

City Council Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on July 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 Deputy Clerk Joan Mejsstrik recorded the proceedings. The following council members were present: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: no one.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Joseph Ernst as a part-time Police Officer 1, effective July 20, 2022. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: no one.

Mayor Knutson administered the oath of office to Joseph Ernst.

Council member Kretz would like the corner of 16th Street and HWY 15 repaired and Administrator DeRoos should contact the state for repairs. He would also like to see the committees changed and members to include Streets and Parks together.

Council member Holmberg reported that budget items were discussed the previous Tuesday night.

Administrator DeRoos reported on Thursday he will be meeting with JEO to discuss the plans for the Police Station Renovation. He also received a lease agreement from Matt Kroeger for the temporary location for the police. Denver Street is completed aside from seeding the grass along the street. The downtown outfalls are also all completed, but a handicap assessable ramp needs to be ground down yet. The Ballroom Renovation has the temporary unit in for cooling and the picture frame on the floor has been installed. There is potential for leftover capital improvement funds to use on panel and curb replacements around town. He reminded council there is a meeting on July 21st at 6:00 pm to discuss a radio tower for the Police. The loader is back and in operation. He has requested the .gov for email addresses. Street painting has been completed. He has reached out to Bierman again they haven't responded yet.

Deputy Clerk Mejsstrik reported the Spring Fling the revenues were \$7,646.03 and expenses of \$12,381.27 for a loss of \$4,735.24. The previous year were revenues of \$9,140.02 and expenses of \$12,313.80 for a loss of \$3,173.78.

Emergency Manager Evert reported it is hot out and remember to stay hydrated.

Utility Superintendent McGowen reported the power outage at 6:30 in morning was a breaker blowing out at Cargill.

Police Chief Farber reported the process is on hold for the potential new hire since he had a house fire where he lives. Having trouble communicating back and forth with the State Patrol since unable to use gmail.

Parks & Streets Manager Colvin reported that Denver Street is open. They have lowered the speed limit on South Park Road and will be installing speed bumps and signs. The loader is back.

Oak Ballroom Manager Baete reported the temporary unit is in and cooling. The other compressor came in on Thursday it will be put in when the four week rental is up since there is an 18 month waiting list on the new units. There will be a Andy Neuhaus Memorial Show and Shine on August 21st, the baseball and softball teams will do BBQ and drinks.

Economic Development Director Brandenburgh submitted the budget approved by her SCD board. She introduced artist Oria Simonini who will be painting a mural of multi-cultural feelings and values. She has received a grant for this project.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the July 5, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Baumert 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 approve payment of claims for the period from July 2, 2022 through July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$166,932.86 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Vector Solutions, Membership, Police, \$1,568.34; JEO, Eng. Fees, Admin/Special Project-Police, \$28,166.25; Colonial Research, Paint, Streets, \$2,972.10; Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police, \$1,337.66; John's Tire, Tires/Maintenance, Police/Streets/Transit, \$1,712.79; Aqua-Chem, Chemicals, Pool, \$1,655.36; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, Library/Admin, \$1,155.00; Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Streets/Police/Parks, \$4,362.43; OCLC, Inc., Subscription, Library, \$2,065.19; Kroeger Body Shop, Repairs, Police, \$1,565.95; Visa, Speed Bumps/Training, Street/Admin, \$3,117.70; Axon Enterprise Inc., Taser Payment, Police, \$1,400.00; Webster Well, Inc., Pump, Parks, \$15,000.00; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$1,824.90. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to accept the June 2022 Treasurer's Report. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize pay application #3 Channel and Flap Gate Improvements in the amount of \$36,846.00 to Robert Woehler & Sons Construction, Inc. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Council member Holmberg asked what has been completed. Kevin Kruse with JEO stated this is partial payment they are still waiting on materials. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Eric Casper with JEO was present to review plans and cost opinion of a Merchants Park Master Plan. He met to discuss possible options with Administrator DeRoos. The concession stand would be located just south of the school track. Other amenities are a skate park, splash pad, and paved parking. The restroom with ADA stalls estimated cost is \$521,950. It includes restrooms, storage and concession area. He reviewed possible other phases.

