

MINUTES-May 16, 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, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of May 11, 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. Mayor Dixon also announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Terry Soden, Barry Meyer, Jay Meyer, and Mayor Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent and Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD APRIL 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND WISNER FIRE & RESCUE DEPT. – APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO FIRE – ERIC IRELAND. 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 – GRANDVIEW ADDITION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AWARDING OF BIDS FOR PAVING AND UTILITIES FOR PHASE I. Olsson has submitted a letter for a recommendation for Penro Construction in the amount of \$1,423,268.60. The bid came under what the engineer has estimated. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the recommendation from Olsson for Penro Construction in the amount of \$1,423,268.60 for Phase I for paving and utilities. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1168 – PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE TRAILS SYSTEM. Councilman Soden introduced Ordinance No. 2022-1168, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA; PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON, AND ESTABLISHING OTHER REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF, THE DONALD E. NIELSEN LOOP AND LOUIS AND ABBY FAYE DINKLAGE TRAIL AND OTHER TRAILS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE

PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE., and move that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Jay second 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 2022-1168 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2022-1168 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Barry moved for final passage and Councilman Jay 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. 2022-1168 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 – WISNER RIVER PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERMISSION TO USE THE RIVER PARK FOR THE THUNDER BY THE RIVER TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL – AUGUST 19 & 20, 2022. Theresa Novak, Nikki Schmidt, and Scott Krusemark were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mayor Dixon asked if the tractor pull will be ran identical to the way it was last year. Mrs. Novak stated that it will. They will also be filing for a special designated license in the near future. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to approve the request from Thunder by the River Truck and Tractor Pull to use the River Park on August 19 & 20, 2022 for the truck and tractor pull. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – WISNER RIVER PARK – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BATHROOM PARTITIONS. Mr. Woldt received a proposal from Otte Construction because the partitions in the old concession stand are the originals and pretty beat up. Mr. Woldt stated that he would like to do the River Park concession stand this year and then do Central Park (auditorium) next year. The material for the new ones will be recycled plastic. Mayor Dixon recommends going with Mr. Woldt's proposal as submitted from Otte Construction to replace the old concession stand's bathroom partitions in the amount of \$9,452.00 this year and Central Park's next year. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve the proposal from Otte Construction to replace the bathroom partitions in the old concession stand in the amount of \$9,452.00 this year and Central Park's next year. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – SPLASH PAD – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A SPLASH PAD – DAVID BRANCH. Mr. Branch stated that Wisner Community Development had an under forty get together a few months back. They were trying to get input on what is going on and what should be going on in the community. One of the items that was brought up was a splash pad. Becky McGuire brought up the idea for the splash pad and she is at tonight's meeting to inform the mayor and council of their ideas. Mrs. McGuire and a few other ladies from the community have formed a committee to get ideas and also get the positive and negatives of a splash pad in Wisner. Mrs. McGuire went on to ask if the city would be open to putting the splash pad in Central Park (auditorium). The committee talked about different grants that would be available to build the splash pad and to also remodel the existing restrooms. Mrs. McGuire asked if the city would be open to raising the ground so the water that is used in the splash pad could be reused for watering ballfields, etc. The committee would build it so that it

would shut off during certain hours. Mayor Dixon asked if they thought about putting the splash pad south of the existing pool. The committee stated that they did receive negative feedback from that idea. The committee shared all of their ideas. They also stated about talking to JEO to see if they would help with the project. Mr. Branch stated that they are guessing a budget would be around \$350,000.00. Mr. Branch said that the only thing that they would ask from the city would be the maintenance after it is built. Councilwoman Gobar gave an update on the situation with the pool this season. Mayor Dixon said he encourages them to move forward and to work with the pool committee for the city. Gobar and Soden are the pool committee for this year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – CUMING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE – DAVID BRANCH. Mr. Branch stated that another item that came up in the under forty meeting was day care. Mr. Branch, Chad Boyer, Wisner-Pilger School Superintendent, and a few other community leaders are going to tour Boone Beginnings in Albion next week. Mr. Branch said it is a \$3.4 million building that can have up to eighty kids. Nebraska Community for Kids is helping them go in the right direction. Mr. Branch stated a few projects in the county and has talked about going to percentages for the communities to pay for economic development. The percentages for each community are as follows: Cuming County-60%, West Point-15%, Wisner-10%, and Bancroft and Beemer-7.5%. Cuming County Economic Development themselves would provide \$7,000.00 and the Visitors Bureau would contribute \$4,800.00. This will just cover benefits, salaries, and a few office supplies. Mayor Dixon stated that no action can be taken tonight but the work that is being done is a benefit for the community. Discussion was held with other ideas for day care in connection with the school property. Mr. Branch said that the Boone Beginnings sets their rates higher than the local day cares so that no business is taken away from them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – 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. 9 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one at this time at 708 11 St. to replace screened in porch to the back of the house.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

A. Mr. Woldt announced that he has some signs to show for the trails system from Loves Signs. It has the rules of the trails. Mr. Woldt also gave an update on the cross walk light. The state suggested to put pedestals closer to the street so people can find the cross walk button easier. The state estimate to repair the light is over \$30,000.00. Mr. Woldt feels that he can get it done cheaper with an outfit out of Iowa. The state does not care who repairs the light just as long as the pedestals are closer to the street. Midwest Bank has a few questions for the council regarding their new building they would like to build next to the post office. They would like to start in July or August of 2022. They asked about the pavers that need to be added where a driveway is. Mr. Woldt said that the city has extra pavers. They would like to do a cost sharing for some of the alley. Mr. Woldt stated the approach to the alley is really the only part that needs to be replaced. Mr. Woldt said that they would move the pole that is at the entrance and widen the entrance to the alley. Mr. Woldt would have to purchase a new transformer for the new building. The bank also asked if the city could move the light pole that is out in front. Mr. Woldt said moving poles and splicing wires would be asking for a lot of problems along with other issues. Mr. Woldt said that the city would relocate the power lines on

the north side of the building. Mayor Dixon would like to talk to the bank regarding the alley sharing.

B. Councilman Soden stated that West Point got speed signs that are lighted and they are in their thirty zone and that we were always told we could not. Mr. Woldt said he has checked into and has not received word back. Mr. Soden was told that West Point filled out an application and sent it to the state and was approved for them. Mayor Dixon said we should look into that and being able to move the twenty-five speed sign another block east.

C. Councilman Barry asked about the progress on the water tower. Mr. Woldt said that they should be here in a couple of weeks and that they are working close by. The piping for the tower is being worked on by the city attorney.

D. Scott Krusemark said that he has talked to Mr. Woldt about putting a propane tank at the house where his daughter lives in the Crown Project housing. Mr. Woldt said that he needs to talk to the housing development if that is something they can do. Mr. Woldt also stated that getting gas to the house would not be difficult to do. Mr. Krusemark is just giving us a heads up and something to think about and would like to be put on the next agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:41 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on June 6, 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