

MINUTES-January 18, 2022
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, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of January 12, 2022, 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 Police Officer Tiffany McLean.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Gobar 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 – PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY – GRANDVIEW ADDITION. Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM. With no public in attendance and no questions or comments received Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – WISNER POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES. Mayor Dixon asked where the police department received the policies. Officer McLean stated that Chief Salmen received a link from LARM for the policies. Officer McLean said she went in and just changed the name to Wisner Police Department and didn't change any of the verbiage. There was no charge from LARM for the policies. Mayor Dixon stated that this looks like a big service that they provided for the City and the police department. Officer McLean stated that you can about image what it would of cost if the city attorney had to help with the policy book. LARM also provides classes for the city and police department for continuing education hours. Some of the perks of being LARM members. Times have changed as Councilman Soden stated that they used to just have to keep the policies on file. Officer McLean stated that now the state is handling this all and they need a statement saying that the policies have been approved. Officer McLean told the council that by 2023 the Wisner Police Department needs to be accredited. If the police

department is not accredited by 2023, the department will not be eligible to receive grant funding through the state. Councilman Soden stated that the bigger cities/departments are about the only departments that are accredited with the state. Officer McLean stated that she has started the accreditation process. Mayor Dixon recommends the passing of the Wisner Police Department policies as presented. Moved by Soden and seconded by Gobar to approve the Wisner Police Department Policies as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH STANTON NURSING HOME FOR SHARED NURSING HOME SERVICES. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve Resolution No. 2022-2 which approves the interlocal agreement with Stanton Nursing Home for shared nursing home services. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER SENIOR CENTER'S GRANT APPLICATION. This is the Senior Center's annual request for general bills. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the Wisner Senior Center's Dinklage Grant request and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WATER DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SURVEY FOR LEAD WATER LINES. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent stated the sheet that was included in the packet is a survey sent by the state. This will be sent out in the next utility bill. By 2024 the city needs to know what houses have lead lines. Right now, Mr. Woldt stated that there is no funding available for the home owners to change out the lead lines if they have them. Mayor Dixon asked if Mr. Woldt had a feel of what percentages of homes in Wisner have lead lines. Mr. Woldt thought about 15% to 20%. If a home has a lead line the city cannot legally hook back up to it. As of right now we have until 2024 to figure out how many homes have lead lines. The state has not stated when the lines need to be fixed by as of yet. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve the sending out of the survey as presented in the next utility billings. Roll call: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permit at this time at 774 R Road to co-locate equipment on existing American Tower Cell tower.

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

A. Mr. Woldt announced to the council that the water treatment study is 90% complete. Roger with JEO would like the mayor and council to look it over and then meet in committee with him before it is brought up in a council meeting. Mr. Woldt also stated that the League's Mid-Winter Conference is coming up on February 28th and March 1st. It is a good conference for the elected officials to attend. The conference is in Lincoln.

B. Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for the time spent on Saturday, January 15th at the strategic planning session. Mayor Dixon said it was time well spent and good to look towards the future and stay in a positive place.

C. Councilwoman Gobar stated that a business owner came to her about the little gravel road that is by the pharmacy, and that if we have a winter, that road gets missed on snow removal. That road is more highly traveled now since the pharmacy moved in there.

D. Councilman Jay had someone ask him what Bodwell will do with the land after they are done digging dirt on the east end of town. Mayor Dixon stated that something would need to be discussed with Mr. Bodwell. It would make for a great commercial site. Councilman Barry said that he talked to Mr. Bodwell and they are probably done moving dirt out of there and that it could be reclaimed.

E. Mayor Dixon stated that a question was asked regarding the Covid-19 restrictions up at the Care Center. Jonathan Brandow, Care Center Administrator stated that the CDC said they cannot keep the general public out. From an infection control standpoint bring out some interesting scenarios and liabilities. Mr. Brandow stated that there are about four residents that have tested positive. Right now Mr. Brandow stated that they are trying to encourage visitors not to come in not only for the resident's safety but for the visitor's safety as well. Mr. Brandow said that the symptoms this time for the ones that are vaccinated are not as severe as it was the first round. For the residents that are positive for Covid-19, they need to stay in their rooms for at least ten days. Residents are also eating in their rooms as well for now.

F. Mr. Woldt stated that the police office remodel is complete if anyone would like to take a look at it.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:31 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on February 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer