

City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on April 18, 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. President Holmberg 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.

President Holmberg read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

President Holmberg read the thank you from Schuyler Elementary School for the donation of Keno Funds for their field day.

Administrator DeRoos reviewed his written report (Attachment B). He also reported that the Ballroom Capital Improvement is coming in under budget so he is looking at other possibilities of renovations that could be done at the ballroom to use that capital improvement funds. He received a bid for the Police Body and Vehicle Cameras. Attorney Seckman asked if this was a lease or purchase. DeRoos stated a purchase with an agreement to their cloud services for storage for 5 years. Council member Holmberg asked what the life expectancy is on this this equipment. Chief Farber stated 5 to 6 years. DeRoos said there has been a report to the City about in home food businesses. He has been in contact with the State to see what the City can do. He will continue to work with the Police and the State on this issue.

Clerk Johnson announce the City was awarded their 35 year as a Tree City. She also submitted the six-month Revenue and Expenditure Report to the council and it will also run in the April 27<sup>th</sup> Schuyler Sun. She also reported that DeRoos and herself met with the department heads to review the Treasurer's Report since the city is half way through the fiscal year.

Emergency Manager Evert reported there is a statewide no burning ban until April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chief Farber reported they have submitted the paperwork on the recently purchased computers for a \$15,000 grant. They covered Prom this last weekend and there were no problems. He met with the new incoming Superintendent for the School District; he thinks we will be pleased with the new direction.

Economic Development Coordinator Ringenberg reported the Tire Amnesty Day will be at the Soccer Complex on East 9<sup>th</sup> Street on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 4 PM. They are working on grant funding sources and money sources for the different projects going on in Schuyler.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the April 4, 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 Baumert moved to approve payment of claims for the period from April 1, 2023 through April 14, 2023, in the amount of \$450,009.03 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police/Streets, \$1,441.23; Visa-Pinnacle Bank, Misc., Admin/Ballroom/Police/Parks, \$1,646.47; Schuyler Home & Building Supply, Supplies, Streets/Admin/ARPA-Special Project, \$3,357.88; The Sherwin Williams, Paint, Streets, \$3,977.50; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police/Streets, \$4,819.40; Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, Audit, Admin, \$6,600.00; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Admin/LB840/CDBG, \$2,112.00; City Clock Co, Clock Tower, Police-Bond, \$2,430.00; Reinecke Motor Co., Repairs, Police, \$1,156.75; Bizco Technologies, Microsoft Office, Police, \$2,599.00; Baker & Taylor, Books, Library, \$1,235.36; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin/Streets, \$14,776.25; RDG, Housing Study, LB840, \$2,610.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the 2023 March Treasurer's Report. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

John Callen with JEO was present at the meeting to give an update on the City's LOMR application to FEMA. There is a three-step process for this. The first step is the technical data development, which has been done. Next is the submittal with review and comments from FEMA. The last step is a public outreach process. Areas on the attached map in pink are the areas to be removed. (Attachment 2) He would approximate it removing 80% of the City that is currently in the flood plain. The review and comments can take a few months to be completed, public outreach has a three-month appeal period. He hopes in 9 to 12 months from now the new maps would be in effect.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize the Mayor to sign submittal paperwork of the LOMR to FEMA. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

President Holmberg opened a discussion on parking near the America's Pathway. Clerk Johnson read the request from a local citizen. (Attachment 3) Johnson stated that Mayor Lindberg asked for a handicap spot and possibly three 3 additional one-hour parking. Council member Kretz feels the handicap parking stall should be for a van parking with a curb cut for easy accessibility. Council member Holmberg stated we are limited on parking in the downtown the way it is. Council member Baumert said he agrees to the handicap spot and one additional one-hour spot. Attorney Seckman stated they could approve the handicap parking spot and monitor the other parking stalls and decide at a later time.

