

MINUTES-November 20, 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, November 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of November 16, 2023, 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 Soden 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 Meeting 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, and Mayor Soden. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer, and Sammye Nyman, Wisner Care Center Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER SENIOR CENTER’S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the Dinklage Grant application as submitted by the Wisner Senior Center and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER HERITAGE MUSEUM’S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Barry and seconded by Parker to approve the Dinklage Grant application as submitted by the Wisner Heritage Museum and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD #2074 GENERATOR BOND AND #2075 GENERAL SINKING. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve Citizens State Bank for six months at a rate of 5.35%. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1181 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ALLOWING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CARIOUS PURPOSE, BONDS, SERIES 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200,000.00. Brad Slaughter with First National Capital Markets was present at tonight's meeting to discuss with council the current rates and the anticipated dollar amount of the bonds. Mr. Slaughter was told by Olsson that we are looking at being at the \$3,000,000.00 dollar mark for expenditures at the Grandview Addition project. Mr. Slaughter handed out some hand outs regarding the bond issuance. The first page is what the bond payments would kind of look like for \$3,000,000.00 at today's current interest rates. Mr. Slaughter stated that being delayed five or six weeks has helped the city, six months ago the interest rate was right at 6%. They have since come down towards 4.50%. With action on the ordinance tonight, gives First National Capital Markets the ability to put the financial documents together. Then rates will be locked in later next week. Page two of the handout is the breakdown of the pricing summary, and the third page is the sources and uses. First Nation Capital Markets will wire the city the \$3,000,000.00 and that will be used to pay off the \$3,000,000.00 loan the city has that is due December 15, 2023 that funded the Grandview Addition project. The first payment on the bonds will not be due until December 15, 2024. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintended asked, after five years of having the bonds, are we able to refinance the bonds if the interest rates are lower at that time. Mr. Slaughter stated that these bonds do have a five year call on them and that First National will monitor and run analysis on the bonds to watch the interest rates. There was some discussion on the street light poles for the Grandview Addition. Mr. Slaughter had no further information and the council had no further questions.

Mayor Soden stated that item was added to the agenda as an emergency item. This ordinance needs to be passed so that a General Obligation Various Purpose bond can be issued for the Grandview Addition project before December 15, 2023.

Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2023-1181, entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,200,000) TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING PAVING, WATER, SEWER, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND A SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, moved by Councilman Barry that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Jay second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, 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 2023-1181 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2023-1181 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved

for final passage and Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2023-1181 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. 6 – 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. 7 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

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

- A. Mr. Woldt stated that on November 27, 28, and 29th, Sixth Road south of Wisner will be closed until they get a one-way road built over Kanes Lake to repair the culvert and road that was damaged during the 2019 flood. The removal of the old water tower base has been started today. With any luck the water tower project could be completed by the end of the year.
- B. Councilman Jay asked where the water treatment plant is going. Mr. Woldt stated that the engineers are looking at a different site to see if that site will work. The site is right north of well 67-1 between Sixteenth and Seventeenth Street on Avenue H.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:18 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer