

City Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on June 18, 2024 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, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Absent: no one.

Mayor Lindberg led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office for David Marron City Council Member for the 3rd Ward was administered.

Council member Baumert moved appointment of Donna Petersen & Chris Langemeier to the Board of Appeals for a term of 2024-2027. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Absent: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg encouraged everyone to attend Schuyler Fest this upcoming weekend.

Emergency Manager Evert reported they are moving siren testing to the 1st Monday of the Month for the rest of the year.

Utilities Superintendent Sobota reported the Water Tower 5th Addition has all the utilities that can be put in. They are waiting on fill material to be brought in. A progress meeting will be on June 20th and a timeline will be laid out. The municipal well at Denver and Dunker is two weeks out from being put online. They still have some storm damage from May 24th damage and are waiting for contractors to change out transmission line poles. The transmission line realignment project was approved by the Railroad. They have been working with City on Storm Sewer jetting. There is a lot of work to do to get it cleaned out. The Electric Department is working on an electronic mapping system. Mayor Lindberg asked if they are still chlorinating. Sobota responded they are and are going to continue until the new well is online and a few weeks after that.

Police Chief Farber reported the repairs are all made except the water issue at the two door ways and the window is ready to be installed. There were no daytime DUI arrest in the last two weeks.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin reported he met with the NDOT about the south bound lane expansion joint on viaduct is failing. It is their top priority to get it replaced as soon as they find a contractor to replace it. They stated the viaduct is still safe. They got 10 picnic tables delivered from the grant money they received. With recent rains the flap gates have been working as they should. Road painting will start as soon as weather permits before the 4th of July holiday.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported two new housing projects started this week. One was with Keys Builders and the other for Hector Ramirez. The footings are poured and basement walls. The housing projects in the Water Tower Subdivision on lots 5 and 6 had issues that they were set back five feet to much from the front placing them to close to the drainage ditch behind them. They moved everything forward. He issued a certificate of occupancy at 509 Dunker Street to Keys Builders.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the June 4, 2024 council meetings minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve payment of claims for the period from June 1, 2024 through June 14, 2024, in the amount of \$211,327.78 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Parks/Admin/Transit/Streets/Police, \$1,515.73; Vector Solutions, Membership, Police, \$1,639.74; JEO, Eng. Fees, Special Project/Police/Admin/Streets, \$25,367.75; Dept of Utilities, EMC Refund, Admin, \$3,287.49; Love's Travel

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Stops, TIF, Admin, \$74,930.28; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$1,736.00; U&I Sanitation, Spring Fling, Streets, \$13,3089.10; Eakes Office Solutions, Copier Contract, Police, \$2,184.74; Willy Goat, Playground Equipment, Parks, \$1,332.00; Project Lifesaver International, Equipment, Special Projects-Police, \$7,511.96; Midwest Service & Sales, Planks, Parks, \$10,520.28; Svehla Law Offices, Legal Fees, Admin, Streets/Police/Library/LB840, \$6,930.00; Phillips 66, Fuel, Transit/Police, \$1,452.43. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Svoboda asked if the 12' planks were ordered. Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated yes. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to accept the May 2024 Treasurer's Report. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved for consideration for approval of an amendment to the City of Schuyler's CDBG RLF to discontinue the RLF and return remaining funds to DED. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this is the action after the public hearing was held at the last council meeting. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a service agreement with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$1,354.00. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve Storm Activation Siren Policy. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated after a couple tornado warnings in the county they reviewed the current policy and surrounding communities and he and the Emergency Manager came up with the new policy. The first part is to reiterate that these are outdoor sirens not meant to be heard inside. They will be activated when the National Weather Service initiates a tornado warning for the city and its two mile jurisdiction, when a public safety official sights rotation, and when 911 receives reports of imminent threat or harm. The 911 supervisor or emergency manager can direct activation. Emergency Manager Evert stated weather alert radios are the best way for citizens to stay alert. Mayor Lindberg asked if two miles was enough. Evert responded that if she would look at the radar and thinks it needs to sound sirens, she will. This is just a guideline since weather is not textbook. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Corinne Donahue with Nebraska Public Transit Mobility Management Team came to update the council on the taskforce that was created in the Columbus region for additional transportation. They surveyed the public on what needs are not being met. They narrowed the need of transportation between Columbus and Schuyler and Columbus and Lindsey and additional services in the City of Columbus. The local match is \$119,000 per year for those additional routes. They are seeking the local match partners from the counties, cities and major employers. They are here to present to seek if the city is interested in partnering. They have a commitment from Platte County at this time. Council member Kasik asked if the rider will have a fee. Donahue responded it will be the decision of the local agency running the program and others charge \$5 a ride between communities. The buses will run as scheduled times. Mayor Lindberg stated they will discuss it in the future and get information back to them.

Administrator DeRoos stated that there is a potential buyer for the Top Notch Building. He feels there is a good plan for rehabilitation of the whole building within the next three years. The idea of using the money that would have been used to tear the building down and Brian Bywater with SCD got an estimate. With approval they will use it for economic stimulus for the sale. The documents protect the city. City Attorney Graham stated it is more of a complex sale. It is a sale of the building for \$1. The City is willing to give a forgivable loan of \$250,000 from funds. There are conditions that have to be met if conditions are met the loan is converted a grant. If not met then it works as a promissory note being paid back to the City. It does include the first right of refusal if they would sell the building. Once sold to a third party that option is no longer available. There will also be a right of repurchase the cost of sale and any improvements. The City is having its interest protected with these agreements, if the City moves forward with the sale. The ordinance needs to be passed, then a notice is published in three consecutive papers, and then a 30-day remonstrance period

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starts. The execution of the purchase agreement. After the 30 days the deed and rest of paperwork would be able to be signed and finished.

Council member Kasik Introduced First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-08, title being; AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTH 88 FEET OF LOTS 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 80, ORIGINAL TOWN OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO KR DEVELOPMENT, LLC; DIRECTING NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council member Wolfe seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda 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, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to final passage. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Ordinance 2024-08 was passed and adopted.

Council member Rodriguez moved to waive the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance 11-618 Section B pertaining to \$50 fee to be on public right away for Chona's on July 3rd at the Oak Ballroom. Council member Svoboda seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated this for during the Veteran's Memorial fundraiser. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez, Svoboda and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Lumir Jedlicka was present to represent the Veteran's about the Veteran's Memorial. They were concerned with the 2% slope of the memorial and after discussions with Steve Parr with JEO he agreed that a 1% slope will be fine for the memorial. He just wanted to keep the council informed on their plans. The center part of memorial will begin in July.

Administrator DeRoos reviewed the three plans given by JEO for the 12th and B project. JEO would like the plan chosen and alterations that are needed. The Colfax Foundation would like design A with additional paving and less green space. Council member Baumert likes either design A or C because it pointing south and if Foundation likes design A, he is good with that. Council member Kasik likes the restroom away from the stage in design A. Council member Rodriguez likes design C because of where the bathrooms are positioned. Mayor Lindberg reminded to keep everyday use not just in events, design A he feels is better for daily use.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve Saturday, August 31, 2024 as Schuyler Community Day for Keno by the Nebraska Cooperative Government. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this is a bonus day on pick 7's. Council member Baumert stated this helps promote supporting Keno which provides funds to the city. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Marron, Rodriguez and Svoboda. Voting against: no one. Abstaining: Wolfe. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Art Lindberg

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

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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