

City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on June 7, 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, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: Holmberg

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Michael Martinez and Ryan Anzel to Police Sergeant effective June 7, 2022. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor communicated the Thank You received from Schuyler Elementary School for the donation to Field Day.

Mayor Knutson is working on lining up June appointments for the second meeting in June.

Administrator DeRoos reported an update on the capital improvements. The Police Building has had hazardous material testing done and are waiting for the results. The demo will be starting on the old Carnegie Library. The concrete work is done on the street of Denver Street, they will be meeting Thursday to review where to place the sidewalks. The Ballroom is still waiting for the picture frame for the floor. The Ballroom did have some damage from a storm to the roof and AC and are getting quotes from roofers. He met with Bierman and JEO to go over the report on the Library they will be getting together to have cooperative testing coordinated by JEO. The Street Departments loader is done due to a catastrophic computer failure, they are waiting on a quote for repairs. The repairs will need to be done in Omaha.

Clerk Johnson reported that they hosted the Second Quarter Northeast Regional Coordination Committee meeting for Transit today. Clerk Johnson will be attending Finance School in Kearney from June 15-17.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that NEMA has requested that FEMA declare a disaster because of the damage from the F1 tornado. The ballroom was added to the estimated costs.

Chief Farber reported the end of May there was an event at the Knights of Columbus building. An individual was fleeing after a fight, he ran over an individual and ran into one of the City's Police vehicles. Then Officer Baete responded to a call at the Schuyler Inn where he administered two doses of Narcan to an unconscious male to bring him back. He introduced Intern Madison Brezina who will be doing 120 hours, this program is through Central Community College and the Columbus Police Department.

Library Director White reminded everyone of the children's book author event on Thursday. They are still looking for young artist interested in the comic book workshop.

Economic Development Director Brandenburgh reported she has been looking for existing building owners willing to sell their building. She did find people living on main floors in the downtown and notified Code Enforcement Officer Anzel. Building Inspector Glodowski stated there are some that were grandfathered before the newer codes were passed. She gave an update on America Pathway has sold 151 bricks and raised \$65,635.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the May 17, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve payment of claims for the period from May 14, 2022 through June 3, 2022, in the amount of \$271,731.60 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Colfax County Food Pantry, Reimburse Fresh Bucks, CDBG Grant, \$1,815.00; Pepsi-Cola, Bar Supplies, Ballroom, \$2,130.46; Southern Glazer's of NE, Bar Supplies, \$1,010.28; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$4,106.01; SiteOne Landscape Supply, Clay, Special Projects,

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\$1,254.04; Cenex Voyager Fleet, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police/Streets, \$1,964.19; JEO, Eng.Fees, Streets, \$3,478.20; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Admin, \$1,848.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve use and closure of the City Parking lot at 12<sup>th</sup> and C Street, along with 12<sup>th</sup> Street from C Street to D Street for a Youth Bike Rodeo on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 8 PM, sponsored by the Schuyler Chamber of Commerce, Warrior Academy, Columbus United Way and Community Family & Partnership. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve waiving Food Truck fees of \$50 for being on public property at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and C Street on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 7 PM for the Youth Bike Rodeo. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Council member Kretz asked if it is tough to get signed up for. He has heard when they go to other communities, they have an easier time signing up. Clerk Johnson stated the Planning Commission under the request of Kem Cavanah looked at other Cities regulations on Food Trucks and put together the Ordinance we have today. It includes standards for the trucks to follow on where they can dispose of waste and rules for the more permanent trucks without taking away from the current brick and mortars located here. She stated as long as they have their sales tax, food and safety and their insurance it really isn't too hard to get approved. Council member Baumert asked if other communities were doing the same thing. Clerk Johnson responded there are several that are following some guidelines and she receives request from other Cities to share our regulations. Attorney Seckman stated it was modified to work with non-profits on sales also. Council member Kretz asked if this fee is the same as fee for permeant trucks. Clerk Johnson stated this fee is an additional fee for use of public property. Permission has to be given to be on public property. She also stated there were concerns about whether operators of trucks had a criminal history so to make our streets safe for our kids a background check was added to the application process. Chamber Director Jedlicka stated they are asking for the waiver so the current food trucks in town can participate without children having to ride across the highways to get to them and keep the kids safe. She has also noticed in other communities when they have food trucks come in sometimes and they become a brick and mortar. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the application to sell fireworks at retail to SkyBlasters at 919 Colfax and 310 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street from June 25, 2022 at 12:01 AM through July 4, 2022 11:59 PM. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve closing Higgins Drive and South Park Road for Schuyler Community Schools Cross Country meet on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve Resolution 2022-0607 which changes speed limit on South Park Road from Highway 15 to Higgins Drive to 20 miles per hour. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked if this is instead of the bumps. Administrator DeRoos stated the speed bumps are on order. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve bid in the amount of \$2,105 from Mike Veburg for the 2009 blue four door Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked if this was the highest bidder. Clerk Johnson stated there were four bids. This was not the highest bid. The highest bidder backed out so it was awarded to the second highest bidder. The next bids were \$2,050 and \$889.19. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Mayor Knutson tabled item 14 on the discussion of the city lot at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and B Street. He asks the council to talk with their constituents about what they would like to see there. Matt Kroeger had requested to come and tell them his ideas for the lot but was unable to be here so it will be discussed at a different time.

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor Jon Knutson

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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