Council member Holmberg asked if a dike was taken into consideration when drawing these plans. Casper responded that was not taken into consideration and would need to be added if the City proceeded with this plan.

Attorney Seckman stated the tennis courts are used extensively for soccer or basketball.

Mayor Knutson stated this was a request of the school to be able to have bathroom/concession facilities for the softball games. He stated this project would be mainly paid for by the school.

Council member Kretz asked if the parks building is going to cease to exist?

Administrator DeRoos stated the storage would need to be moved to a different location.

Shelly Farber the manager of The Center spoke to the council. She introduced Jerry and Rose Mundil. She stated they have been the biggest volunteers and donators to The Center. There have been some deep freezers that have broke down and had to be replaced. Food prices have gone up over time. The bingo board is broke and repairs can not be done. They would like to reimburse Jerry for the freezer. They are requesting \$15,000 to be able to catch up with some bills and replacement of items.

Jerry Mundil asked for help from the community. Farber would like everyone in the community to come eat. They teamed up with TEAMMATES.

Council member Kment stated he has the bingo board from the Eagles and they could have it.

Council member Kretz asked for the request to be on next council meeting.

Mayor Knutson opened a public hearing to hear testimony of support and opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations to amend Zoning Code Article 10 relating to Sign Regulations and changing the definition of Temporary Signs and revising Section 11-1003 E relating to Temporary and Civic Signs.

Attorney Seckman state this was brought to the Administrators attention that we are not in compliance with Supreme Court ruling on temporary signs, because we have a limit that a temporary sign can not be up more than 14 days. This

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has to be changed because as it is now it is unenforceable. The change no longer has a time period listed and limits the size to 4 square feet in residential and 25 square feet in non-residential areas. It now addresses temporary construction signs.

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

Council member Holmberg introduced the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08, the title being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS AND CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF TEMPORARY SIGNS AND REVISING SECTION 11-1003E RELATING TO TEMPORARY AND CIVIC SIGNS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

Council member Holmberg moved for final passage. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: No one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-08 was passed and adopted.

Mayor Knutson opened a public hearing to hear testimony of support and opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations to amend Zoning Code Article 9 relating to Off-Street Parking in particular amending Section 11-904, Parking Facility location and providing for Diagram 9-1 relating to parking in a front yard, side yard, and rear yard and amending Section 11-908, Parking for Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Boats.

Attorney Seckman stated he worked with the Building Inspector and Police Chief on this ordinance. They tried to make the ordinance as simple as possible for the residents and the code enforcement officer.

Building Inspector Glodowski wanted to define the guidelines for new property and allowances for properties that existed before the Land Development Ordinances. He reviewed the increase in sizes to driveways and the type of materials that are allowable.

Attorney Seckman stated the goal is to have a little more organized parking without cars pulling up on the lawn to the front door. Diagram 9-1 was added so there are visual examples. Seckman would like to add the word Exceptions to B5 of the ordinance.

Chief Farber said it is an excellent ordinance and was well thought out.

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

Council member Holmberg introduced the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09 with the addition and correction, the title being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 9 RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 11-904, PARKING FACILITY LOCATION AND PROVIDING FOR DIAGRAM 9-1 RELATING TO PARKING IN A FRONT YARD, SIDE YARD AND REAR YARD AND AMENDING SECTION 11-908, PARKING FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND BOATS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to waive the three-reading rule. Council member Baumert 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 for final passage. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-09 was passed and adopted.

Council member Holmberg introduced the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10, the title being: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA; TO ESTABLISH AND FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION FOR SUCH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE FOR PAY RANGES AND RATES OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE FOR A DATE SUCH RATES OF COMPENSATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Administrator DeRoos stated this ordinance is because an employee was at the maximum and they are due for a performance raise. He stated there was a 3% increase in the ranges. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

Council member Holmberg moved for final passage. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-10 was passed and adopted.

Discussion was had about adding a handicap parking spot at the corner of 11th and B Street by the Municipal Building. Building Inspector Glodowski will look into where would be the best spot for the handicap parking.

Mayor Knutson adjourned the meeting without objection.

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.

City Clerk Lora Johnson