

MINUTES-November 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, November 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of November 17, 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 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, Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer, and Jonathan Brandow, Wisner Care Center Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD OCTOBER 2022 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 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEGOTIATING PERMANENT EASEMENT WITH WISNER-PILGER SCHOOL DISTRICT #30 FOR LOCATION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT ON PARCEL NOS. 0080820.00/0080845.00. Councilman Barry stated that he initiated this by talking to Mr. Chad Boyer and the school board. The well that is there by the football field is all on flat ground and easy to get to. We have a permanent easement with them for the well and they would consider making it bigger to accommodate a treatment plant. Councilman Barry went on to say that we would pave what we would to get a semitruck in there to drop off the salt that would be needed for the treatment plant and the school maybe interested in paving the rest. Councilman Barry said if we can get a permanent easement with them next to little money or no money outside of what we would have to spend to build the plant it would be a great. Having the semitruck driving up Eighteenth Street and turning at the crest of the hill and having to purchase two lots from WCD, it just didn't make sense to Councilman Barry. Councilman Barry thinks that this is a very workable deal and makes a motion to enter into an agreement with Wisner-Pilger School for a permanent easement if it can be negotiated to the terms we like. Mayor Dixon asked for a second and Jay seconded said motion. Mr. Woldt made sure that it was just to negotiate with the Wisner-Pilger School Board. Mr. Woldt stated that there could be a lot of things that don't work out. Mr. Woldt

stated that the depth of the well is only forty-two feet and the state doesn't like any well that is less than fifty feet otherwise you have to test it for ground water or surface water messing with it. Mr. Woldt has a few other concerns about the placement of the treatment facility at this location. They are as follows: the well will need retesting if we use that one, what will the cost be to move the plant, Roger from JEO was going to be here tonight to discuss this with the council but came down with the flu. The plans were initiated for the new well site at the top of Eighteenth Street. Mr. Woldt's other concerns were, if we go over \$3.7 million, which is what we talked to SRF about, they may not cover the overage on the plant. Councilman Barry stated that it would probably be cheaper down there instead of buying three lots from WCD. Mayor Dixon stated that if WCD will sell the other three lots, it may have to go through eminent domain because they built that area up there for housing and business development, they don't want to see three lots filled up with a treatment plant. Mr. Woldt said that the lots are selling for \$10,000.00 right now but could change. A motion and second was made to enter into negotiations with Wisner-Pilger School District for a permanent easement for a water treatment plant. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: Soden. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WISNER. Stephanie James stated that there are other towns that have passed this resolution. Since payroll is before council meeting to approve claims, this would give us a policy to go by. Councilman Barry feels that since there are two signatures on the checks it will be fine. Councilwoman Gobar stated that they never see payroll. Stephanie James stated that the taxes are approved every month at a council meeting. The League of Nebraska came up with the resolution. Mayor Dixon wants this resolution to be seen by the city attorney first. Mayor Dixon recommends to table this agenda item until next council meeting. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry to table Resolution No. 2022-15. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – 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. 5 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he had no permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mr. Woldt said that on the Nebraska Loess Hills newsletter that Larry Bockelman retired from their board and that would ask the city if we want to appoint someone to their board. We can think about and see if someone would be interested to serve on their board. Mayor Dixon asked if there were any updates on the water tower. They are working on getting bacterial samples completed. A sample was completed today. There was a complaint with the water runoff. If this sample passes, another sample will be taken tomorrow. If the second sample passes that is twenty-four hours apart it will be considered a clean sample to get that main passed. Councilwoman Gobar asked if they have to run water for so long? Mr. Woldt said yes it has to be flushed out. The end of this month it is supposed to be complete.
- B. Councilman Barry thanked Mayor Dixon for being our mayor for the last four years.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:18 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on December 5, 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