

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on February 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, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg congratulated the winter sport teams. The Wrestling Team for a successful season. The boys making it to the Boy's State Duals. The boys and girls who qualified to the state wrestling. Congratulations to the boys and girls Basketball Teams on competing at the highest level every night. Last congratulations for the Speech Team on being Runner Up at Conference.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the Asphalt Overlay is out to bid. He will be discussing later in the meeting funding for the Police Station Renovation. He met with Bierman and members of the Library Board to discuss issues at the Library and it was decided to do a complete replacement of the wainscot. He has not heard yet if Bierman will be paying all of the expenses or not. The new POS system was installed at the Oak Ballroom, they will be training on it this week. Council member Holmberg stated that Bierman and Poncho admitted they did do the work wrong. He feels they will pay for the replacement.

Administrator DeRoos gave the Library Directors report that Girl Scout Troop 85107 is meeting every other Saturday at 11 AM at the Library. They are showing matinee movies every 4th Friday of the month at 2 PM.

Administrator DeRoos gave the Street and Parks Managers report that they are in plans now of deciding where to place the 8 new benches they purchased. The POS system is working at the Ballroom. They also looked into new screens and projectors for the Ballroom and there is not any money in the budget at this time to purchase those. They will be able to check them out from the library and use at the time being.

Council member Kretz asked about a Police Tower the state is erecting nearby that the city will be able to use. Administrator DeRoos stated he has not heard anything about that but will check into it. Chief Farber also has not heard that but hopes that it happens.

Council member Baumert thinks it would be a good idea to bring an expert in in sound systems to look at the Ballroom and figure out what they need for the wide range of different events at the Ballroom.

Clerk Johnson announced a Special Council Meeting Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00 PM.

Emergency Manager Evert reported the river is flowing today with no risk of flooding today. There is a snow storm coming so everyone be careful and be prepared.

Utility Superintendent Hajek reported they went out for bids on the Lagoon Expansion Project. They also removed the siren behind the police station today and they decided easiest place to install will be at the City Parking Lot.

Chief Police Farber reported that he heard from Cargill and they will be donating \$5,000 to new body cameras. They were allotted up to a \$15,000 grant through the state to off set cost for new e-citation computers. They continue to look for additional resources to help with funding.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported the housing study committee is meeting on Wednesday to review more of the document. He plans on a presentation on March 21st at a meeting prior to the City Council meeting. Kracl Meadows has an opening on April 1st. He is going through applications now. Lots in the Water Tower Subdivision are still of interest and he is referring interested parties to the Utility Superintendent.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the February 7, 2023 council meeting 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 February 4, 2023 through February 17, 2023, in the amount of \$152,938.08 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Union Pacific Railroad, Lease, Parks, \$1,203.53; Productivity Plus, Repairs, Streets, \$1,451.91; Midwest Service and Sales, Parts/Labor/Posts, Streets, \$1,181.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Streets/Admin/Special Projects-Police, \$29,167.00; Republic National Dist., Bar Supplies, Ballroom, \$1,164.21; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Streets/Parks, \$2,293.72. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg questioned on the claims sheet the payment to Agri-City Insurance Agency for the Audit Increase. Clerk Johnson explained that is the additional insurance that was due after the Insurance Company did a work comp audit. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to accept the 2023 January Treasurer's Report. 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 street closure on West 22nd Street, Fort Street, West 23rd Street and Denver Street on April 28th beginning at 3 PM. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated it is for a Fun Color Run by the Warrior Academy from 3 PM to 5 PM up by the Elementary School. 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 the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$309,360 in CDBG Public Works Facilities Funds of Which \$276,360 will be utilized to convert a vacant city-owned lot at 12th and B Street into a public park featuring green spaces, amphitheater and restrooms and \$8,000 will be used for construction management and \$25,000 will be used for general administration of the grant. The Colfax Foundation will provide matching funds of \$118,440.

Administrator DeRoos stated he had spoke with Fran a Colfax Foundation member and they will not be providing the whole match of the funds. Clerk Johnson asked Kirk Brown with NENEDD if they do not plan to match the whole amount does that change the application. Brown with NENEDD stated the Colfax Foundation is ultimately responsible but they plan to maybe come to the city and other entities for help. He said that is up to the Foundation. He stated the \$118,440 is the 30% match of the total grant. Clerk Johnson asked when the grant would be awarded. Brown thought in one to two months. They could start early summer at the earliest. Clerk Johnson asked how long the grant period is. Brown stated two years and you can always file extensions. Council member Kasik asked if you had to have the 30% guaranteed by something in order to apply for the grant. Brown answered no. Clerk Johnson asked if the City has no money available this fiscal year that they could wait on the project until they can budget for it in the next fiscal year. Brown answered yes you have two years.

Council member Rodriguez 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 moved to approve Resolution #2023-0221 to authorize the City Clerk to prepare and submit an application to the Nebraska Department of Roads for 2023-2025 Public Transit Funds. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated they will be applying for \$85,692 in federal funds, \$29,724 in state funds, and the city will have to match \$29,724 and this is for a two year budget from 2023 to 2025. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve payment of Keno Funds in the amount of \$600 to PADRE. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked what PADRE is. Council member Kasik stated it's the post prom group. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the Police Station Funding. Administrator DeRoos and Jay Spearman with Piper Sandler discussed how forming the Schuyler Municipal Facilities Leasing Corporation would work. Currently the Police Station Renovation will be about 1.9 million short on funds. With overages there is a possible need of 2.2 million in funds. Spearman reviewed how the council would go about to create the leasing corporation. Payments for the bond are able to come from property taxes, local option sales taxes and other amounts available in the City's General Fund. This process would not begin until other bond money is spent, process will take about a month. (Attachment 2)

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