Council member Rodriguez moved Resolution 2023-0418 authorizing one handicap parking space to the north of America's Pathway on 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Colfax and A Street. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: Kretz. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve Change Order 1 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation for an increase in the amount of \$29,337.16. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos said this is for termite treatment, floor removal, and concrete under flooring. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to receive and file RDG 2023 Housing Study. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05, 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 LOT 12, BLOCK 3, WATER TOWER SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO NEEMIAS GALDAMEZ AND NANCI GALDAMEZ, FOR THE SUM OF \$25,000.00, WITH AUTHORIZATION MADE PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 16-202 (REISSUE 2012); PROVIDING BUYER TO BUILD A RESIDENCE COMPLETED AS A LIVABLE RESIDENCE WITHIN 24 MONTHS FOR DISCOUNT OF \$20,000.00 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 Baumert seconded the motion. Attorney Seckman stated this is identical to what we have been doing with all the lots in block 3. The only thing different is this is not being purchased by a developer. It would be purchased and a home built for the land owner. Utility Superintendent Hajek stated this is a family that came asking to purchase a lot. He says they have a majority of the funds to build the home. They are going to hire the contractor Aldana Construction who built another new house on A Street. He has another family that is looking to do the same thing. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to waive the three-reading rule. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Baumert moved for final passage. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-05 was passed and adopted.

Council member Rodriguez moved to close 12<sup>th</sup> Street from A to C Street from May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 AM and to close B Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street from May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM to May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 AM for the Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Chamber Director Jedlicka stated the carnival will be on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. There will be activities on B Street; bands, dancing and horses. She has been in contact with all downtown businesses except for one. They are taking volunteers. Council member Kretz asked if there will be a traffic problem. She said the fire department will be aware and cars will have to turn onto gravel to avoid the area. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to accept bid from Ruff's Heating & A/C Inc. for a 50-ton unit replacement at the Oak Ballroom in the amount of \$123,000. 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 Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual change to item 9.1 changing eligibility age from 21 to 18 years of age. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to authorize Mayor to sign amendment request for the City of Schuyler Retirement Plan and City of Schuyler 457 Plan age from 21- to 18-year-old to be eligible for the plans. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to close roads for a Middle School Field Day on Banner Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

President Holmberg opened a discussion on the possibility of doing a Blight Study. Jeff Ray with JEO was present to review the draft agreement and maps. (Attachment 4) He reviewed the areas that the red would be taken out of the blighted area and the green would be added to the blighted area. The cost of the agreement is \$8,250. This study will help provide assistance if a TIF project is looked at in one of these areas. Administrator DeRoos stated that in order to get this going this fiscal year the Development Company would be willing to pay for the study and then the City can reimburse them in October.

President Holmberg opened a discussion on the Veteran's Memorial. Administrator DeRoos stated that the location is still under discussion. The veterans would like to decide soon so they can place their monument. Lumir Jedlicka stated they would still like to have the memorial out in front of the ballroom. He said if the council is thinking of another location, they would like to discuss it. They have been collecting donations and hope to have all the funds for the project soon. Their contractor would not be able to start till late summer. They have a stone that they would like to place now to mark the spot. Council member Kretz received a correspondence from a citizen in his ward asking for it to be placed in South Park Area 1 & 2. Jedlicka feels parking is better at the ballroom. They would add additional handicap parking by taking down the wall running along Higgins Drive. Council member Holmberg feel the ballroom is the better placement due to the history of both the memorial and ballroom. He does not feel it will disturb pictures at the ballroom. There is water and electricity already at the ballroom and parking. Council member Baumert asked how many council members have gotten negative comments. Council member Kasik only had someone ask if it will obstruct the view of the ballroom. Jedlicka stated it will be more to the northeast corner of the ballroom lot. Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated that placing it at the ballroom will have more costs since the street is 6 to 8 inches higher than the sidewalk by the wall. They will have to also move all the irrigation system and any utilities running under that area before construction. He stated he would put in a digger hotline request for both locations to see what is located in both

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areas. The Veteran's Committee will be covering all expenses. The council consensus is they can put the stone out at the ballroom until a final location is agreed upon.

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor Art Lindberg

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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