

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on February 6, 2024 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 received a communication from a resident that is requesting a yield sign be installed at the intersection of 17th and H Street since he was involved in an accident there.

Council member Holmberg moved the appointment of Renee Sayer, DNP, APRN-C, FNP-C as Medical Advisor on the Board of Health. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg reported he and Administrator DeRoos attended the Transportation Committee hearings on Monday at the Unicameral to testify in support of a bill on operating ATV and UTV for snow removal from the hours of sunset to sunrise.

Administrator DeRoos reported the 23/24 street project is nearing final design so it can go out to bid. The Police Station is delayed and scheduled to finish mid-March. The library construction issue is now moving forward with a permanent fix and not doing any temporary fixes. They will also be getting a mold test done in the library as well. The salt shed is to be completed by the end of the month. The Veteran's Memorial will be getting the site ready without going over the \$30,000 budget. The 12th and B project is moving forward with the Colfax Foundation coming to an agreement of hiring JEO as the engineer on the project. Last he reported item 10 on the agenda will not need to be passed as this is part of the contract with Rogge General Contractors. Council member Kasik asked if the library will require more meetings about the permanent fixes. DeRoos responded that an engineering report from JEO states what needs to be done. They will have to sit down with them and review the repairs. Mayor Lindberg asked about them wanting to do a repair that was not recommended by our engineer. DeRoos stated yes, they did not want to provide the air gap recommended by the engineer and they wanted to use weep rope instead of the solution recommended by engineer. He contacted the engineer to check with him again and he stated it should only be done the way he recommended.

Clerk Johnson reported that she is doing Police testing tomorrow and there are four candidates.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that she has been keeping an eye on the river and does not expect a concern. The river is currently flowing and high but no concern for the city. She receives her information from the National Weather Service and USCS. The USCS has camera footage and river levels that she can check on. She also does in person monitoring.

Interim Utility Superintendent Sobota reported service to the Police Station was energized today. Schumacher Electric is continuing to work on a reline project from their yard to 17th Street. The west substation project is waiting on permits from the Union Pacific to string across, he has been waiting seven months. The solar fields are at a stand still as they are still waiting on a transformer and for GenPro to do what they need to do. The first of two wells in the Water Tower Subdivision are nearing completion late April first part of May. They will be doing tree trimming again this spring. Their office will be closed from 9 to 2 on February 15th for CPR training.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported that during the rain last week he checked on the new flap gates and they are working the way they should be. The salt shed is on site and will be installed over the next couple weeks. He met with the new heads of Schuyler Baseball they will have more games and teams than last year. They are dragging the roads. With the snow melt they are making note of the damage to curbs so they can begin repairs in the spring. He will look at 17th and H Street to see if there use to be a sign there or not.

