

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on November 21, 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, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: Kretz.

Administrator DeRoos had communication with a Mr & Mrs Kment that came in to see him requesting the council to consider removing the speed bumps around South Park Road.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Part-Time Police Officers Jacob Seibert and Austin Gregg. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg lead the two appointees in the Oath of Office.

Mayor Lindberg wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with their families.

Administrator DeRoos reported that they are waiting for the canopy for the new salt shed to arrive. The bid for the Ballroom Roof has gone out with bid opening on December 11th. He met with the Veteran's Memorial Group to discuss the MOU. Once the playground equipment is paid for they will be shipping the equipment. He met with FEMA last week and discussed why the LOMR application was not accepted. The hope is not to have to extend the scope of the study.

Clerk Johnson reported that on December 12th there will be a Study Session.

Police Chief Farber reported that we lost one recruit due to him struggling during practical's. Officer Baete put in a two-week notice leaving to work in David City closer to his home. They are still processing two new applicants for hire, they completed Chief Interviews, they have ten more days to get them cleared for the next academy. They have been busy with the felony assault over the weekend.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin reported that the concrete saw came in. The playground equipment will be two to four weeks out once ordered. They plan to have it in before the end of the year. He has been working with the Ballroom Manager on a New Year's Eve Party at the Ballroom. They will have two DJ's that will take a cut of the door. The city will receive all bar sales and a portion of the door. There will be presale of tickets. They have secured two sponsors for the event.

Ballroom Manager Rodriguez reported that she is excited to work on the New Year's Eve Party. There will also be food sold during the event. Tickets for presale will be \$25 and \$30 at the door. She is hoping they will be able to host more community events in the future.

Economic Development Coordinator Ringenberg reported she is restructuring the Leadership Schuyler Program. She is planning on having a one day program instead of the eleven week program. It will be the Midwinter Leadership Summit. She will be bringing in a trainer to do Leadership training, Senator Flood will be giving the opening that day on February 16th. Today they had 20 Economic Development Coordinators they had a session on Social Media given by the League of Municipalities. They wrapped up the day with a tour of the Top Notch and asked what they would do with the Top Notch. They did not receive the CDBG grant to study the infrastructure downtown. NPPD will be in town conducting an audit at the Eagles Club for a new furnace.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the November 7, 2023 council meetings minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from November 4, 2023 through November 17, 2023, in the amount of \$932,512.40 and the following exceeding \$1,000: City of Norfolk, Snare FY23-24, Police, \$1,500.00; Q-Graphics, Street Signs, Streets, \$2,460.00; WillyGoat, Playground Equipment, Parks, \$9,900.00; Kiesler Police Supply, 9MM Pistols, Police, \$1,026.00; Southern Glazer's, Liquor, Ballroom, \$2,602.12; Ace Cutting Equipment, Concrete Saw, Streets, \$9,656.00; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Parks/Admin/Police/Streets, \$6,505.01; Katie Wolfe, Ballroom Refund, Ballroom, \$1,050.00; Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimbursement, CDBG, \$98,442.35; Midwest Salt Supply, Salt, Streets, \$8,187.40; Phillips 66, Fuel, Police/Transit, \$1,483.20; JEO Consulting Group Inc., Engineering Costs, Streets/Police-Special Project, \$40,560.00; Midwest Service and Sales, Plow, Parks, \$3,100.00; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Repairs, Pool, \$1,430.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a public hearing to hear citizen comments on an application for a Preliminary Plat Application for Water Tower Subdivision Fifth Addition filed by the City of Schuyler Dept. of Utilities. The property is located inside the City limits a parcel of land located in part of Outlot E, Water Tower Subdivision as platted in the City of Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska, being situated in the South half of the NE quarter of Section 10, Township 17 North, Range 3 East of the Sixth P.M., Colfax County, Nebraska, being described as follows: beginning at the NW corner of the South half of the NE quarter of said Section 10; thence S89°54'53"e (assumed bearing) on the North line of said South half of the NE quarter, a distance of 1247.76 feet to a point of intersection with the Northerly extension of the West line of Denver Street as platted in said Water Tower Subdivision; thence S00°07'27"W on said West line and its Northerly extension, a distance of 708.14 feet to the North line of Dunker Street as platted in Water Tower Subdivision Second Addition; thence N89°57'50"W on said North line, a distance of 695.00 feet to the West line of Fort Street as platted in said Water Tower Subdivision Second Addition; thence W00°06'38"W on said West line, a distance of 239.97 feet to the NE corner of Water Tower Subdivision Fourth Addition; thence N89°58'03"W on the North line of said Water Tower Subdivision Fourth Addition, a distance of 552.08 feet to the NW corner of said Water Tower Subdivision Fourth Addition; thence N00°04'48"E on the West line of said South half of the NE quarter, a distance of 949.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing 23.33 acres, more or less.

Isaac Kreikemeier with JEO was present and presented the Preliminary Plat to the council. He reviewed the proposed new streets, 23 single family lots, East side will be designated for townhomes and two outlots. The Planning Commission had concerns with lot 17 thru 24 on the size and the driveways facing the Elementary School and Denver Street. After the Planning Commission meeting and hearing their concerns, he put together three different options for the lots. Option A would include two duplex structures and one single family lot, 5 driveways onto Denver Street, each unit would have 6 cars per unit and would be comparable to Water Tower 3rd Addition. Option B would have three duplex structures, 6 driveways onto Denver Street, 6 cars per unit and would be comparable to Water Tower 3rd Addition. Option C would include four duplex structures, 4 driveways onto Denver Street, 3 cars per unit and would be comparable to Water Tower 2nd Addition. He stated the Utilities Board preference was Option B. He was asking for conditional approval with option B so they can move forward toward a final plat. Attorney Seckman thought Option B was the best option for size as well. Kreikemeier also stated he will visit with the Planning Commission before they take the final plat to them.

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

Council member Baumert moved to recommend an application for a preliminary Plat Application for Water Tower Subdivision Fifth Addition filed by the City of Schuyler Department of Utilities with Option B. Council member Kasik

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seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on Economic Development Flower Pots in the Downtown Area. Economic Development Coordinator Ringenberg stated the Downtown Revitalization has been working on getting bids on flower pots to put on the Street corners. The pots would hold 40 gallons of water and the FFA would do the plantings in the pots. These would replace the concrete pots that are currently around town. Council member Holmberg asked how many they were thinking. She stated originally, they had 40 but are going to cut those numbers back and just focus on the 6 block area downtown. Attorney Seckman asked who would maintain them. Ringenberg stated that is still to be determined.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the Downtown Winter Holiday Activities. Chamber Director Jedlicka was present and reviewed the activities. There will be two Sundays of activities. There will be carriage rides, tree lighting, and a lighted parade. The two days will be November 26th and December 10th.

Council member Holmberg moved to close 12th Street from B Street to D Street on December 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Schuyler Chamber Lighted Christmas Parade. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried

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