

City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock PM in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by posting a copy of the notice in three public places in the city, as evidenced by Attachment A hereto, said form of notice being the designated method for giving notice. The Mayor and City Council received advance notice of the meeting. A copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Lindberg convened the meeting and Clerk Lora Johnson recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg presented Police Officer Baete with a Lifesaving Award for his action on two different events that resulted in saving two lives.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Christopher Vigil as a Part-Time Police Officer with an effective date of January 17, 2023. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to appoint all Council Members to all Council Committee's: Public Safety, Cultural Recreation and Public Works. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: Kasik. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg announced with the snow coming please be mindful where you park and please put your vehicles in your driveway if you can.

Attorney Seckman said we will have three ordinances coming in future meetings. The first is a preventing possession of tobacco or vaping. The second is a 2022 legislation changes and updates of seven current ordinances. The last is the sale of Real Estate on Block 3 of Water Tower Second Addition Subdivision.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the Street Department is ready for the snow coming in. They will pretreat the roads with salt before the snow starts. Then will treat again after the snow is cleared. He participated in the Plan in Hand meeting for the Asphalt Overlay project. They are unsure if they want to add private sidewalks and driveways to the project. They will have the plans ready to go out to bid on the next council meeting. Also, there is the Police Station contract tonight for approval and it does not contain liquidated damages. Council member Kasik asked if there is anything left to do at the temporary Police Station. DeRoos stated there are a few quality of life improvements that need to be done, they are working on with the owner of the building.

Emergency Manager Evert stated we are going to get lots of snow so stay home.

Utility Superintendent Hajek reported they have another possible lot sold for construction of a house.

Police Chief Farber stated they have been doing some training with the schools and one meeting is dealing with SRO's. He visited with the County Attorney and the Attorney General will be coming to town and he asked for Farber to meet with him. They are prepared for the storm.

Economic Development Coordinator Ringenberg announced that on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 pm at the Eagles they will be having a retirement reception for Cheryl Brandenburg.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported the Task Force for the Housing Study will be meeting with RDG Planning and Design to go over findings from the study. In the near future RDG will be presenting the study to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the January 3, 2023 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from December 31, 2022 through January 13, 2023, in the amount of \$132,055.20 and the following exceeding \$1,000: NE Dept. of Economic

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Development, Housing Fund Returned, HO 505-07, \$32,329.85; Midwest Salt Supply, Road Salt, Streets, \$2,250.27; Corral Auto Repair, Repairs, Police, \$1,336.23; John Deere Financial, Service & Repairs, Golf Course, \$2,797.48; Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimburse, \$61,266.60; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Streets/Police, \$2,256.33; Center Point Large Print, Standing Order, Library, \$1,650.00; Bockmann Inc., Asbestos Abatement, Police-Special Projects, \$18,670.00; E.T.'s Lawn Liesure, 2023 Polaris Ranger, Streets-Special Projects, \$19,924.20; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, LB840/Admin/Ballroom/Police, \$1,888.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin, \$6,180.00; Visa-Pinnacle Bank, Training/Fire Alarms, Police/Admin/Ballroom, \$1,394.28; Pinnacle Bank, TIF, Admin, \$24,716.96. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Kasik asked what the lab fees were for. Clerk Johnson stated it is a blood test for DUI for the Police. Attorney Seckman asked about the money being returned to DED. Clerk Johnson stated it was leftover money for the housing loan program that use to be available through the city. That program has been discontinued for some time. We were allowed to use some funds for improvements at North Park. There is still one outstanding loan that the City is receiving payments on at this time. Attorney Seckman asked if the TIF amount was for both properties. Clerk Johnson explained it was just for the Hotel. When they pay there property tax and she receives notification from the County she then requests that money and then it is paid to Pinnacle Bank for the Hotel and Love's is paid back to them. He also asked if the Hotel would be paid off sooner. Johnson stated last she spoke to TIF Attorney Bacon he did not think it would be paid off in 15 years. Chief Farber clarified that the lab fees were for injury accidents where they are unable to do a breath test. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the December 2022 Treasurer's Report. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a public hearing to hear comments on an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$144,459.38 in CDBG Corona Virus Funds of which \$131,327.38 will be utilized to support the Colfax County Senior Center with upgrades and \$13,132.00 will be for administration of the grant.

Kirk Brown with NENEDD was present and reported that a preapplication has been done and approved. They are now preparing the full application for the grant for the Senior Center. This grant will work similar to the grant that was applied for and administered by the City for the Food Pantry. If this is approved and awarded the money will pass through the City since they are the ones applying and receiving the grant. Council member Kretz asked what it takes for the administration of this grant. Brown replied it is for all the work that has to be done to prepare the documents.

Council member Holmberg moved to close the public hearing. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved the resolution to approve authorization of the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG Corona Virus Funds. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve and authorize Mayor to sign the agreement with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion of the Library's Collection Development and Request for Reconsideration Policies.

Library Director White presented to the council the Library's Collection Development Policy, the Request for Reconsideration Policy and the Library Bill of Rights. In the guidelines it states: neither will serious works which present an honest aspect of life be excluded because of coarse language or frankness. It goes on to say the major goal in material selection is the advancement of knowledge, the education and enlightenment of the community, and the provision of recreational reading. She then reviewed the three steps for a request for reconsideration. The first being a verbal complaint to Library staff. Next, is a written complaint where they fill out a reconsideration form. The staff will

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then review the request and respond. Last, if the patron does not agree they can request for the matter to be reviewed by the Library Board. She wanted the council to beware of the policy that is in place here in Schuyler.

Council member Rodriguez moved to adjourn. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Art Lindberg

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City Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)  
COUNTY OF COLFAX) SS  
CITY OF SCHUYLER)

I, Lora Johnson, City Clerk for the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the City Council of Schuyler, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted, were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next council meeting.

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City Clerk Lora Johnson