

Minutes – May 1, 2023

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 1, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of April 27, 2023, a copy of the 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. The mayor 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 Soden called the meeting to order and announced the location of the posted Open Meetings Act, pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Mayor Soden also announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Barry Meyer, Jay Meyer, LJ Parker, & Mayor Terry Soden. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer, Doug Salmen, Wisner Police Chief, and Tiffany McLean, Police Officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING & CARE CENTER, CITY, AND CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLES FOR APRIL 2023. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Care Center payable total - \$122,817.42, and net payroll total for April - \$158,852.22, City payable total - \$278,139.57, and net payroll total for April - \$59,010.99, and City/Rural Fire Board payable total - \$5,065.16, be approved and allowed; and those warrants be drawn for their payment; and the City Clerk/ Treasurer publish said claims according to law; and an itemized account be kept on file in the office of the Wisner Care Center and Wisner City Office for public inspection. A copy of the signed acknowledgement of receipt and approval of each is attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – COMMUNITY FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – PRESENTATION OF A CHECK. Mark Burenheide, Board Member from the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District, stated that he would like to congratulate the City of Wisner for the 2022 planning project. Mr. Burenheide presented a \$5,000.00 check to the city. This check will help pay for forty trees that were planted throughout the town.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – GRANDVIEW ADDITION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FROM WCD, CONVEYING OUTLOTS A AND B.

Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to accept the deed conveying Outlots A and B to the City of Wisner in the Grandview Addition. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1176 – TO ESTABLISH HOURLY WAGE SCALE FOR CITY POOL EMPLOYEES. Councilman Barry introduced Ordinance No. 2023-1176, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY PAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL; PROVISION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ATTAINING WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION; PROVISION FOR ATTAINING POOL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION; REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE, moved by Councilman Barry that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, 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 2023-1176 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2023-1176 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Barry moved for final passage and Councilwoman Gobar second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2023-1176 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 – ELECTRIC – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT ON RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. Randy Woldt stated that Western Area Power wants to start giving out renewable energy certificates for the hydro power that we get off of the damns. WAPA would like to bank it with MEAN, who we buy our supplemental power from and then MEAN will give us an annual reporting of what we have banked. Mr. Woldt went on to explain that in Nebraska, the REC's are now worth a lot but looks good for the City of Wisner by showing we are using renewable energy. Mr. Woldt said that the city should be receiving about 11,000 credits a year. Moved by Barry and seconded by Parker to accept the agreement between WAPA and MEAN to bank the renewable energy certificates for hydro power. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – UTILITY BILLING – REPORT ON RECEIVABLES. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, stated that as of tonight's meeting, the past due amount is at \$7,063.38.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REVIEW BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permit at this time. It is at 328 10 St. to fix the roof.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mr. Woldt said that this week the water tower will be overfilled to get enough chlorine out be able to pull samples out that are chlorine free. We will then see what they come back with. If they come back clean the tower should then be able to go into service. Work will then be able to move forward with the rest of the project.
- B. Wade Eisenhauer, Wisner Volunteer Fire Chief stated that there was an incident down in the park with someone burning behind the dog park right along the river. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that he feels that signs should go up stating no unauthorized vehicles beyond this point. They are driving over the walking trail or driving up over the sewer plant dike. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that we are going to continue to stay in a burn ban until the three chiefs feel it is safe to burn. Mr. Eisenhauer said that the burn pits at the park should be fixed. He does not want to take the recreational burning away yet. Mr. Eisenhauer suggested to raise the pits up another tier and have a better mesh to cover the fires better. Mr. Eisenhauer would like signage at the entrance of the park stating that camp fires need to be put out before going to bed at night. Getting the burn pits up to date would help a lot and only burning in permitted areas. Mr. Woldt is not sure where to find bigger diameter burn rings. Mr. Woldt will check to see if someone could make some.
- C. Chad Boyer, W-P School Superintendent would like to share some information from Wisner-Pilger Community for Kids, which is a new group that is working to address the shortage of child care providers and early child opportunities in our community. Mr. Boyer stated that they applied for a grant and was awarded \$30,000.00 to help in this endeavor. Mr. Boyer stated that he does work for the school and the school is a part of this but this is a community initiative. This grant is not a school grant, it is a community grant. Mr. Boyer handed out an invitation to a gallery walk. This is an opportunity for our child care providers to come together for a night and to show our appreciation. Having the child care providers together will also help gather some input from them as well. Mr. Boyer said that they are not trying to step on anyone's toes but want to work together because of the shortage of child care and what can be done for a solution.
- D. Mayor Soden had the students introduce themselves and thanked them for coming.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM. At 7:21 PM it was moved by Barry and seconded by Jay that the City Council adjourns to May 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM in regular session, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer

