

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on May 2, 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.

Mayor Art Lindberg proclaimed the week of May 7th thru the 13th of 2023 National Prevention Week in Schuyler.

Attorney Seckman questioned if there needed to be an action item on the study session on May 9th, he thought the veterans are wanting a final decision. Mayor Lindberg thought it would be good to discuss everything that night and have an action item on a meeting after the study session.

Administrator DeRoos reviewed his written report (Attachment B). He also reported that a meeting was held to discuss home businesses selling food. The plan at this time will be if a complaint or an obvious advertisement of business will be investigated.

Clerk Johnson reminded the Study Session will be May 9th at 6:00 PM to discuss the Veterans Memorial.

Police Chief Farber announced that they received the \$15,000 grant money from the State for the computers they purchased.

Parks and Street Manager Colvin reported the alley repair is completed. Merchant Park is officially on the National Register for Historical Sites. It is the oldest ballfield in Nebraska and the 5th oldest in the Country. Next week they will be starting construction with the Department of Utilities of electricity and water at every camp site and it should increase capacity by 8 sites. They are preparing for this weekend's events and next weekend's Spring Fling.

Library Director White reported there will be an author event on Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 PM for Tosca Lee.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported he received building permit applications from Home Development LLC for three duplex units to be built on W 22nd Street in the Water Tower Subdivision. Site work has started on two new truck storage projects on E 22nd Street. There is also another possible new duplex on H Street that is depending on a rezoning and lot variance being approved. The Steve Lloyd Rentals housing project and Schuyler Home Builders Group housing projects on W 22nd Street are moving along. He met on the Cottage Food Regulation and he received information from the City of Lexington on how they handle it.

Economic Development Director Carol Ringenberg reported she has met with the Norfolk USDA to review grants and loans available from the USDA Rural Revitalization. She has showed two interested parties the Top Notch building. She has had three calls about commercial property for sale. Had two calls about available restaurant space. One inquiry to bring in a tube style car wash into Schuyler. They are working on translating their working documents to Spanish. She continues to work on the Local Leadership in August, it will run for 9 months. Council member Kasik asked if any of the inquires will produce anything. Ringenberg stated that there are buildings available for a restaurant but the owners are unwilling to sell. They will be contacting those owners to reconsider. There is interest in building a medical plaza. The Bank of the Valley property that is available is priced to high per square foot for the interested individual.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported he attended the NIFA Conference a couple weeks ago and met three developers who indicated interest in building different types of housing. He has been asked about affordable housing and an 1100 square foot single family home with unfinished basement that is owner occupied with post World War II look will be \$280,000. Mayor Lindberg asked if he knew the price point for the Habitat for Humanity housing. Bywater said he did not know. It did not get traction here is the lack of volunteers and willingness to participate.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the April 18, 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 Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from April 15, 2023 through April 26, 2023, in the amount of \$159,116.34 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimburse, CDBG Grant, \$30,198.90; D&K, Fertilizer, Parks, \$1,908.00; Dept. of Utilities, EMC Refund, Admin, \$5,919.54; Junior Library Guild, Renewal, Library, \$2,926.22; Corral Auto Repair and Towing, Repairs, Police, \$1,410.14; Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Police, \$1,054.22; JEO, Eng. Fees, Special Project-Police, \$25,056.00, RDG Planning & Design, Housing Study, LB840, \$2,610.00; Woehl Welding Services, Scoreboard Install, Parks, \$1,476.00. 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 Kasik moved to approve the Schuyler Community Schools Summer Program usage of the Schuyler Swimming Pool Monday-Thursday, June 5th through June 23rd for a fee of \$400 by amendment. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg felt it needs to be increased since our costs have been rising. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the pool rates for 2023 swim season at \$90 for Individual Season Pass, \$200 for Family Season Pass, \$5 Daily Admission Child, \$6 Daily Admission Adult and \$90 Water Aerobics all other prices same as prior year. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg stated for at least the last 10 years rates have not changed at the pool. Cost to operate the pool keep going up with wages and chemical cost. Mayor Lindberg stated there are about 70 days of operation. Council discussed possible rate changes for all passes. Pool Manager Nepper asked about the daily rate being honored all day. Could there be a charge for each swim session. The council decided to raise Individual Pass up a \$1.00, Single and Water Aerobics from \$85.00 to \$90.00 and a Family Pass from \$175.00 to \$200.00. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to permit one goose for Kailee Charles property at 804 E 9th Street and not to enforce City Ordinance regarding livestock in the City Limits as it relates to her one goose. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: no one. Administrator DeRoos asked Kailee Charles to speak about the request. Kailee Charles stated a sheriff had come to her house to talk about the goose. They were also a cousins dogs at the house that neighbors were complaining about. The dogs have been removed. The officer told her she would need a permit to have the goose in the city limits. Attorney Seckman stated there is no permit to issue, he then read the City Ordinance 90.08 B. He brought up the situation from four years prior with Vicky Borman and a horse residing in the city limits. Last time Attorney Pigsley stated that our ordinance could be defended and the first time the council allows it they will have to allow in the future. Clerk Johnson stated she spoke to him and he had the same recommendation today. Seckman stated that the goose is not recognized by the ADA as a service animal. Council member Rodriguez asked about a change in the ordinance to allow comfort animals. Seckman stated if they write a new ordinance to restructure the ordinance to deal with service or comfort animals. Voting against: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Motion failed.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve one police officer to attend training as a School Resource Officer. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize Mayor to sign agreement with JEO for an updated Schuyler Blight and Substandard Study in the amount of \$8,250. 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 authorize pay application #3 for Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$87,865.65 to Rogge General Contractors. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve bid from Bizco Technologies for 6 in car cameras and 11 body cameras for \$59,495.31 funds coming from Police Capital Outlay. 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 to authorize Mayor Lindberg to sign Master SaaS License Agreement with PM AM Corporation for software services for one year in the amount of \$2,250.00. 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 the application to sell fireworks at retail to Marv's Fireworks at 218 E 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.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize mayor to sign agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for the General Administration of CDBG Grant Funds 22-PW-016 and 20-EMCV-028. 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 to approve Resolution 2023-0502 to authorize Plan Administrator to sign the Adoption Agreement for Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation Non-Standardized Governmental 401(1) Pre-Approved Plan. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kretz, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on the Ballroom Manager Position. Administrator DeRoos stated there has been a change of personnel at the ballroom, there is a vacancy of the Ballroom Manager. Currently the duties of the manager are being handled by the Administration Department and the Parks and Street Manager. The role the manager plays is being explored of splitting those responsibilities. The Administration could answer questions about the Ballroom and book the Ballroom. He would like to find someone who could show the Ballroom. The alcohol order will also be done through Administration. There could be a shift lead for during events. Council member Holmberg asked if this could lead into needing another person to work in the Administration office to add another layer of separation that the auditors are asking for. The cleaning for now is being handled by the Street Department. They are currently looking into having a company or a person that would come in to do the cleaning. One cleaning company gave a bid of \$400 an event where they would clean right after event overnight. This would leave the Ballroom open to turn the Ballroom over more. Parks & Streets Manager stated there is a promoter that would like every Friday night, but right now the decorators come in a couple days before the event. Council member Holmberg stated he thinks we should take our time and not make any quick decisions. Administrator DeRoos stated he will give another update in two weeks. Council member Wolfe asked how this affects the City's Liquor License. Clerk Johnson stated that the Mayor is listed on the liquor license but the manager will need to be replaced.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

City Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
COUNTY OF COLFAX) SS

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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