the two buildings and possibly in other areas as well. Mayor Dixon said as of right now it is roughly \$130,000.00 that could be saved a year in salaries alone. They are not very far into this yet and not sure what other areas that could be saved in.

Mayor Dixon said that the debt has been paid in full and the Care Center is sitting on about a million dollars in funds. Mayor Dixon feels that sitting on a million dollars is a good safety net to keep the place going. The money saved will go towards keeping the good employees that the Care Center has. Mr. Brandow checked around to see if other care centers had anything like this set up. He stated that it is more in the corporations not city owned. A lot of things need to be discussed yet and will take time. Mr. Brandow stated that there is some down falls to this but feels not significant enough to check more into this and possibly proceed with an interlocal agreement. No action at this time was taken.

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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time at 613 13 St. for a storage shed beside his garage.

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

A. Mr. Woldt said in the packets is an explanation of council pay that they should look over. Mr. Woldt said that he was notified that the City received the Community Forestry Grant from the NRD. It is a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for trees to be planted around the city.

B. Councilman Jay stated that his brother has a well that tested zero for nitrates. He thought about having the city pull a sample and have it tested to see if the sample is high in anything else.

C. Councilman Barry said Merry Christmas!

D. Gary McBride thanked everyone for what they do.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:37 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on January 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer