

City Council Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on March 15, 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: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: Baumert.

Administrator DeRoos stated he had a petition from the Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce to allow the Farmer's Market to be in the parking lot across from the ballroom, day to be determined during week.

Council member Kretz requested that the City Website have previous meeting minutes added to it. He then also requested that the booths from the ballroom be disposed of. Mayor Knutson suggested the park's committee get together and discuss it.

Administrator DeRoos reported he met with Boyd Jones about the Police Station, after visiting with JEO he found out the project is to far along to pursue that route. He is meeting with JEO tomorrow to finalize the police station renovations. The Denver Street project is underway and should start this month. There is a delay in the floor threshold at the ballroom. They ended up needing to replace the toilets at the ballroom also, to put the old back in would have cost \$2,500 compared to purchasing new and installing for \$3,500. The salt shed is still being discussed on how to get that done this year. They will be working on park improvements down at the campground, as it will be opening on April 1st. There will also be two benches put in around Carp Lake. There has been discussion about renaming Carp Lake. DeRoos also reported the Police are working on code enforcement and writing tickets for parking on the terrace. He would like to discuss this at a Safety Meeting on the 22nd of March. Currently the Yard Waste site is getting full and he discussed with the Fire Chief and they are not able to burn at this time. They are looking at options on more oversite to make sure trees over a foot in diameter are not left there.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported the Yard Waste site will be open on two Saturdays in March, the 19th and 26th. The week of March 28th the Yard Waste site will be open regular hours for the season. Colvin also reported the cost of paint they use to paint the streets has gone up from \$60 to \$255 for a 5-gallon bucket. He only has enough in his budget to buy 25% of what he needs. He has installed new signs that state to Stay Off the Ice. He will be ordering a couple new park benches. The street sweeper had a breakdown and, in the process, he found out the company that made the city street sweeper is out of business. Kraci's was able to make the repair now. The company we bought the current one from and that has been doing the service has a 2005 sweeper for \$40,000 and they would give us \$12,500 making it cost \$27,500. He asked to meet with Council member Holmberg to get ideas where to put firepits.

Emergency Manager Evert reported the following week will be Severe Weather Awareness Week and the sirens will be sounded on Wednesday, March 24th at 10 AM.

Police Chief Farber reported that Officer Andel is working Code Enforcement five hours out of his shift. Forty-three parking violations have been issued for parking on a non-hard surface since October 2021. The previous year October 2020 to September 2021 they issued thirteen tickets. This is the parking they get the most complaints on. They are working on education and explain that they can't park on a non-hard surface. He will bring more ideas to the Safety meeting on March 22nd.

Library Director White announced that April 5th is the 4th anniversary of opening the new library, they will be doing something special to mark the date.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported he is currently waiting on supplies and the electrician to continue the work on the new office space. He has been working with Officer Andel on code enforcement and has come up with some possible ordinance updates to help home owners to increase the parking on their property.

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Housing Specialist Bywater reported that the job has been posted for the Economic Development Coordinator on several platforms. The Leadership class graduation will be April 12th at 11:30 am. He also reported the Mares property has had interest by three different developers to develop a variety of different housing. There is a purchase agreement signed on the Shelby Lumber and School house. Kracl Meadows the previous year utility revenue and taxes generated \$24,000. He will be attending the NIFA conference at the end of March.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the March 1, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve payment of claims for the period from February 25, 2022 through March 11, 2022, in the amount of \$202,721.59 and the following exceeding \$1,000: NE Dept. of Transportation, Maintenance Agreement, Street, \$3,255.00; Folding Chairs 4 Less, Chairs/Tables, Ballroom \$4,460.32; Regier Carr & Monroe, Audit Service, Admin, \$2,300.00; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Admin/Police/Streets, \$1,100.00; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin, \$4,858.75; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Parks/Police/Streets, \$3,792.28; Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimburse, CDBG Grant, \$2,217.81; Mel's Small Engine, Parts, Streets/Parks, \$2,119.71; Total Security Solutions, Remodeling Supplies, Admin, \$8,962.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council Holmberg moved to accept 2022 February Treasurer's Report. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated the budget is 41.65% of the way through. She is keeping an eye on areas that have some overages and hoping to keep spending under control in those areas. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve Keno expenditure in the amount of \$500 per request of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary for a scholarship to be awarded to a 2022 graduating senior from Schuyler Central High School. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg asked how much is in the Keno funds. Clerk Johnson stated at the end of February there was \$70,405.73 and that revenues have resumed to pre-covid amounts. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the Schuyler Community Schools Summer Program usage of the Schuyler Swimming Pool from 1 PM to 2 PM, Monday – Thursday, June 3rd through June 23rd for a fee of \$300. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson explained this is a program that used the pool pre-covid. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to authorize closing of the following streets and city parking lot for carnival activities on June 10th thru the 12th: Sponsor is Schuyler Public Library Foundation; carnival is River City Carnival. Streets closed include: 12th Street from alley East to San Miguel Liquor to C Street, C Street to the North of 12th & C Street Intersections, and C Street from alley North, between 11th & 12th Street. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Library Director White reviewed the Statistics Report for FY 2020-2021 with the Council. (Attachment 2) She stated even though the usage was down this year she feels the library is continuing to bring value to the people of Schuyler.

Brian Bywater stated the Library Foundation is planning a summer concert series next to the library to the east on the lawn. They will host band on Friday nights in August until Labor Day weekend. The community will be able to bring out chairs and blankets to enjoy. Hours will run from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Parking would be arranged from CHI and Methodist Church.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the application to sell fireworks at retail to Ka-Boomer's Enterprises Inc. at 122 West 16th Street from June 25, 2022 at 12:01AM through July 4, 2022 11:59 PM. Council member Kasik

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

Council member Holmberg moved Resolution #2022-0315 to authorize the City Clerk to transfer funds from the General Account to the Special Project Account and for the funds to be restricted funds for the American Rescue Plan Act projects. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson reminded the Council when the auditor gave her review this was one of the items she suggested the city do to keep those funds more separated from the general funds. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg introduced the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-05, the title being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, VACATING THE STREET DESCRIBED AS EAST 21ST STREET BETWEEN COLFAX STREETS AND "A" STREETS BEING A STREET 68 FEET IN WIDTH; PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA STATUTE SECTION 16-611, CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, RESERVES AN EASEMENT TO THE SOUTH 40 FEET OF SAID STREET FOR UTILITY PURPOSES; TITLE TO THE SUBJECT STREET BEING VACATED AND SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATION OF THE EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, SHALL VEST IN THE OWNERS OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTIES, ONE-HALF ON EACH SIDE THEREOF; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos did state he heard from the property owners on the south and they did request for the trees to be cut down beforehand. Mayor Knutson stated that they will be taking as is. Attorney Seckman stated if at a later time the city chooses to take down the trees on the easement they can. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-05 was passed and adopted.

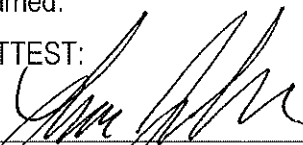
Council member Kretz introduced the second reading of Ordinance 2022-06, the title being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, ANNEXING A TRACT OF REAL ESTATE CONTIGUOUS OR ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA STATUTE SECTION 16-117 AND UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH REAL ESTATE, WHICH REAL ESTATE IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO BECOME, NORTH PARK COMMERCIAL EAST SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW1/4NE1/4 AND THE SE1/4NW1/4, ALL IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE S89°31'39"E (ASSUMED BEARING) ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NE1/4, A DISTANCE OF 688.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT #2007-00610; THENCE N00°28'21"E ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET; THENCE N89°31'39"W, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 67.33 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE WESTERLY ON A 150.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 396.32 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N76°01'26"W, A DISTANCE OF 290.70 FEET; THENCE N00°28'21"E, PERPENDICULAR TO SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 141.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A PERMANENT LEVEE EASEMENT DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT #2014-01256; THENCE N88°02'42"W ON SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 83.35 FEET; THENCE N71°23'03"W CONTINUING ON SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 354.30 FEET; THENCE S00°28'21"W, PERPENDICULAR TO SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 509.04 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 22ND STREET; THENCE S89°32'33"E ON SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 80.80 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NE1/4; THENCE S00°00'27"W ON SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING. 5.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TO EXTEND THE TWO MILE ZONING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND INHABITANTS OF SAID REAL ESTATE AND TO REQUIRE SAME TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council

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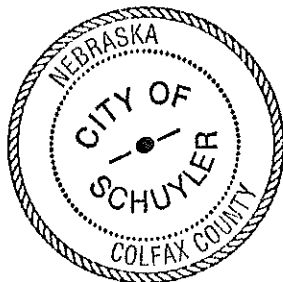
member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

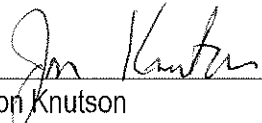
Council member Rodriguez moved to adjourn. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg asked if there should be a Public Works Committee to discuss the sweeper. It was decided that they will meet April 5th at 5:15. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

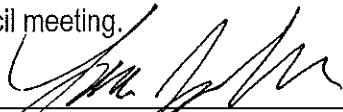




Mayor Jon Knutson

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