

City Council Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on November 7, 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.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Interim Utility Superintendent Matthew Sobota. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg took a moment of silence for the three losses of lives the previous week.

Attorney Seckman reported all lots have been sold and closed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition of Water Tower Subdivision. Lots 5 and 6 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Addition were to be sold to Kelby Herman and he has not heard back from him.

Administrator DeRoos reported he has been working with Vyve to have everything lined up in the new Police Station and Electronic Engineering to come in and do a radio test of the building before construction is completed. He reviewed items on agenda. He has been in contact with Bierman and they would like to put off the repairs at the Library till spring and would patch apparent porous areas before winter and then do the permanent fix in the spring. This would be at Bierman's expense. They have been in talks with FEMA about the LOMR and they have not approved yet they are wanting to extend the area. A meeting will be set up the following week. There will also be new playground equipment put onto the Carnegie lot. He would like to schedule a study session with the council in the near future to discuss some items.

Clerk Johnson reported that work on the audit is ongoing.

Police Chief Farber reported they were awarded a \$1,000 from Buckle Up for November 22-26<sup>th</sup> for overtime during that time. They are in the process of hiring two new officers and hope to have them to the school in January. Council member Kretz asked about the enforcement of the no Jake Brakes in the City Limits. Chief Farber stated it is hard to catch those if they are not there when they do it. He said it's challenging. Council member Kretz asked if there was any progress with the state on moving the 45-mile hour farther out of the town to the south. Chief Farber stated they had not.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported the claim on the agenda to Reams Sprinkler Supply was to repair the sprinklers out at the soccer field. He stated that he is working with WillyGoat to order the park equipment for Carnegie Park to have more toddler equipment. His new employee is working out well. The big dump truck is at Kracls to be repaired. They have been using the new soil conditioner on the dirt roads. It seems to be doing the job. He congratulated Administrator DeRoos on his first child. Council member Kasik asked if she has someone talk to her about a bad area on the streets who does she contact. Colvin answered either the city office or him. Council member Kretz stated that he knows a guy who can help get rid of the large tree trunks at the yard waste site he charges \$300 an hour. Colvin stated the mulch is free for the taking out at the yard waste site.

Library Director White reported November 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> is the Inaugural Nebraska Library Week. They will be having a tri-county check out challenge. On this Wednesday they will be competing against Leigh, Clarkson, Howells, North Bend, and David City. The winning library will win a cake to celebrate with. Her new library clerks have been working out well. After the holidays she hopes to go back to the previous library hours of being open on Saturday's. The library received a \$500 grant from Rob-See-Co for tablets to do ESL classes on.

Ballroom Manager Rodriguez reported the bench out front is fixed. The changes to the new contracts have been received well. They are also looking at expanding the ballroom staff to be able to accommodate events during the week. There have been a few inquiries. Council member Kasik asked if the new price on contracts has deterred

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anyone from renting the ballroom. Rodriguez stated it has not caused anyone to go elsewhere. Council member Baumert thanked her for being at the meeting and giving an update.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported there were two new home permits that came in for the homes out at Lake Socorro. Three Steve Lloyd homes are being built in the Watertower Subdivision. Grandville and Short Construction started new home projects this last week. Keys Builders and Neeimas Galdamez was in for a new house permit. The LeGrande and Great Plains Taxidermy are in the process of building. That is 9 new home projects and 2 commercial projects.

Schuyler Community Development Coordinator Ringenberg reported that she has made it past the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the EPA Grant. On October the 25<sup>th</sup> there were UNL visitors and the State Wide Arboretum. They came to talk about the Jim Kluck Arboretum, explain how to care and maintain it for the future. The city park department has agreed with mowing and upkeep. They will be coming back to show how to do the pruning properly with a pruning workshop.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported that the Mares Property is getting the topographical survey then 60 to 90 days after it is completed, they should have the preliminary plat completed. There will be a ribbon cutting for the J&A Apartment Complex on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. This project was able to utilize Rural Workforce Housing Funds so Senator Bosselman will be in attendance. Everyone is invited. Tenants will be moving in the next day. He is partnering with the Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and the Schuyler Senior Center to host a seminar on services available to elderly and disabled on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the October 17, 2023 council meetings minutes and dispense with its reading. 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 payment of claims for the period from October 14, 2023 through November 3, 2023, in the amount of \$252,161.84 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Reams Sprinkler Supply, Panel, Parks, \$1,163.60; Kutak Rock LLP, Lease Rental Bonds, Special Projects-Police, \$11,250.00; Uline, Signs/Supplies, Streets, \$1,268.14; Phillips 66, Fuel Police, \$1,390.69; Pepsi, Bar Supplies, Ballroom, \$2,038.42; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin, \$6,128.75; Corral Auto Repair & Towing, Repairs, Police, \$2,029.60; Arps, Gun Range/Gravel, Police/Streets, \$3,603.50; 911 Custom, Uniform-Vest, Police, \$1,965.00; Axon Enterprises, Tasers, Police, \$2,831.73; Schuyler Home & Building Supply, Lumber, Special Projects- Merchant Park, \$1,233.70; Reinecke Motor Co, Repairs, Admin/Police, \$1,772.74; Motorola Solutions, Warranty, Police, \$1,354.80; Skid Pro Attachments, Soil Conditioner, Parks, \$14,340.00. 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 Holmberg moved to approve change Order #5 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation for an increase in the amount of \$9,351.47. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Ryan Dorfmeier from JEO reviewed all the change order items with the council. Next progress meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM if they would like to attend. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize pay application #10 for Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$513,537.58 to Rogge General Contractors. 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 authorize the Mayor to sign Engagement Letters with Regier Carr & Monroe to perform the FY22-23 Audit and CSLFRF Compliance Examination. 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 payment of insurance premiums for FY23-24 in the amount of \$334,193.00 to Agri City Insurance Agency, Inc. Utility Share = \$183,470.00 and City Share = \$150,723.00. Council member

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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 transfer from the General Fund to the Bond Fund for payment of principal and interest on the 2014 Go Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$65,877.50 and the 2013 Flood Control Bonds in the amount of \$50,712.50 for a total of \$116,590.00. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve to advertise for bids for Office Furniture for the Police Station. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Kretz asked if there is a list of what is needed. Administrator DeRoos stated that they have a list. They are looking if they want to order items individually or have one company supply all of the furniture. Council member Kretz asked that they not get the cheap junk furniture. Administrator DeRoos said it will be medium quality. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve sale of 2007 Mercury Milan and 1996 Ford F150 on Big Iron Auction. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve bid for a Salt Shed Canopy from Woehl Welding Services in the amount of \$20,000.00. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated it is a double truss system and will be installed before winter. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve bid for Door Security and Video Surveillance Equipment for the Police Station from Prime Secured in the amount of \$105,942.46. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Jon Pierson with Prime Secured was present to review the bid with the council. He has worked with the Department of Utilities on previous projects along with the Housing Authority. This is a five-year agreement for service. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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:

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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 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