

City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on April 19, 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: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Absent: Kretz.

Mayor Knutson read and signed the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mayor Knutson reported Schuyler Community Wide Clean Up on public areas/streets is Thursday, April 28, 2022. Registration begins at the Recycling Center at 4 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Administrator DeRoos reported Cory Brodersen with JEO is present and he will be able to give an update on the Police Station renovation and review the scope of services along with the rise in construction costs. He stated Jon Mooberry with JEO is also present and will be talking about Denver Street Construction starting the first week in May. He would like to have a meeting with the Cultural Recreation meeting to discuss three different potential park spaces. The council agreed a 5:15 meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> before the regular council meeting would work. Preliminary work has started on the budget, he plans to have a sit down meeting and get the councils goals and values. Then he will take it back to the department heads and workout the numbers. He is also looking at technology improvements and will bring more information later. The basement flooring is now in downstairs.

Attorney Seckman reported that on the April 11<sup>th</sup> they closed on the Valley Drive Properties LLC of the Watertower 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision.

Clerk Johnson reviewed the six-month revenue report for all the accounts that will be published in the April 21<sup>st</sup> paper. (Attachment B) On April 14<sup>th</sup> she administered two tests for the open Sergeant position, test scores should be coming back soon. On Friday she was able to file the first ARPA report online.

Utility Superintendent McGowen reported that a call to dig has come in on the new Valley Drive Properties, he believes they will be digging basements by next week.

Police Chief Farber reported Officer Andel and Sergeant Terrell have been attending a Child Abuse Symposium in Norfolk to help cover that work since the departure of Office Guern. They have done a lot of traffic enforcement in the last two weeks focusing on the speeding issues.

Library Director White reported in June on the 9<sup>th</sup> they will be having a author event with Linda Stephen who wrote the children's book The Day We Went To The Park. Then on June 30<sup>th</sup> Dylan Jacobsen will be at the library helping aspiring comic book writers. They will create their own comic book, which will be published and added to the library's collection.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported he received two new building permits from the Valley Drive Properties. He has also been working on the final draft of ordinance changes for parking. He has reached out to the City of Lexington to see how they handle the parking issues.

Pool Manager Nepper reported she has 7 lifeguards coming back, and 5 looking to take the class.

Economic Development Director Brandenburgh reported that there were 17 graduates from the leadership class. The special project the class did was to design 3 different options for a mural possibly on a downtown building. She also reported that the LB840 sales tax is at 49.7% compared to last years numbers.

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Housing Director Bywater reported he has been having planning sessions for the Mares Property for housing. He is starting with dialog with the Department of Utilities. He has been working with new hires with Schuyler Community Schools to help find housing. He also said there were surveyors out at the Valley Drive Properties today.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the April 5, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from April 2, 2022 through April 15, 2022, in the amount of \$131,928.03 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Baker & Taylor, Books, Library-Special Projects, \$1,233.49; LS & S, Focus 24" CCTV, Library-Special Projects, \$3,064.95; Junior Library Guild, Book Subscription, Library, \$2,748.60; Uline, Benches, Parks, \$1,896.94; Cada Electric, Remodel, Admin, \$1,049.50; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin, \$14,116.25; Visa-Pinnacle Bank, Lights/Doors/Lodging, Admin, \$2,026.69; Schuyler Home & Bldg., Supplies, Ballroom/Streets/Admin, \$1,374.34; Agri-City Insurance, Workers Comp Increase, Admin/Streets/Police/Transit/Parks/Pool, \$11,362.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Council member Kasik asked if there has been any work done on getting prices on insurance. Clerk Johnson responded that Deputy Clerk Mejstrik and herself have been working on putting bidding documents together and hope to send out to bid sometime in July. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the 2022 March Treasurer's Report. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated that the city is 50% through the fiscal year. She reminded council that the Police Bond and ARPA funds went into the Special Projects account and that is why it is so much larger this month. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize pay application #1 for 2022 Denver Street & Downtown Storm Improvements in the amount of \$39,708.90 to M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Jon Mooberry with JEO was present and stated this was for clearing the property getting it ready for them to be able to start the paving project. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize Mayor to sign Substantial Completion Certificate with M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. on 2021 Valley Drive Street Improvements. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Mooberry with JEO stated that it is completed and functional, they will not receive final payment until the punch list items are completed. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve change order #4 with M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. for the 2021 Valley Drive Street Improvements for a decrease in the amount of \$6,789.50. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Mooberry with JEO stated this is balancing the final quantities for the project. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to authorize pay application #6 for 2021 Valley Drive Street Improvements in the amount of \$17,652.71 to M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

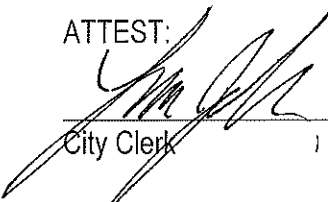
Council member Kment moved to approve and authorize the mayor to sign agreement for professional services with JEO for the Schuyler Police Station – Renovation and Addition. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Corey Brodersen with JEO was present and reviewed the plans for the Police Station on first floor and second floor. (Attachment 2) He also stated that the project could be bid out with options and depending on funds available would decide which options are able to be done. He also recommends having hazardous material testing done. Which is not part of the agreement but they can assist with it. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

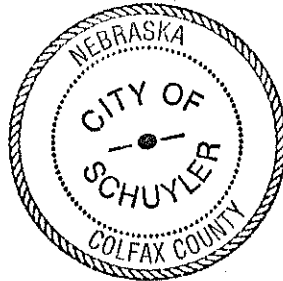
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Council member Kment moved to approve the pool rates for 2022 swim season. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated the rates for entry have stayed the same the only change is the rental fee the lifeguards pay in rental fee to give private lessons from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per lesson or half an hour. Pool Manager Nepper questioned the 100% increase. Council member Baumert asked what opening cost we will have this year compared to previous years. Administrator DeRoos stated all big items were completed the previous year. Council member Kasik asked what guards are paid per half hour for private lessons. Pool Manager Nepper stated \$19. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

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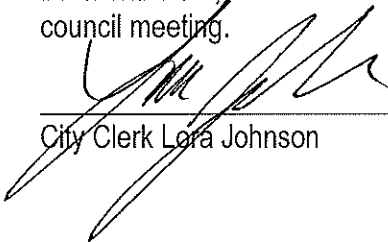
  
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Mayor Jon Knutson

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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