

City Council Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on March 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 Holmberg reported he attended the conference and he wishes he would see more city council members attending.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the Police Station Renovation has started, most of the demolition has been completed. Some joints have to be replaced. There is also no cement under the flooring. It was also treated for termite damage. He heard back from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and will be able to move forward with the three shipping containers and canopy for their salt shed. He is waiting on Beard Warren on specifications for the Ballroom Air Conditioning so it can be sent out for bids.

Emergency Manager Evert reported it might snow 1 to 2 inches with rain beforehand.

Utility Superintendent Hajek reported they are not Omaha Public Power District and they will not be shutting power off, this is a scam.

Police Chief Farber reported there has been an increase in dog calls. They have issued several citations for running at large and unlicensed animal. He also attended a zoom conference with 8 high schools and it was information on high school resource officers.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin reported they attended Levee Class in Omaha the previous week. Oil was discovered in the creek by Parkview. They found the source and cleanup is being taken care of. The police spoke with the offender and they will be paying for the cleanup. He is working on becoming a certified CDL trainer. Anyone who works for the city will be able to obtain their CDL through him. There is a sink hole on C Street that will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks. The gun range has been extended 150 feet. He thanked the Utilities for the help with some trees. The Construction teacher stated that the senior class will be working on Merchant Park as soon as they finish the house they are building. They have also started to street sweep all the streets.

Library Director White reported that April 5th will be the 5 year anniversary of the new library and they will be celebrating it. She will be having an author event in the future and will celebrate May the fourth. Now they have March Madness of book title and vote for the favorite books.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported he did four housing inspections this past week. Two final inspections on Sandy Shores and in Indian Heights, then he did two ruff-in inspections. He will be working on new council tables. He has an issue with a new home and the installation of sidewalks that will be the only sidewalks on the street.

Economic Development Director Ringenberg reported that Jose Rocha is now working 16 hours a week. He will be refreshing and renewing their websites, he will be helping with communication with Hispanic businesses. He will be also helping the Chamber when needed as well. She will be starting a new Local Leaders class starting in August. She has made contact with four commercial food services and they only look at communities with 20,000 or more in population. They are still working on the Top Notch and getting it moving.

Housing Specialist Bywater would like the public to attend the Study Session being held on March 21st at 5:00 pm to review the Housing Study done by RDG Planning and Design. He also thanks all who attended the visit with Congressman Flood. A recent wave of inquiries of the LB840 loan programs like the Façade Improvement Loans.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the February 21, 2023 and February 23, 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 Kasik moved to approve payment of claims for the period from February 18, 2023 through March 3, 2023, in the amount of \$180,167.50 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Pepsi-Cola, Bar Supplies, Ballroom, \$1,726.35; Quill, Council Chairs, Admin, \$1,978.65; Eakes, Shredder, Police, \$1,349.99; RDG, Housing Study, LB840, \$2,610.00; Karel & Seckman, Attorney Fees, Police/Admin, \$1,386.00; Schuyler Coop Association, Fuel, Parks/Streets/Police, \$1,239.47; JEO, Asphalt/Flood Risk, Streets/Admin, \$24,058.75; Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Membership Dues, Admin, \$2,000.00. 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 manager application for Christopher Sieck in connection with Casey's General Store 2716 liquor license. 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 to approve Keno expenditure in the amount of \$500 per request of Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies' Auxillary for a scholarship to be awarded to a 2023 graduating senior from Schuyler Central High School. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Kretz abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve a quote of \$8,984.21 from Jones Automotive for docking stations to be used with the Toughbook's for the Police Department. 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 authorize pay application #1 for the Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$115,194.60 to Rogge General Contractors. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the application to sell fireworks at retail to Ka-Boomer's Enterprises Inc. at 122 West 16th Street from June 25, 2023 at 12:01 AM through July 4, 2023 11:59 PM. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion about overtime holiday pay. Administrator DeRoos stated it had been questioned by employees on why they did not receive overtime on a week with a holiday when they work over 32 hours. He stated that the city is not violating any labor laws by not paying he just wanted the councils' thoughts. There was a lot of discussion between the council and the employees. Clerk Johnson will contact cities of similar size of how they pay. Administrator DeRoos will look at the wording of the policy and procedures manual for overtime hours and an approximate cost of paying overtime when holiday, vacation or sick leave is used.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion about downtown parking. Administrator DeRoos stated he would like to get businesses to buy in for parking in public parking lots. He would also like to look into budgeting in to next year's budget to pave the old Carnegie lot. It was agreed both items are needed.

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

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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