

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on August 15, 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 announced that K9 Odin will be retiring and a retirement celebration will be on Sunday, August 20th at 7:00 PM at North Park.

Council member Baumert reported the Public Safety Committee met to discuss the hours of fireworks would be allowed to be set off around the 4th of July and New Years. Attorney Seckman will be putting together an new ordinance with these changes in the near future.

Attorney Seckman reported he reviewed changes to state statute in this last legislative session. One was about the Mayor's being able to vote to get to majority vote. There is also a Revitalization of Rural Nebraska Grant Program dealing with dilapidated buildings. The city would have to put up 25% of the tear down fees and either own the property or in the process of owning the property to apply for the grant. There is also new statute where the City will work with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on registering of food trucks. The last change was to Workforce Housing match from 50% contribution to 25% contribution. All the lots that have been selling have been in Block 3 of the Watertower Subdivision Second Addition. If item nine is approved there will only be one lot left for sale and it is currently spoken for.

Administrator DeRoos reported the Asphalt Overlay is underway, they are progressing on schedule but did begin six weeks late. The Police Station Renovation is progressing and they are looking at options for interior wiring for phones, internet, security cameras and for furniture. Bierman Construction has informed him that they will have the Library repaired by the end of November at their own costs. There is a item on the agenda for approval of bill to put a down payment on the new AC for the Ballroom. The City Hall front doors on the agenda for approval went out for bid, no bids were received so they are submitting a quote for the doors from M&O Door. They have ordered the shipping containers to be used for the new salt storage shed. Other improvements going on are curb replacement, street parking, benches being installed and repairs to the picnic shelter in south park. He has been working with the Food Pantry to correct how they have been lining up to not block the businesses. Tire Collection Day went off without any problems. There is a problem with the Yard Waste Site dumping, there have been large logs being dumped. This will need to be a future discussion.

Police Chief Farber reported they are preparing for school to start the next day with traffic flow.

Parks and Streets Manager Colvin reported the shelter will be done being constructed this week. Concrete work is being done 12 hours a day. The asphalt should be laid as soon as the concrete is done. All painting of streets will be done by next week. The school construction class is going to continue their work at Merchant Park on the bleachers. He will be receiving trees from a grant that was applied for up to 10 trees.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported that three new housing projects started this week. One housing project that started on July 10th will be ready for drywall in the next week. Schuyler Home Builders project should be completed in two weeks. Council member Baumert asked about the two houses in his area that need to be torn down. Glodowski responded that he has a deadline of August 28th. Now the owner is working at selling the property to a new owner that has agreed to do the demolition.

Schuyler Community Development Coordinator Ringenberg reported that the during her informational trip out to Cozad and Lexington, one of the ideas was a Schuyler Welcome Center. They will be using the Homestead Center and they will be collecting information from local businesses to share with new residents. She is looking for youth to sit on a

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board called Future Focus Group, she would like people to nominate students for the board. They will meet once a month to ask questions and get their ideas. She went to a Brownville Conference in Detroit. They will begin with a assessment here in Schuyler of all the Brownville's and then there are grants to assist with these.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported he was reviewing the building permit list provided to him from the City. Twelve new units had been approved since the beginning of the year thru July. The cost of these units were \$2,180,000 which generated \$6,200 in permit fees to the city. With new lot sales there will be 11 or 12 more permits issued in the next couple months total about 24 units since the end of last fiscal year. He attended the Governors Summit on Economic Development and Agriculture in Kearney.

Council member Baumert moved to approve the August 1, 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 29, 2023 through August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$381,938.18 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Colfax County Senior Citizen Center, Reimbursement, CDBG Grant Funds, \$48,941.67; Rutt's Heating & A/C, A/C Equipment, Ballroom, \$61,500; Baker and Taylor, Books, Library, \$1,110; Schuyler Coop Assoc., Fuel, Parks/Police/Streets/Transit, \$4,727.79; Parkview One Stop, Fuel, Police, \$1,183.81; Kracl Saw Shop, Parts, Parks, \$1,153.38; T&J Construction, Concrete Repairs, Streets, \$4,800.00; D&K Products, Herbicides, Golf Course, \$2,449.92; Aqua-Chem, Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$3,167.40; Arps, Concrete, Streets, \$3,349.50; Karel & Seckman, Legal Fees, LB840/Library/Police/Admin/Streets, \$1,353.00; Albers All Around, Curb and Gutter Replacement, \$2,800.00; Q-Graphix, Signs, Streets/Transit/Park-Grant, \$3,555.00; Branding Inc., Storage Containers, Streets, \$10,800.00; JEO, Blight Study, LB840, \$1,400.00. 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 Baumert moved to accept the July 2023 Treasurer's Report. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Steve Parr with JEO was present and reviewed the One and Six Year Road Plan. (Attachment 2) He also reviewed the possible concrete paving projects. The projects in the six year plan are concrete paving on gravel streets or reconstruction. If any changes want to be made, they can change it anytime throughout the year. In September there will be a public hearing and then they will accept the one and six year plan.

Council member Holmberg moved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-14, title being; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA, SCHUYLER DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 6 & 13 BLOCK 3, WATER TOWER SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO KEYES BUILDERS, LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE SUM OF \$50,000.00, WITH AUTHORIZATION MADE PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 16-202 (REISSUE 2022); PROVIDING BUYER TO BUILD A RESIDENCE COMPLETED AND SOLD WITHIN 24 MONTHS FOR DISCOUNT OF \$40,000.00 WITH PAYMENT WAIVED IN THAT EVENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, WARRANTY DEED AND ANY REAL ESTATE SALE CLOSING DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Attorney Seckman stated the purchase agreement was signed and the Utilities has vetted the builder. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

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

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Council member Holmberg moved for final passage. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-14 was passed and adopted.

Mayor Lindberg read a notice of sale to the Schuyler City Council the property owned by the Schuyler Community Development Agency of the City of Schuyler, NE and described as Lot 17, Water Tower Subdivision, A Subdivision of the City of Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska to Andrew and Jessica Yost/Grandville. Buyer shall pay to Seller and Seller shall receive from Buyer the sum of \$15,000 paid at closing.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize the Mayor to sign grant paperwork for the 22-PW-016 with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. 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 closure and use of Higgins Drive along with the Ballroom Parking lot for the Andy Neuhaus Memorial Show & Shine on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to authorize the closure of B Street from 11th Street to 12th Street on Monday, September 4, 2023 from 10 AM to 9 PM for a Beer Garden and Live Music event sponsor is El Patron Mexican Restaurant. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Angela Hernandez was present as the organizer of the event. She stated they will not be blocking the sidewalk. She expects to have 200 to 300 people with hired security, her own trash cans and porta-potties. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to authorize the City Clerk to sign a Special Designated License for El Patron Mexican Restaurant for Monday, September 4, 2023 for a beer garden on B Street between 11th and 12th Street from 12 PM to 9 PM. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve bid from M&O Door Products, LLC in the amount of \$32,840.46 for Front Automatic Doors for the Municipal Building. 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 authorize the sale of Police Dog Odin to Officer Michael Martinez for \$1 to care for him through his remaining days. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Officer Martinez was present and stated they had hoped that he would be able to work a little longer but Odin's arthritis has gotten too bad in his back leg to put any pressure on it. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Rodriguez and Wolfe. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve closing Higgins Drive and South Park Road for Schuyler Community Schools Cross Country meet on Thursday, August 31, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. 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 adjourn. Council member Baumert 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

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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