MAY 2023

Accounts Payable

WISNER CARE CENTER

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC - FILE FOLDERS, LAMINATING SHEETS, CLOROX CONCENTRATED BLEACH, SHAVER & JET DRY 2175.31, AMERITEX SERVICES - SUPPLIES 226.07, AMGL - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 140.00, APOTHECARY SHOP - PHARMACY CONSULTING 290.00, ARVID'S FOODTOWN - FOOD PURCHASES 331.86, CITIZENS INSURANCE GROUP - INSURANCE-PROPERTY & AUTO 9541.09, CITY OF WISNER-UTILITIES - UTILITIES 6732.86, CULLIGAN OF NORFOLK - WATER 97.50, CUMING COUNTY FAIR - VENDOR BOOTH 175.00, DAYSTAR PUBLISHING - ADVERTISING & PROMOTION 150.00, DIRECT SUPPLY - SUPPLIES 179.92, DJ MOTOR COMPANY - SERVICE VAN 1041.86, RHETT ECKMANN, MD - MEDICAL DIRECTOR 500.00, EGAN SUPPLY CO. - ICE MACHINE RENTAL, DISHWASHER RENTAL & SUPPLIES 760.91, EZ WAY INC. - MEDICARE SUPPLIES 29577.50, FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES - SKILLED MEDICARE EXPENSE/OTHER 210.57, FLOOR MAINTENANCE & PAPER SUPPLY CO - SUPPLIES 3618.05, GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP. - COPIER EXPENSE 496.00, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE SERVICE 835.36, GROOVE FINANCIAL SERVICES - CABLE TV SERVICE 732.22, HD SUPPLY - EQUIPMENT 43.37, HEALTH CARE INFO SYSTEMS-HCIS - MEDICAID BILLING 288.50, HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION - ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION 7.69, DOUGLAS HELLER - REFUND FOR L HELLER 4301.27, HHS SOLUTIONS - ERC CONSULTING 5000.00, HORWATH LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT - REPAIRS ON WASHER 466.00, JOHNNY'S PEST CONTROL - EXTERMINATOR 105.00, KRIER TECHNOLOGIES INC - REMOTE SUPPORT 287.75, KUSO-FM US 92 - ADVERTISING & PROMOTION 399.00, LIFECARE ASSOCIATES - APOLLO AP700 GOLD PAGER 930.05, LINCARE - CONCENTRATOR, REFILLS, & NEBULIZER 643.50, MAHASKA - COFFEE, JUICE, & TEA 516.00, WILLIAM MAY - SNOW REMOVAL 40.00, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL - NURSING SUPPLIES 1086.81, MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC. - SUPPLIES 5300.33, MENARDS-VISA-CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL - SUPPLIES 189.26, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES - SERVICE CALL TRAVEL/LABOR 1170.00, MIDWEST DIESEL - VAN REPAIRS 83.99, MSM - ADVERTISING 735.00, NEBRASKA NURSING FACILITY ASSOC. - CONVENTION 554.00, NORFOLK AREA SHOPPER - ADVERTISING 75.05, NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER INC - MAINTENANCE ON VAN 64.00, SAMMYE NYMAN - SOCIAL SERVICES TRAINING-ASHLEY KOCH 625.00, ONE OFFICE SOLUTION - PAPER/CHECKS 321.90, PENNER PATIENT CARE, INC - REPAIRS 1404.58, PINNACLE BANK-VISA ADMIN - REPAIRS, PRINTING & POSTAGE, TELEPHONE, DUES, COMPUTER, SUPPLIES, NURSING SUPPLIES 1578.51, PRIORITY INC - STAFFING AGENCY 1496.41, PROVIDENCE ENGRAVING LLC - EMPLOYEE NAME TAGS 148.35, SCHMIDT SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICE - MEDICARE PHYSICAL THERAPY 13473.10, SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES - DOCUMENT SHREDDING 35.00, TARA M SMITH - DIETITIAN SERVICES 976.07, ST FRANCIS MEMORIAL - RESIDENT CARE 120.85, STAN ORTMEIER & CO - REPAIRS 124.00, STANTON HEALTH CENTER - PROMOTIONS & RECRUITMENT 228.61, STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE - STATE INSPECTION 72.00, STUREK MEDIA - ADVERTISING 452.40, SYSCO LINCOLN - FOOD PURCHASES 10842.07, TIM'S SINCLAIR - FUEL 785.67, TMS-TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - TIME CLOCK 213.30, TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - LEGAL/ACCOUNTING FEES 93.13, TRI-STATE NURSING ENTERPRISES, INC. - STAFFING AGENCY 2535.37, WAYNE HERALD/MORNING SHOPPER - ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS 167.00, WCC-ARTS & CRAFTS FUND - ACTIVITIES SUPPLIES 259.51, WCC-PETTY CASH - OFFICE SUPPLIES 88.56, WEST POINT NEWS, INC. - ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS 1137.85, WISNER APOTHECARY - MEDICATIONS 5517.09, WISNER WEST - VAN EXPENSES 22.44, Total - \$122,817.42

