

City Council Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2023

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

Mayor Lindberg read and signed proclamation in Support of Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week.

Council member Holmberg moved to appoint Donna Petersen to the Board of Adjustments for the finishing term of 2023-2024. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Administrator DeRoos reported the asphalt overlay has been completed. Contractor needs to finish a few items. The Police Station project is moving along. Looking at purchasing a pickup truck for the Street Department. The City also took part in the joint public hearing two weeks prior. He received feed back about property owners not happy about the property tax increase. Some residents stated they were scared of how they are going to pay for them. County Assessor White said there are programs out there to help with people in need to pay their property tax. DeRoos is going to be working with White more to find out more about those programs.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that the last tornado test was done until March. Schuyler is currently in a Severe Thunderstorm Watch until 11 PM tonight. All phones will sound Wednesday at 1:20 PM as part of the Nationwide Emergency Alert Test.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported that last Friday with the help of the school students they planted 10 trees. Two were planted in North Park and eight in South Park. New hire to the Street Department will start on Monday. They will be doing leaf cleanup and preparing for the upcoming winter.

Mayor Lindberg read Library Director White's report that it is Banned Book Week. Stop by the library to look at the display. She has returned from attending the annual Association for Rural & Small Libraries conference in Wichita. She will share more about her participation and new ideas at future meetings. Harry Potter Book Day is Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be activities and snacks. Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a near total solar eclipse and free viewing glasses are available at the library. Last on October 26<sup>th</sup> author R.J. Post will be at the library to talk about his newest book Phantoms in the Field House.

Ballroom Manager Rodriguez reported that a memorial bench outside the ballroom was broke and it will be getting repaired in the near future. Chonas will be hosting a Halloween event on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported there are three new housing projects that just started. Two commercial projects will be starting soon. There are three townhouses starting construction. He is working with the new fiberoptic lines that are being installed and the installation going under the levy. He thanks everyone at City Hall for picking up the slack while he was out for his surgery.

Schuyler Community Development Director Ringenberg reported that on Thursday they will have a downtown shoutout. They will discuss what is need and not needed and what the future of downtown Schuyler is. She is in the process of writing two major grants that have downtown revitalization in them. All are invited to come 6 PM at the Homestead Center.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported they are moving forward on a Preliminary Plat with the help of JEO and the Department of Utilities of the Mares property. He attended a Planning Meeting in Norfolk that covered the topics of: variances, zoning, TIF, and building and resident vacancies.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the September 19, 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 16, 2023 through September 29, 2023, in the amount of \$1,239,239.64 and the following exceeding \$1,000: NENEDD, Admin Fees, CDBG/CDBG-HO, \$4,816.25; TCP, Annual License & Support, Admin, \$5,297.99; League of NE Municipalities, Dues, Admin, \$10,779.00; Beatrice Country Club, Aerate, Golf Course, \$1,250.00; Arps, Street Repairs, Streets, \$10,490.88; Motorola Solutions Credit, Lease Payment, Police, \$27,349.18; NENEDD, Membership Admin, \$8,642.04; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin, \$4,373.75; Albers All Around, Street Repairs, Streets, \$26,745.00; Vyve Broadband, Phone/Internet, Police/Admin/Street/Pool/Ballroom, \$3,083.92; Kracl Garage, Repairs, Streets, \$2,420.48; Hadley-Braithwait Co., Supplies, Ballroom, \$1,066.10. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Baumert asked what the Kracl Garage was for. Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated it was for repairs to the Army Truck. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved Resolution No. 2023-1003 which states the property tax request for FY 2023-24 and forward this resolution to the Colfax County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated the resolution was not passed at the last meeting due to not having had the joint public hearing yet. That has now been held so they can pass the resolution. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg read the following notice of sale to the Schuyler City Council. The property owned by Schuyler Community Development Agency of the City of Schuyler, NE and described as Lot 5 and Lot 6, Water Tower Subdivision, A Subdivision of the City of Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska to Valley Drive Properties, LLC. Buyer shall pay to Seller and Seller shall receive from Buyer the sum of \$10,000, plus \$40,000 contingent financing paid at closing.

Council member Holmberg introduced first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-20, title being: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA; TO ESTABLISH AND FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION FOR SUCH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE FOR PAY RANGES AND RATES OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE FOR A DATE SUCH RATES OF COMPENSATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT. 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 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 Baumert moved for final passage. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-20 was passed and adopted.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve wage rates and effective date for city personnel. Starting on pay date of October 13, 2023. 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 change order #4 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation for an increase in the amount of \$18,634.70. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Ryan Dorfmeier with JEO was present and reviewed the changes with the council. Debbie Ocken with Rogge General Contractors was also present to answer questions on the change order error. There was an error made

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when the roofer changed the price a few months back. Before it was a deduct but now it is a add on to correct the error. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize pay application #9 for the Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$419,699.70 to Rogge General Contractors. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the amended JEO agreement for the Schuyler Police Station Renovation for an additional \$8,700 for unforeseen design and construction services. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos asked why we were incurring these costs. Dorfmeier with JEO stated due to items on change orders had caused them to spend more hours on design then what was in the original agreement. We have used 5.3% of the 15% contingency that was originally estimated. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve new corporate manager application for the Oak Ballroom Liquor License of Guadalupe Rodriguez. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve agreement for the PowerManager Time Sheet Application by inHANCE. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Kretz asked what this was for. Clerk Johnson stated since adding timeclocks, PowerManager has had to work with TCP on the integration to have the information to flow into the PowerManger correctly. This is approving of that time for them to do that. Council member Kretz asked if it is working correctly now. Clerk Johnson stated it is except on Holidays. DeRoos stated the errors are getting less. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve the purchase of a Used 2013 White Ford F350 with 130,946 miles for \$24,595.00 funds coming from the Street Department Capital Outlay. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated this is the best deal he was able to find. This comes with utility box, four-wheel drive and a blade. The truck is in Chicago and will be delivered here. Council member Holmberg asked if the dealer is a reputable dealer. Colvin stated they got a car fax on it from Reinecke. Council member Holmberg asked if he talked to the municipality it is coming from. Colvin stated he hadn't but he would do that tomorrow.

Colvin then brought up that the school is interested in turning 10<sup>th</sup> Street into a one-way Street from Banner Street to Colfax Street. Mayor Lindberg stated that will need to be discussed at a different meeting since there is nothing on the agenda pertaining to this and return to item at hand. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to adjourn. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, 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

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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