

MINUTES-March 21, 2022
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 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of March 16, 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 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 Police Chief Doug Salmen.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD FEBRUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – BRU'S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – 04/23/2022 – FEEDERS BANQUET – 10:00 AM TO 11:30 PM – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar 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 – GRANDVIEW ADDITION CREATION OF STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2022-1 AND DISTRICT NO. 2022-2. Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. Mayor Dixon asked if the council or anyone in attendance had any questions or comments. With no questions or comments from the council or general public, Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1166 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1165 – ORDINANCE CREATION STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS 2022-1 & 2022-2- GRANDVIEW ADDITION. Councilman Soden introduced Ordinance No. 2022-1166, entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1165 CREATING STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2022-1 AND STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2022-2 IN THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN SAID DISTRICTS, AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, and moved that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Gobar seconded said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, 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 2022-1166 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2022-1166 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Jay second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2022-1166 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. 2022-5 – RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR HEARING-GRANDVIEW ADDITION. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2022-5 to set a date for public hearing on the creation of street improvement districts 2022-1 and 2022-2 for the Grandview Addition on April 18, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – TREE BOARD – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION LETTER FROM LARRY BOCKELMAN AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT FOR JAN DONNER. Mayor Dixon stated that they are working on getting the tree board up and functioning again with all the hits we have taken the past couple of years with the flood and wind damage. Mayor Dixon thanked Larry Bockelman for his service on the tree board for the City of Wisner. Jan Donner has accepted to fill in for Mr. Bockelman for the rest of his term. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve Mr. Bockelman's resignation from the tree board and to approve the appointment of Jan Donner to the tree board. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GRANDVIEW ADDITION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING FOR SEWER & WATER BIDS. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the advertising of sewer and water bids for the Grandview Addition. Mr. Woldt stated that the bids will be received by April 21st. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER COMMUNITY ARTS & REC GRANT APPLICATION. This is an annual request from the Community Arts and Rec. Councilwoman Gobar noticed that this request is about \$12,000.00 short than previous years. Jason Schweers stated that when Covid-19 hit in 2020, there were no activities, and then in 2021, not all of the sports fully functioning, this is where they are at today. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to approve the Dinklage Grant from the Wisner Community Arts and Rec and to forward the application onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Jason Schweers gave the council an update regarding the scoreboards. Mr. Schweers stated that the boards have been ordered, and will take about twelve to fourteen weeks to get here. Mr. Schweers said that we have been chosen to host the Class C state tournament in 2022. Mr. Schweers said that some diamond pro will need to be ordered. He thought maybe two loads and that they would need some help from the city and the school.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to proclaim April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in the City of Wisner. Mayor Dixon signed the Official Proclamation and is a part of these minutes. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Chief Salmen asked the council to please bear with them. They are having the same computer issues as the county. Chief Salmen stated that they have their IT guys out of Albion working on the issues. Chief Salmen has permission from the county attorney's office to be writing paper citations until the computer issues are fixed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he doesn't have any building permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

A. Councilwoman Gobar commented on the Wisner Swimming Pool for season 2022. Councilwoman Gobar said that Gwen Donner will be the manager this year. She has been at the pool the last four years and has recruited fourteen kids to be lifeguards and feels she deserves the leadership role. She has some good ideas for the pool this year. Councilwoman Gobar stated that there are about five or six kids that are not involved in school activities so hopefully the pool will be open every day.

B. Mr. Woldt said that he talked to the state regarding our cross walk light. The whole light will have to be replaced. The box is way out dated, and to be up to code the lights will have to be replaced because the lights now are twelve inches and the standard is sixteen inches. The cost is around \$21,000.00. Another option would be to install yellow strobe lights at a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00. There is a button the pedestrian pushes to set off the strobe lights. Mayor Dixon thinks we should have both options in place. Mr. Woldt stated he would check with the state to see if that is an option. The state is concerned that the second option (the strobe lights) would be set back to far off the highway and won't be seen by the cars. For right now the light will continue to blink yellow and Mr. Woldt will do some checking with the state.

C. Councilman Barry asked Mr. Woldt if he has been in contact with the dirt movers up at the Grandview Addition. Councilman Barry has notice that some of the equipment is being moved out. Councilman Barry was just wondering if Mr. Woldt has heard when they will be starting up again moving dirt and when the water tower people will be starting up again. Mr. Woldt stated that there is still some frost in the ground.

D. Mayor Dixon welcomed the Wisner-Pilger student that is in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mayor Dixon had her introduce herself to everyone.

E. Kris Brahmer asked if the coolers in the Auditorium back by the bar could get some attention. They are very hard to open and close. She doesn't know if they are off track or just needs to be greased. It was a work out during Pheasants Forever trying to open and close the coolers. Mr. Woldt said they would look at them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:27 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on April 4, 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