

City Council Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on August 1, 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, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Absent: Kretz.

Mayor Lindberg reported that Schuyler Community Development Coordinator Ringenberg and himself visited Cozad and Lexington learning what those communities are doing to grow. They will be putting together a report for the council on the things they learned.

Council member Rodriguez brought up the shelter in south park that was damaged years ago. He stated the church uses it for their festival every year and would like to see it repaired. Rodriguez would like the City to look into what it would cost to repair and get the work done.

Administrator DeRoos reported he talked to Father Hiro about the shelter also and agreed it needs to be taken care of. He stated the asphalt overlay will be starting the following week. They are starting behind but they have stated they will stay within the deadline. They do have liquidated damages of \$250 a day after the deadline date. The Police Station is coming along the interior framing is starting. He will be sitting down with the department heads this next week to go over what they need for the next fiscal year. Council member Kasik stated there were a lot on their wish lists will they be prioritizing that. DeRoos stated there will be a working budget presented to them. He will also be scheduling a study session to discuss the Veteran's Memorial site. He will also be having a study session to discuss a firework's ordinance.

Clerk Johnson reported there is a finance meeting scheduled for August 8th at 6:00 PM and a Public Safety meeting for August 15th at 5:30 PM to discuss a firework's ordinance.

Police Chief Farber reviewed the July stats: calls for service were 244, misdemeanors were 36 and felony charges were 9. He reviewed what the arrests were and the 12 assaults. He stated there was a rise in shoplifting reports. Traffic stops have stayed consistent. DUI arrest is up there is currently 27 in 2023 and there was only 25 for the whole year of 2022. There were 22 dog citations that were written in July. This was all handled by their 8 officers. They are currently looking for person of interest in 5 vandalism cases the night before.

Library Director White thanked the Police Department for their help with the family fishing event last Thursday. They had about 90 people attend. White reported that the VR Gaming Truck will be at the Library on Thursday from 1 to 4. There will be a blood drive the next Thursday. Bands in the Back Yard will be starting on Friday in the Library lawn from now until Labor Day at 7:00. Each week they will feature a different band and music. Concessions will be available.

Schuyler Community Development Coordinator Ringenberg reported she attended the Colfax County Fair and was very impressed. She along with the Mayor visited Cozad the previous week and they chose Cozad since they have a Brownfield. Cozad and Lexington were willing to share ideas with them and she feels they have the same demographics as Schuyler. There will be a report and goals that will be presented at a later time. Next week she will be attending training in Detroit on Brownfields through the EPA. On Friday she has the Nebraska Department of Energy coming and she will be touring our Brownfields in Schuyler. She is also been visiting with other communities our size and will be putting together an Entrepreneur Citizen Action Project in August. They will be getting community input. The Leadership Program will be a part of this as well.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported that all the lots in the Watertower Subdivision are all sold or committed to be sold.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the July 18, 2023 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from July 14, 2023 through July 28, 2023, in the amount of \$565,321.20 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Police/Streets, \$1,080.94; RDG, Housing Study, LB840, \$2,610.00; Colfax County Senior Center, Reimbursement, CDBG Grant Funds, \$11,986.29. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve use of the City Streets for the Annual Legion Labor Day Parade on September 4, 2023. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve closure and use of Higgins Drive along with the Ballroom Parking lot for the Schuyler Fire Department water fights on Monday, September 4, 2023 from 4 PM to 7 PM. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated she visited with Matt Prochaska and they are just wanting to keep the area safe for children. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to close 11th Street from B Street to C Street on Sunday, September 3rd from 5 PM to 1AM Monday, September 4th for a Street Dance and Beer Garden sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe.

Council member Kasik moved to waive the Mobile Food Vendor Standards Rule: No mobile food vendor shall vend on the public right of way within 150 feet of a licensed restaurant property line or 150' from a sidewalk patio, whichever is greater, unless the restaurant is closed for business. This is for the Chamber of Commerce Street Dance on Sunday, September 3rd from 5 PM to 1 AM on Monday, September 4th on 11th Street between B and C Street. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked if we know the names of the vendors coming or can anyone just show up. Chamber Director Jedlicka stated they are asking local chamber members. Clerk Johnson stated this only waives where they can park that they will still need a permit to operate. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments pertaining to a Class CK liquor license application filed by Angela Hernandez, dba El Patron Mexican Restaurant, 1109 B Street, Schuyler, NE.

Clerk Johnson stated this is to allow her to cater events. The only other K license in town is Triple H Liquor. This will allow her to go to other locations to sell alcohol.

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

Council member Rodriguez moved to recommend the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission approve a Class CK liquor license application filed by Angela Hernandez, dba El Patron Mexican Restaurant, 1109 B Street, Schuyler, NE. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve change order #3 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. for the Police Department Expansion and Renovation for an increase in the amount of \$69,965.90. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Ryan Dorfmeier with JEO was present and reviewed the six items on the change order that needed to be addressed to comply with the State Fire Marshal and to fix other items discovered. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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Council member Baumert moved to authorize pay application #7 for Schuyler Police Station Renovation in the amount of \$187,781.99 to Rogge General Contractors. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindberg opened a discussion on doing two clean up days in fiscal year 23-24. Administrator DeRoos stated he asked for the discussion to know if they would like to have a second clean up day in October and still have the one in the spring. It will cost more for us to do this, but it would need to be decided so it can be added to the budget. Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated during the spring clean up he was asked if the city would be doing a second clean up. Clerk Johnson stated that to add an additional one would add approximately \$5,000 more to the Street Budget. Council member Holmberg stated he is for a second one if there is money available in the budget to do it. Clerk Johnson stated at this point there is a 27% increase to the Street Budget at this time so the council will need to decide if this is one of their priorities. Council member Kasik asked that the people asking for another day at the last clean up if they had more stuff at home or why they just weren't bringing in at that time? Colvin responded that there was not the traffic through the last spring fling as much as the year prior, but the public was asking for another in the future. Mayor Lindberg stated it could be discussed by a committee at a later time.

Council member Baumert moved to adjourn. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez 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 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