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Economic Development Director Ringenburg reported she has two programs coming up. The first is a Leadership Summit at the Ballroom on February 16th. If anyone is interested, please let her know. She has also coordinated with the Nebraska Forestry Department and the Arboretum group for a tree pruning and maintenance program that will take place in March. The University will advertise to others and other communities.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the January 16, 2024 council meetings minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from January 13, 2024 through February 2, 2024, in the amount of \$229,906.05 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Union Pacific Railroad, Lease, Parks, \$1,239.64; Motorola Solutions, Batteries/Charger, Police, \$2,619.20; Great Plains Uniforms, Uniforms, Police, \$1,342.63; Prime Secured, Security, Police, \$11,500.00; Platte Valley Equipment, Gator, Parks, \$10,800.00; Junior Library Guild, Renewal, Library, \$3,028.88; Center Point Large Print, Standing Order, Library, \$1,650.00; Midwest Service & Sales, Snow Removal/Parts, Streets, \$4,260.75; Pepsi-Cola, Bar Supplies, Ballroom, \$1,114.56; Agri City Insurance, Work Comp/Liability Audit, Admin/Streets/Police/Transit/Parks/Pool/Ballroom, \$7,213.00; League of NE Municipalities, Conference, Admin, \$1,580.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Streets, \$35,448.75; NE Dept. of Economic Dev., Housing Program, CDBG-07, \$2,288.87; Schuyler Chamber of Commerce, Membership Dues, Admin, \$2,000.00; Electronic Engineering, 2-Way Radios, Police, \$2,000.00; Regier Carr & Monroe, Audit Services, Admin, \$6,625.00; Albers All Around, Street Repairs, Streets, \$7,100.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). 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 pertaining to a Class B Liquor License Application filed by Family Dollar, LLC dba Family Dollar 30552, 320 W 16th Street, Schuyler, NE. Clerk Johnson stated that this is an application for the council to either recommend or not recommend to allow them to sell beer off sale. Johnson has not had any comments from the public. Council member Kasik stated when she has been in there it seems chaotic with items laying everywhere. She would hope they have a plan to manage this to make sure they are following the law. Mayor Lindberg stated his concern is that they seem to have a high rate of employee turnover and it is chaotic in there. There are three other locations in the near vicinity that sell beer. He understands the company is doing this across all it's facilities but has concerns about how the one in Schuyler is being operated. Council member Holmberg has the same concerns. He knows their staffing is not always there and sometimes they are in the back room when you come in. Police Chief Farber stated there has not been any problems at the Family Dollar. He read they are trying to increase sales and draw more foot traffic. He stated that might be good for them but not good for us. He stated that alcohol DUI are up 20%. False identities are also an issue and it takes training so that employees understand the liquor laws and with high turn over that could be an issue. We have a wide variety of identifications from around the world and they need training on understanding.

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

Council member Holmberg moved to recommend the Nebraska Liquor Control commission approve a Class B Liquor License Application filed by Family Dollar, LLC dba Family Dollar 30552, 320 W 16th Street, Schuyler, NE. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Rodriguez. Voting against: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik and Wolfe. Motion failed.

Council member Wolfe moved to table motion to approve estimate from City Clock Co. on the repairs to the Clock Tower in the amount of \$15,706.00. Council member Rodriguez 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 Change Order No. 7 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation for an increase in the amount of \$44,337.17. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Administrator DeRoos stated this is to add internet wiring to the building. The reason it is being added on is they could not find an internet provider in town willing to do it. That is why they asked Common Wealth Electric to take it on. The internet companies did not have what it would take to pull all the wiring. Mayor Lindberg asked why this was not built into the bid of remodeling from the beginning. DeRoos stated it was not included in the bid from Rogge. Council Member Rodriguez asked shouldn't this have been done before all the Sheetrocking was done? DeRoos stated the order of operation would be better to get it done before that. Rodriguez asked if Sheetrocking is done. Council member Holmberg stated it is all done. JEO Engineer Parr stated that he remembers when the agreement was put together, they left it out because they felt it was best for the city to work with someone locally on that component. He does not think it will be a big deal for them to pull the wiring through. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to authorize pay application No. 13 for Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$272,617.74 to Rogge General Contractors. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with JEO for design of the Downtown Park Project Number 231530.00 in the amount of \$31,000. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. JEO Engineer Parr stated this is for the design of the park working with the City and Colfax Foundation. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with Thiele Geotech Inc. for the Downtown Park Project for Geotechnical Exploration in the amount of \$4,850. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. JEO Engineer Parr stated this is for testing the soil to assist in the design in the foundation. This will make sure the soil is also good. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve Assumption Agreement whereby Grandville Custom Homes, Inc. assumes liability and responsibility for that certain Promissory Note wherein Schuyler Home Builders Group, LLC is borrower and City of Schuyler is lender in the amount of \$20,000 dated July 17, 2023 and secured by a Deed of Trust against Lot 8, Block 3, Water Tower Subdivision, Second Addition to the City of Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked what this was about. Mayor Lindberg stated basically Schuyler Home Builders purchased the lot to build a home and Grandville Home has a potential buyer and can move faster so we would be allowing them to buy it. 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)

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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