

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on October 15, 2024 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 Deputy Clerk Mejstrik recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lindberg asked if there were any communications or petitions and Rosa Ureno business owner at 1211 B Street addressed the council with concerns about her back door being blocked and stated the Fire Marshal stated it could not be blocked. Brent Bayer was present and he stated the Fire Marshal stated that could not be an emergency exit due to no access to the street from that exit. Council member Kasik asked for the Fire Marshals report. Administrator DeRoos stated he has been in contact with Fire Chief Sock and he contacted the Fire Marshal to come out and give a written report on if the door should be able to use or not. Ureno asked about the property in the back that she feels she owns a portion of. Attorney Graham stated that is a dispute between property owners and that does not involve the city.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Lora Johnson as Interim Administrator beginning October 21, 2024. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg wished Administrator DeRoos well and thanked him for his work.

Deputy Clerk Mejstrik reported that in the council packets is the annual treasurer's report. For all accounts the beginning balance was \$23,381,570.51, revenues \$27,164,043.90, expenditures \$28,775,509.10 with an ending balance of \$21,770,105.31. Also in their packets is the occupation taxes collected in fiscal year 23-24 in the amount of \$411,175.52.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that siren testing is done till next year in March. Tomorrow will be a red flag day and it will be on Facebook.

Utility Superintendent Sobota reported the Phase 3 solar field is now operational. The fifth addition paving will start the next week and will be done the 1st week in November. He will be working to finalize some numbers to figure out the lot prices. Well number 25 is on a delay.

Police Chief Farber reported that safety training at the school with staff was held. Attended the school board meeting and they had a good discussion about a school resource officer.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin reported they will be closing up and winterizing lines for winter. They continue to leaf vac. They will be replacing the boards on the foot bridge. He thanked everyone for his time here as he moves on to a different position at a different place.

Community Development Coordinator and Housing Specialist Bywater reviewed the fiscal year 2023-24 highlights with the council from the SCD. (Attachment B)

Council member Baumert moved to approve the October 1, 2024 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve payment of claims for the period from September 28, 2024 through October 11, 2024, in the amount of \$489,378.97 and the following exceeding \$1,000: City of Norfolk, SNARE Fees, Police, \$1,500.00; Butler County Health Care, ER, Police, \$1,036.70; Beatrice Country Club, Aerate, Golf Course, \$1,250.00; Visa, Misc., Admin/Ballroom/Police, \$1,875.20; Prochaska Tire, Tires, Streets/Police, \$1,769.44; Svehla Law, Legal

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Fees, Admin/LB840/Library, \$4,290.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin/CDBG, \$18,176.25; Kejeet, Inc., HotSpots, Library, \$2,054.13; Bader's Highway & Streets, Crack Sealing, Streets, \$24,984.00; Civic Plus, Subscription, Admin, \$4,408.00. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments pertaining to a Class C Liquor License Application filed by Eagles Frat Order 3568, 322 E 11th Street, Schuyler, NE.

Gail Fickle addressed the council and asked for them to recommend the approval of their liquor license at the Eagles club. They have been operating for 50 years.

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

Council member Baumert moved to recommend the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission approve a Class C Liquor License application filed by Eagles Frat Order 3568, 322 11th Street, Schuyler, NE. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve the Eagles Frat Order 3568 to place a handicap ramp on the City right of way in front of their business at 322 E 11th Street, Schuyler, NE. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Don Glodowski stated he was approached a handicap ramp. It is only allowed a 4 ½" rise slope to the west. Street Superintendent Parr agreed with the idea as long as there was enough room on the south side to bypass the ramp. Mayor Lindberg asked if the ramp could go both ways. Council member Svoboda stated they can't as that would not leave enough room for pedestrian on the sidewalk with a permanent flag there. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to donate \$500.00 in Keno funds to the Schuyler Elementary PTO for the purchase of books. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert introduced first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-17, the title being: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROVISIONS AS A NEW CHAPTER 156 OF TITLE XV: LAND USAGE OF THE SCHUYLER CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO ORDER PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated this is for Five Rule Rural Planning where a registry will be able to be created and fine if they don't comply. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to waive the three reading rule. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved for final passage. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-1015 A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, to appoint a vacant property program administrator, Five Rule Rural Planning. Council member Marron seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the transfer of \$173,371.26 from the General Fund to the City of Schuyler Leasing Corporations Account and to approve the lease payment due on the Revenue Bond Series 2023. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the Sky Haven Subdivision. Mayor Linberg stated there was some confusion on what would be happening on the land right away. The final plat and infrastructure plans have not been finalized. JEO has reviewed current infrastructure plans and has made comments of changes they see that are needed. Deputy Clerk Mejstrik stated it still needs to be zoned to R-3. Utility Superintendent stated they submitted items they questioned to JEO and he believes all of those changes were submitted to Kelby Herman's engineer for review.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the stop signs on 20th Street. Mayor Lindberg stated that some stop signs were placed on Banner and 20th and Chicago and 20th, the council has received some complaints about the stop signs so he thought more discussion was needed. Council member Baumert stated that some neighbors were happy because there is less traffic but he feels there only needs to be stop signs at one intersection not both. Council member Svoboda stated he had a couple people call stating the 20th and Chicago Street resident almost pulled out of their driveway and hit someone at the stop sign. He would like to see just the stop signs at 20th and Banner Street. Chief Farber clarified that residents coming out of their driveway need to use caution whenever backing out of their driveway. He does think the stop signs will help with speed as long as drivers stop. They decided to try removing stop signs on Chicago Street and see if they receive anymore comments from residents.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

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.

City Clerk Lora Johnson