

City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on January 3, 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.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the police station asbestos abatement has been completed. They are in current conversation with Rogge Construction on liquidated damages in the construction contract for the police station remodel project. He will be meeting with Cargill representatives to discuss expansion of the bus services. At the next council meeting they will be bringing a new vape and tobacco ordinance.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that there have not been any dead geese in the last five days. She feels it is the city's choice if they would like to put signs up at the park about either not feeding the geese or the avian bird flu. The Game and Parks recommendation was to discourage the feeding of wildlife. It has been put on the City Facebook page as well. Street and Parks Manager stated they have had 23 total dead geese. Evert contacted Colfax County Emergency Manager and asked he notify the surrounding producers in the county. She will let the surrounding county Emergency Managers know about the positive case here in Schuyler to notify their producers.

Utility Superintendent Hajek reported that on December 22<sup>nd</sup> they had problems with a breaker tripping causing outages. They had a relay go bad in the north substation. They had a to get a contractor in to completely rewire a different housing unit.

Police Chief Farber reported over the New Year weekend everything went smooth. They did investigate six accidents, none with serious injury. This last year of 2022 they had 457 code investigations compared to 2021 where they had 295 code investigations. He feels the improvement is having Sergeant Andel's leadership, citizen cooperation, and the property maintenance code as well.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported he visited with the Fire Marshal about the front doors to the building. He plans to go with a single door instead of two doors. The door would be 42" and a 24" side light that can be opened up. They have received a bid from M&O Door for \$29,500. He has contacted four companies and has only received the one bid from M&O Door.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the December 20, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Holmberg 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 17, 2022 through December 30, 2022, in the amount of \$349,457.46 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Electronic Engineering, Radio Equipment Move, Police, \$4,382.33; Baker & Taylor, Books, Library, \$1,097.51; RDG, Housing Study, LB840, \$5,266.39; NMPP, Software Maintenance, Admin, \$3,893.00; Great Plains Uniforms, Uniforms-Vest, Police, \$1,206.28; JEO, Asphalt Overlay, Mapping, Streets, \$5,325.50. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the VFW and Legion for the Colfax County Veterans Memorial. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Attorney Seckman stated that this is a preliminary Memorandum of Understanding. At the end of the document it states that the parties agree and understand that the project of the Colfax County Veterans Memorial is currently a concept and the contents of this MOU may need to change therefore this MOU is subject to amendment so long as all parties hereto agree to such amendment in writing as needed. Final location, final project drawings and final estimated cost of the project will need to be approved by the

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City Council before construction begins. They also have to raise 80% of the funds before they can start construction. The City will be responsible for insurance, utilities, care of the grounds and snow removal. The Legion and VFW will maintain the replacement of flags, cleaning of the area and repairs or replacement of any electrical infrastructure or lighting materials. Council member Kretz asked if this would affect the Ballroom on the Historical Register. Attorney Seckman stated they only checked with the NDOT on how far back from the highway it needed to be. He believes that the historical register is only on the building, but no one has checked for sure. Council member Kretz stated at this time there is a nice view of the Ballroom from the highway, he questioned if this will obstruct that. Attorney Seckman stated that there hasn't been any final plan on where to place it. Council member Holmberg stated he felt it would beautify the area and draw more to the area. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve all council members serve on all committees. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Kasik reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. She can attend all meetings as long as she has advanced notice. Everyone now is invited and free to come to all the committee meetings. She feels maybe there needs to be more detailed notes taken by the Committee Chair to report back to the council as a whole so everyone knows what is going on if they miss a meeting. Council member Holmberg stated there was one committee meeting where no members of the committee were present just the council that wasn't on the committee. Kasik feels this is less flexible for the council members. Administrator DeRoos stated the proposed change is to find what works best for the council. Attorney Seckman stated that there should be a chair person for each committee and to allow time for that chairperson to be more prepared for the committee meeting in advanced. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: Kasik. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve City Maintenance Agreement No. 79 with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the 2023 year. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this is the same agreement as 2022 and the same amount as the previous year. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve the Schuyler Chamber use of the Oak Ballroom parking lot on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM for a Touch A Truck event. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Baumert asked if this is something we should have the Ballroom open for? Chamber Director Jedlicka stated this event is taking the place of the bike rodeo event they had the previous year. She feels the Ballroom is the right location, due to shade, space and parking. Luis Lucar stated it will be the first-time children will have an opportunity to learn about different vehicles and occupations. They plan to have a wide variety of machinery. Director Jedlicka stated they are in the early planning stages and are looking to secure the location to begin with. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve contract with LightSpeed for a POS system for the Oak Ballroom in the amount of \$3,646.85. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated this system will be able to process credit cards and an inventory system. He believes it should be set up in the next 8 to 12 weeks. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

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COUNTY OF COLFAX) SS

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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