

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023

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

Administrator DeRoos reported there are a couple bid invitations on the agenda. The Veterans Memorial location had trees removed and they are working on an MOU with the Veterans. The fiscal year ended at the end of September and capital improvements completed as well.

Clerk Johnson reported on the Occupation Tax for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. She also reported on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report for all accounts except for the Utilities that had not been reported to her yet.

Police Chief Farber reported that the two officers in training at the academy are half way through training.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported they are pouring concrete on the shooting range. He is working with Erin Trotter with Schuyler Community Schools and he will be having horticulture class and FFA to redo landscape around the ballroom sign and help maintain it. They are using millings from asphalt project for the roads around the school. He has been working on stocking the pond with fish in the spring. The replacement pickup has come in and anyone can come see it.

Library Director White invited everyone to the author event on October 26th at 6:30 PM author RJ Post will be present with his new book Phantoms in the Field House.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported for Economic Development Coordinator Ringenberg that she is working on two grants. One is a CDBG and an EPA Brownfield Application.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the October 3, 2023 council meetings minutes and dispense with its reading. 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 to approve payment of claims for the period from September 30, 2023 through October 13, 2023, in the amount of \$665,839.19 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Sunset Law Enforcement, Ammo, Police, \$2,639.00; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Street/Parks, \$1,323.46; Cengage Learning Inc., Standing Book Order, Library, \$3,825.00; SiteOne, Seed, Parks, \$1,579.31; PowerManager, Software, Admin, \$5,154.85; Bob Farber, Lodging, Police, \$1,051.78; A&J Guns, Ammo/Supplies, Police, \$1,352.83; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Admin/Streets/CDA/Police, \$1,771.00; Colfax County Food Pantry, Food, CDBG Grant, \$35,402.89; Egan Supply Co., Disk Scrubber, Ballroom, \$7,836.98; Electronic Engineering, 2-way radio, Police, \$3,843.80; JEO, Engineering, Police-Special Project/Streets/LB840; \$18,937.50. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to accept the September 2023 Treasurer's Report. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated that at the end of the fiscal year revenues ended up at 140% over the budgeted amount. The Street Department was the only department that was over budget at 107%. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a public hearing on an application to amend the zoning map to rezone property from "AG". Agricultural to "RR", Rural Residential, was filed by Robert Medrano and Anibal Vicente and Iracema Diaz. The property is that part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 3, East of the 6th P.M., in Colfax County, Nebraska described as follows: Beginning on the West line of

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said Section 22, at a point approximately 2882 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, thence running Easterly along a fence, approximately 825 feet, thence Southerly along a fence, approximately 141 feet, thence Southwesterly along a fence approximately 894 feet to the West line of said Section 22, thence North along the West line of said Section, approximately 472 feet to the place of beginning, containing 5.8 acres, more or less. The property is located south of Road C1 and east of Road 10.

Clerk Johnson stated the property was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The property owners are present. At the current time they both own the property together but they would like to separate it into two properties so they each can own their own property alone. As it is zoned now, they are not able to get a administrative subdivision since the property is not large enough. Agricultural requires 10 acres they would be rezoning to a Rural Residential that only requires 1 acre. The land is 5.8 acres currently. They will have to follow all rules for Rural Residential. If they are planning on doing any construction in the future, they will also have to follow floodplain rules and regulations as it is in the floodplain. Council member Rodriguez interpreted for Robert Medrano property owner. He said they are looking to get two deeds for the property. They are not sure what they want to do with the property in the future. Clerk Johnson stated the Planning Commission did recommend to approve.

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 introduced first reading of Ordinance 2023-21, the title being; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE PROPERTY ZONED AG, AGRICULTURAL, TO RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL WAS FILED BY ROBERT MEDRANO AND ANIBAL VICENTE AND IRACEMA DIAZ. THE PROPERTY IS THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., IN COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2882 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE RUNNING EASTERLY ALONG A FENCE, APPROXIMATELY 825 FEET, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A FENCE, APPROXIMATELY 141 FEET, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A FENCE APPROXIMATELY 894 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, APPROXIMATELY 472 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

Council member Rodriguez moved for final passage. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-21 was passed and adopted.

Council member Baumert moved to approve change order #2 with Omni Engineering for the 2023 Asphalt Overlay Miscellaneous Locations for an increase in the amount of \$14,572.58. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Justin Adkins with JEO was present and reviewed the overages on the change order. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to authorize Mayor to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Omni Engineering on the 2023 Asphalt Overlay Miscellaneous Locations Project. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize final pay application #2 for the 2023 Asphalt Overlay Miscellaneous Locations Project in the amount of \$14,572.58 to Omni Engineering. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Holmberg moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Supplemental Agreement PI2119-01 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for an increase in funds from Federal and State on project RPT-M191. Council member Kretz seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this is for the budget to be raised for the previous fiscal budget for the transit bus. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve change of street closures of 11th Street from B Street to D Street including the intersection at 11th and C Street for the Chamber of Commerce and Warrior Academy on Thursday, October 26th for 3:30 to 8:00 pm for the 2023 Downtown Trunk or Treat. Council member Kretz seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve to advertise for bids for Door Security and Video Surveillance at the Police Station. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve to advertise for bids for a Salt Shed Canopy. Council member Kretz seconded the motion. Parks and Street Manager Colvin stated it is for a 20x20 canopy to go over the 3 storage containers currently there. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve to advertise for bids for Roof Replacement at the Oak Ballroom. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Council member Kretz questioned who is writing the specs. Administrator DeRoos stated he would with the help of the building inspector. Kretz stated he would like ice and water shield all the way up the roof to prevent leaking since it has problems with leaks. Mayor Lindberg stated that would be a lot of extra expense. Kretz would like it in the valleys of the roof up 20 feet. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the traffic flow around the Schuyler Middle School. Parks and Street Manager Colvin stated he was approached by the Middle School Principal a few weeks back after 3 accidents in 2 days. He wanted to see if there was a possibility of switching 10th Street to a one way from Banner to Colfax Street. The school right now has all the kids dropped off on 10th Street. Council debated if it should run west bound or east bound. Clerk Johnson asked if Steve Parr with JEO our Street Superintendent had been consulted and that a traffic study might possibly be needed by the school. Council member Kretz said a stop sign at all intersections around the school might be needed. Colvin stated he will get together with Parr and the School.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the soccer field irrigation system. Parks and Street Manager Colvin stated the irrigation system at the soccer field is 30 years old. The current board that is in it is obsolete. To replace the board with a new board we would have to replace all the decoders. The decoders are on each line, we have over 60 stations and they are several hundred dollars per unit. It would be over \$100,000 to put a new system in on the soccer field or for several hundred dollars the old board could be sent to California to see if they can rebuild it. The system is currently winterized but he would like to figure this out before spring. He thinks for just parts replacement it will be \$40,000 not including labor. The council agreed it would be worth trying to send it to California to be rebuilt. Council member Holmberg asked if they have been leveling it at all. He said they will start boring it next week.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

City Clerk

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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