

City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on July 5, 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.

Mayor Knutson read a thank you from the Schuyler Historical Society for the donation to their annual insurance premium.

Mayor Knutson read a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks awarding City Clerk Johnson her designation of Certified Municipal Clerk and presented her with a plaque.

Mayor Knutson wanted to continue to thank the Police Department for all their efforts after the incident in Illinois this past weekend. He would like everyone to remember every time they make a call of possibly having the same situation.

Attorney Seckman reported on the six lots in the Water Tower Subdivision that were approved for sale. That can now happen on or after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Johnson reported that there will be a Finance Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> and a Public Safety Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> both meetings will be at 6:00 PM. She will also be on vacation from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July to the 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

Emergency Manager Evert reported that we are in a severe thunderstorm watch till 10:00 PM that evening.

Police Chief Farber reported the holiday weekend was not to bad, they had 30 call to service. There were several calls about the city ordinances and if it was legal to light fireworks off in the park.

Mayor Knutson stated the Street Department was out picking up fireworks debris from the Streets.

Library Director White reported they have started their summer reading program. In August they will be having a summer concert series called Bands in the Back Yard on Friday's at 7:00 PM and the first Friday in September.

Administrator DeRoos reported that the police station renovation should be ready to bid by the end of September. Denver Street along with all the Storm water outfalls are almost completed. The Carnegie Library is demolished. The Oak Ballroom did get a compressor and it was installed and it shorted out. They will be finding another one. It is recommended to possibly replace the 40 ton unit that runs \$140,000 with four 10 ton units that run \$25,000 to avoid the problem of losing all air at once. The salt shed supplies are being tracked down to start building it. The library has been in contact to Bierman. They need to set a date to look at the damage. The budget meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> will go over priorities for all the departments. The meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> will review the tower options of updates for an existing tower or a new tower for the police radios. He is working on getting government email address for all City Employees and Council members. The street loader is still being repaired the parts have come in. Street painting has been done on 16<sup>th</sup> Street this next week they will start painting orange lines downtown. They did have to take funds from their concrete budget to purchase paint.

Council member Baumert asked if the lines going west out of town were painted. DeRoos replied they had been.

Council member Baumert asked why there are still shingles missing off the roof at the ballroom. DeRoos answered they are waiting on the insurance adjuster to get back to them on the damage. He said he could have a patch job done while waiting.

Council member Kretz asked if all the sewer drains downtown are completed. DeRoos stated they are completed.

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Administrator DeRoos shared with the council two concepts drawn up by JEO to update the area between Merchant Park and the Softball Fields with a new concession and bathroom. Mayor Knutson stated they met with the school and JEO. Administrator DeRoos stated the bathroom facility is the main focus.

Administrator DeRoos stated there has been several complaints about the hours and days fireworks can be used. He asked if anyone would be against having a ban of setting fireworks off after the 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Farber said other communities also have stricter hours they can be set off. Mayor Knutson asked Council members send their thoughts to Administrator DeRoos. Chief Farber said there are rules on safenebraska.org to get some examples.

Economic Development Director Brandenburg reported that footings have been poured for the sign at the America's Pathway. They have sold 215 bricks and have a target of 255 by end of July. The city is ordering the benches and light poles by the Utilities.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the June 21, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. 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 payment of claims for the period from June 17, 2022 through July 1, 2022, in the amount of \$394,928.91 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Sitescapes, Benches, Special Projects, \$2,961.07; JEO, Eng. Fees, Street/Admin/Special Projects-Police, \$28,991.05; Rose Equipment, Sweeper Parts, Streets, \$1,170.00; Midwest Service & Sales, Posts, Streets, \$1,693.75; U&I Sanitation, Spring Fling, Streets, \$11,490.68; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$1,276.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved Resolution No. 2022-0705 a resolution to bid property and casualty insurance. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated it has been awhile since this has been bid out and hopes to be able to do this more often. Voting for: Baumert, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to adjourn. Council member Kasik 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