CITY OF WISNER

AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GROUP - BLADE 85.80, APPEARA - MOPS 982.73, APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES - REMOTE SUPPORT 315.00, ARVID'S FOODTOWN - BOTTLED WATER-HIGH NITRATES 946.18, BEST WAY, INC. - TRASH BAGS 130.19, BOZ-WELD - REPAIRS AT THE DUMP 321.03, CRYSTAL BRAUN - CLEANING SERVICES 480.00, CENTRAL VALLEY AG - FUEL 606.17, JUSTIN CHRISTIANSEN - Deposit refund for 704 16 ST (Customer# 11944) 400.00, COLONIAL CHEMICAL CORP - PAINT & EXTERMINATOR 2864.80, COMPLETE MERCHANT SOLUTIONS - CREDIT CARD CHARGES & FEES 713.66, COUNTRY WELDING & REPAIR - ANGLE IRON 30.28, DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT - POWER TESTER 200.00, DEMCO - LIBRARY SUPPLIES 238.22, DEPT OF ENERGY - WAPA - BUREAU POWER 20475.36, DOHREN TRUCK REPAIR - DIAPHRAGM, CLEVIS PIN KIT, SPRING, ROD, & CAP 303.30, DOUBLEDAY LARGE PRINT - BOOKS 96.99, DUTTON-LAINSON CO - METERS, FUSES, CONDUIT STANDS, STRAP KIT, SCREWS, BRACKET, ELBOW, & CONNECTORS 2636.31, ELECTRIC LIGHT FUND - UTILITIES 7890.76, EXPENSE SUNDRIES - MISC EXPENSE 261.46, FARMER'S PRIDE - GREASE & OIL 1941.25, GERHOLD CONCRETE - CONCRETE 447.83, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE SERVICE 987.73, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS. - COPIER EXPENSE 188.15, H T M - PARTLOW CIRCULAR CHARTS & RED PEN 135.00, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLE - DUES 210.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC - WASTEWATER TESTING 6086.25, JOHNSON & MOCK PC LLO - LEGAL SERVICES 1780.50, L. P. GILL, INC. - UNLOADING 2282.80, LITERARY GUILD - BOOKS 57.98, MCI - 800-SERVICE 45.30, MEL'S SMALL ENGINE - BLADES 61.05, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC - TESTING 506.20, MIDWEST TURF & IRRIGATION - BEARINGS, SEALS, ROLLER SCALP, CONES, SPACERS, GREASE, & SPACER CASTERS 161.76, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA - FIRM POWER MARCH 2023 56425.71, MUTUAL OF OMAHA - EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE 91.08, NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY - BLADES & CUT-OFF WHEEL 499.00, NATIONAL PUBLIC GAS AGENCY - COMMODITY CHARGE-MARCH 2023 40767.95, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REV. SALES TAX - SALES TAX EXPENSE 12745.57, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL - UTILITY TRAINING SERVICE 1500.