

## City Council Meeting Minutes February 1, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on February 1, 2022 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 Knutson convened the meeting and Clerk Lora Johnson recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present: Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: Baumert, Holmberg and Kasik.

Mark Arps Colfax County Emergency Manager was present for communications and petitions to explain how it works for setting off the sirens in Schuyler. He would just like some type of agreement of who can sound the sirens so the ball isn't dropped when people are out of town. He suggested that him or his spotters sound the sirens, or the City Emergency Manager, the Police, the County Deputies.

Mayor reminded council members if they are going to be absent to notify him or someone in the office.

Attorney Seckman reported that Lumir and Connie Jedlicka submitted a petition to be annexed into the city. First the Planning Commission will review the ordinance, the ordinance will come to council the first meeting in March and will need to be read at 3 separate council meetings.

Administrator DeRoos stated that several people have been out with Covid and reminded everyone if you don't feel good stay home. He had communication with Jon Mooberry, he has two contractors lined up for Denver Street and downtown repairs. He reported that Andy Yost withdrew his request to have the street vacated on 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Clerk Johnson said she finalized the audit with the auditor and looking forward to reviewing it tonight.

Emergency Manager Evert reported the Health Department is working on a program to hand out at home Covid tests, she will let the council know when that is finalized.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported that there are four new houses going up. Bank of the Valley is progressing with getting the roof enclosed. He is working with Officer Andel on the procedures and methods on code enforcement. Several letters have been sent to property owners with code violations.

Economic Development Director Brandenburgh reported that she worked with the Building Inspector Glodowski and Code Enforcement Officer Andel on code enforcement on Commercial properties on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. She will be drafting letters to be signed by the Mayor and delivered by Officer Andel. She thanked Glodowski and Colvin as they worked with Love Signs people with the placement of where the automated sign will sit on the lot at 11<sup>th</sup> and Colfax.

Council member Kment moved to approve the January 18, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve payment of claims for the period from January 14, 2022 through January 28, 2022, in the amount of \$306,629.05 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimburse Food, CDBG Grant, \$9,224.91; Todd Valley Farms, Turf Saver, Golf Course, \$1,575.00; Agri-City Insurance, Audit Insurance, Admin/Street/Police/Transit/Parks/Pool, \$15,094.00; Sirsi Corporation, Software Maintenance, Library, \$7,400.32. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve Eagle Scout project in Railside Green of a picnic table by Joseph Hajek. Joseph Hajek was present and reviewed the photos he provided to council. (Attachment 2) He plans to build a octagon picnic table for the Railside Green near the caboose. The table will have a handicap side to the table. He will be raising

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the funds and will be using wood as the material. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Presentation by Jill Clay of Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, CPAs of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 audit. She reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statement. (Attachment 2)

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Fiscal Statements prepared by Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, CPAs. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz introduced the first reading of Ordinance 2022-04, the title being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, SCHUYLER DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 11 AND 14, BLOCK 3, WATER TOWER SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO VALLEY DRIVE PROPERTIES, LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE SUM OF \$50,000.00, WITH AUTHORIZATION MADE PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 16-202 (REISSUE 2012); PROVIDING BUYER TO BUILD RESIDENCES COMPLETED AND SOLD WITHIN 24 MONTHS FOR DISCOUNT OF \$20,000.00 PER LOT WITH PAYMENT WAIVED IN THAT EVENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, WARRANTY DEED AND ANY REAL ESTATE SALE CLOSING DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved Resolution No. 2022-0201 to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution whereas the City Council of Schuyler, Nebraska do herewith pledge their full support, endorsement and cooperation for participation in the Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community Program. Economic Development Director Brandenburg stated about 42 communities participate in this program with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This certification will add points to the housing application. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to adjourn. Council member Kretz seconded the motion. Voting for: Knutson, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Jon Knutson

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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