

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on May 17, 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, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: no one

Mayor communicated the Thank You received from Schuyler Post Prom and all the students that attended.

Mayor Knutson presented a "Life Saving Award" for an incident that occurred on 3/1/2022 to Sergeant Cheyne Terrell, Officer Ryan Anandel and Firefighter Joey Kroeger. Unable to attend 1st Assistant Chief Matt Prochaska. On 3/1/22 Schuyler Police Department and Schuyler Fire and Rescue were dispatched to the South Park Lake for a possible drowning. Upon arrival 2 subjects who had been walking on the ice were in the lake at the Schuyler Park. Schuyler Police Sergeant Cheyne Terrell and 1st Assistant Chief Matt Prochaska were first on scene. Shortly after Firefighter Joey Kroeger and Officer Ryan Anandel arrived on scene. With assistance from Officer Ryan Anandel and Firefighter Joey Kroeger from the shore, 1st Assistant Chief Matt Prochaska and Sergeant Cheyne Terrell entered the lake to rescue the 2 subjects and bring them to the shore.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the police station renovation has no updates. Denver Street and Downtown Outfalls are continuing on schedule. The Storm Sewer and Flap Gate project is over its delays and work has resumed. He has had contact with the contractors that are taking down the Carnegie Building, work is to begin the end of next week. If work does not begin then he will reevaluate the city's options since work was supposed to be completed a month ago.

Emergency Manager Evert reported she has been contacted by NEMA and she is getting them the documentation of the damage during the blackout. She also stated to be prepared for more storms tonight.

Streets and Parks Manager Colvin reported that the Spring Fling went well, close to 500 people came through. He said the biggest question they received is why the city doesn't do the clean up twice a year. He also reported the ballroom roof has some roof leaks and the air conditioning unit went out over the weekend. He has several HVAC companies look at repairing the air conditioning unit and possible replacement. There were no problems with it until the big storm that came through.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported that the number of permits has gone up. There are a couple houses going up across from Kracl Meadows. He thanked Officer Anandel for all the code enforcement tickets he has written. He has gotten the signatures needed for the America's Pathway permits.

Library Director White reported that a children's book author who does origami will be here June 16th. The last Thursday in June they will be having their comic book workshop. There is still room in that workshop for teens to sign up. They are also working on the Summer Reading program.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the May 3, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from April 30, 2022 through May 13, 2022, in the amount of \$180,879.47 and the following exceeding \$1,000: QC Supply, Gates, Parks, \$2,324.44; Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Police/Streets, \$1,059.81; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Admin/Library, \$1,815.00; JEO, Engineering Fees, Admin/Library, \$15,312.00; Visa-Pinnacle Bank, ICMA Fee/Supplies, Admin/Parks, \$1,539.14; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police/Streets, \$2,790.09. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson corrected the amount of Schuyler Coop from \$15,312.00 to \$2,790.09. Council

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member Kment asked what ICMA stood for. DeRoos stated International Conference of Managers and Administrators. Council member Kretz asked what type of gates were purchased. Colvin stated they purchased two farm gates that are in dry storage and will be installed at the park and campground. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the 2022 April Treasurer's Report. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated that we are currently 58.31% thru the budget. She pointed out the Gas Occupation Tax brought in \$12,000 more the last quarter than what is usually brought in. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Knutson opened a public hearing to hear citizen comments pertaining to an application for a Special Use Permit was filed by Parkview Storage, LLC for a Convenience Storage in "GC", General Commercial. The property is located inside the city limits, legally described as a tract of land located in Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, to the City of Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, said point being 100 feet East of the NW Corner of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition; thence continuing East along the North line of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence South and parallel to the West line of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, a distance of 320 feet to a point; thence West and parallel to the North line of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence North and parallel to the West line of said Block 2, Clarkson and Dorsey's Addition, a distance of 320 feet to the point of beginning.

Attorney Seckman described the location north of the Pizza Hut and east of the Kracl Funeral Chapel. Parkview Storage purchased the pre-existing storage units from Lloyd Brichacek. They plan to add another storage building to be used for similar use. Council member Kretz asked why they need a Special Use Permit. Seckman stated it is required under the city's zoning regulations since it is zoned General Commercial.

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

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the application for a Special Use Permit for Convenience Storage in "GC", General Commercial as filed by Parkview Storage, LLC. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kment moved to authorize pay application #7 and Final for the 2021 Valley Drive Street Improvements project in the amount of \$19,910.79 to M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Jon Mooberry with JEO stated this is the release of retainage of the project. They have two items to take care of. One is to finish grouting on the sanitary sewer cleanout and picking up rock they had out there. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to authorize pay application #2 for the 2021 Denver Street Improvements project in the amount of \$74,360.56 to M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Jon Mooberry with JEO viewed the payment application format. This is mainly sanitary sewer and water with a little storm sewer. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to close C Street from 10th thru 12th Street for the Knights of Columbus Spring Festival on June 12, 2022. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve use of City Streets for a Right to Life Fun Run/Walk sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on June 12, 2022. Streets include C Street from 11th Street to 9th Street, 9th Street from C Street to Yard Waste Site. Run/Walk begins at 11 AM. Requesting for a police presence and no street closures. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Holmberg moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Schuyler Community Development, Inc. and Schuyler Chamber of Commerce concerning the "America's Pathway". Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Colfax County, NE concerning the emergency sirens. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to waive the residency requirements one time for the Police Sergeant Position for Michael Martinez. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Council member Kasik asked where he lives? Mayor Knutson stated he lives in Octavia. Chief Farber stated he is the K-9 officer; he has never had a problem getting here since he is 6 to 7 miles away. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Knutson opened discussion about the cars and pedestrians on South Park Road. He is ready for the city to order some speed bumps. He would like to see at least 5 speed bumps and keeping it to around \$5,000. Council member Kretz stated the problem he has with speed bumps is the faster you go the less bump there is. Council member Holmberg asked if this is a liability problem if someone's car suffers damage. Attorney Seckman answered they would need to provide signage with the speed bumps warning drivers of them. Council member Kment asked if this is really a big problem or is this a speed issue or a pedestrian issue.

Council member Kretz stated that with two-way traffic and pedestrians on the side it can cause a problem. He would like to see the road made into a one-way street. Police Chief had concerns about medical having more difficulty getting to the homes if it is one way. He stated most of the issues comes from low profile vehicles, these vehicles would have to slow down or they would suffer damage to their vehicle.

Council member Kasik asked about sidewalks or walking path. Administrator DeRoos stated he is looking into that but it is a little cost prohibitive. This would take time and money to do. It will need more time to plan.

Attorney Seckman stated if the speed bumps are not successful then it would justify to the home owner as to why it needs to go to a one-way street. The council would be showing home owners they did their due diligence. He stated if the speed is reduced that would have to be done in a resolution.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Jon Knutson

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