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - TESTING 62.00, NEON LINK - CREDIT CARD CHARGES & FEES 94.40, NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEV DIST - FY 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES 1635.48, OLSSON - WISNER WATER TOWER & MAINS 10822.56, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - DIGGERS HOTLINE/LOCATE REQUESTS 33.11, ONE OFFICE SOLUTION - PAPER 397.38, PENRO CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. - GRANDVIEW PROJECT - UTILITIES & PAVING #7 & #8 36703.14, PINNACLE BANK-VISA CREDIT CARD - DRUG TESTING 823.14, PRECISION IT - AGREEMENT 60.00, RADAR ROAD TEC - RADAR CERTIFICATION 70.00, RJ 24-7 LLC - UNLOADING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 2375.00, BRENDAN RUSKAMP - REPAIRS ON WHEEL SEAL 623.61, SOUTHPOINT - PICTURE KIOSK PRINT SUPPLIES 577.95, TIM'S SINCLAIR, LLC - FUEL 405.09, TWD LOCK, SAFE & KEY - NEW LOCKS & KEYS 320.00, U C I TESTING - DRUG TESTING ANNUAL FEE 180.00, UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY - CLAMPS 621.56, VERIZON WIRELESS - POLICE CELL PHONE 291.67, WILKS PUBLICATIONS INC - BOOKS 88.00, WINSUPPLY NORFOLK NE CO. - BASIN, COUPLING, BUSHING, & MALE ADAPT 96.69, WISNER AUTO VALUE - FUEL ELEMENT, SPIN-ON, & AIR ELEMENT 223.37, WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DINKLAGE GRANT-GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES 3038.52, WISNER NEWS CHRONICLE - PUBLICATION EXPENSE 912.75, WISNER PLUMBING & HEATING - PARK BATHROOM REPAIRS 231.91, WISNER SENIOR CENTER - MONTHLY EXPENSE 685.15, WISNER WEST - FUEL 1613.59, RANDY G WOLDT - OFFICE FURNITURE 4712.74, Total - \$234,598.16, APRIL PAYROLL - 42541.41, POSTALIA - POSTAGE, GRAND TOTAL - \$278,139.57

CITY OF WISNER AND WISNER RURAL FIRE BOARD

CITY OF WISNER - UTILITIES 845.32, CITY OF WISNER-AMB PAYROLL & TAXES - AMBULANCE PAYROLL/TAXES 60.26, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE & INTERNET SERVICE 201.29, MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC. - OXYGEN 218.35, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL - GLOVES 84.42, NNVFA - DUES 50.00, ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS - BILLING SERVICES 672.75, PETERSON BODY & PAINT, INC. - ONE PIECE WINDSHIELD 295.63, SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY - FLOW TESTING 1246.50, STAN ORTMEIER & CO. - REPAIRS ON COOLER 169.49, TIM'S SINCLAIR - FUEL-AMBULANCE 109.95, VERIZON WIRELESS - AMBULANCE TABLET SERVICE 30.08, WEST POINT AUTO & TRUCK CENTER, INC. - V-BELT & SERP BELT 86.42, WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FIRE SCHOOL 475.00, WISNER AUTO VALUE - MINIATURE LAMP 6.84, WISNER WEST - FUEL-AMBULANCE 512.86, Total - \$5,065.16