

City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on August 16, 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, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: no one.

Mayor Knutson read a thank you note for the speed bumps on South Park Road from the Emanuel family.

Council member Kasik announced that The Center will be open on Labor Day serving from 11 to 2. They will have Bingo starting at 4 PM.

Council member Baumert moved to appoint Dr. David Gibbons to the Civil Service Commission term 2022-2026. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Mayor Knutson wished the City Administrator and his new bride a happy honeymoon and a good life together.

Attorney Seckman stated that the six lots that were approved for sale will be finished on August 25, 2022.

City Clerk Johnson reported that there was only one bid for the insurance from Agri-City. She had spoken to LARM about bidding the insurance. They asked to review the current policy, which she sent to them. They felt they did not have enough time to be able to put together a comparable quote they would need more time. He also recommended the city use a consultant in the future to bid the insurance since they can make a recommendation as to the best policy to go with. She had also exchanged emails with the Administrator in Crete and he also had recommended using a consultant. Fees for a consultant run \$10,000 to \$12,000 which the cost would be shared with the utilities. Next month Agri-City will be coming to go over the policy with the Council.

Clerk Johnson asked if any council were interested in going to the League Conference September 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>. To get the lower rate she needs to know before August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Manager Evert stated the positive Covid numbers are on the rise. If you feel sick stay home and get tested.

Utility Superintendent McGowen reported they have started the chlorination of the City Water System on Monday. At this point there is no discoloration to the water. They are flushing hydrants and checking chlorine residual. Without the water having coloration means there is not iron or magnesium collecting in the pipes. They will have to flush through the system for 30 days.

Police Chief Farber stated that there was an excellent start to school, great traffic flow. They have only had one accident since school started.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin reported the new compressor is in at the ballroom and they are just needing to disconnect the temporary unit and then connect the new compressor.

Library Foundation member Bywater stated they have had the Bands in the Back Yard for the last two weeks and they had 40 people the first week. Last week they had the North Bend Band and had about 50 people. This next week will be the Bottle Tops.

Building Inspector Glodowski has been working with Bierman and JEO on the leaks at the Library. Today they tore off a section of the brick to look for leaks and possible solutions. He also has been helping with figuring out what all the temporary Police station will need to make it more secure.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported that the traffic flow by the Elementary has traffic at a minimal. They received a couple small applications for Rural Workforce Housing Funds that will come to the council in the near future.

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Council member Rodriguez moved to approve the August 2, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve payment of claims for the period from July 29, 2022 through August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$409,125.76 and the following exceeding \$1,000: Schuyler Coop, Fuel, Police/Park/Streets, \$3,916.90; Motorola Solutions, Warranty, Police, \$1,254.80; Platte Valley Equipment, Part/Oil, Parks/Streets, \$1,181.80; Visa-Pinnacle Bank, Computers, Admin, \$2,111.48; Trane, Rental Equipment, Ballroom, \$17,650.00. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Council member Rodriguez asked if the rental equipment was the temporary air conditioning unit at the ballroom. The mayor confirmed it was. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to accept the July 2022 Treasurer's Report. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated we are at 83.3% through the fiscal year. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz 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. For the Hernandez Food Truck on Sunday, September 4th from 5 PM to 1 AM at 1109 B Street. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Chamber Director Jedlicka was present informed the council they will be parked in front of El Patron for the street dance. La Tropical and Burrito House will be open that night. Everyone is informed and excited for that night. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve blocking off a 51' x 20' area on the sidewalk and street in front of El Patron on Monday, September 5, 2022 for live music, food and drink. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated the band she is having will be also going through the parade and then they will pull up in front of El Patron and block off the area around them, but traffic will still be able to go thru. Angela Hernandez with El Patron was present and stated that the bands contract is for 3 to 4 hours and they will use an hour for the parade and the rest out front of El Patron. They are going to block off the area with snow fence. People will be able to sit outside and enjoy the music and have a drink. Council member Rodriguez asked what type of music? Hernandez stated it would be a Mexican Band. 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. 2022-11, the 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 LOT 9, BLOCK 3, WATER TOWER SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO SCHUYLER HOME BUILDERS GROUP, LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE SUM OF \$25,000.00, WITH AUTHORIZATION MADE PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 16-202 (REISSUE 2012); PROVIDING BUYER TO BUILD A RESIDENCE COMPLETED AND SOLD WITHIN 24 MONTHS FOR DISCOUNT OF \$20,000.00 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 Baumert seconded the motion. Attorney Seckman stated this is similar to the last two that were approved for development. 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 Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-11 was passed and adopted.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Lease Agreement with Kroeger Management LLC for property at 1117 C Street. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Attorney Seckman stated he had gone through it and he had a few items he changed. He said this is the old Bieber Building. Council member Kasik asked where the cars will be parked. Police Chief Farber stated they will be able to park in the City lot. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved Resolution No. 2022-0816 a Resolution to Sell Surplus Property as follows: 40 – 8 FT Tables, 8 – 5 FT Tables, 35 – Oak Ballroom Booths, John Deere Snowblower, Cushman Diesel Frontline Mower, 1979 International 2.5 T Utility Truck, 2007 Ford LGT F150 Pickup, 1976 Chevrolet Dump Truck, 1987 International Tandem S Series, 1996 Ford F150 Pickup, 2007 Toyota Yaris. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Streets and Parks Manager Colvin stated the items are no longer used and is setting out in front of the building for viewing. Police Chief Farber stated the 2007 Toyota Yaris was from a drug seizure but has not been used in the last five years. Clerk Johnson stated all items will be listed on BigIron.com. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried

Council member Baumert moved Resolution #2022-0816B to authorize the City Clerk to transfer funds from the General Account to the Special Project Account and for the funds to be restricted funds for the American Rescue Plan Act projects. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson reminded the council that the auditors had requested these funds be moved to Special Projects to keep them segregated from the General Funds. The second half has now come in so this gives her the authority to transfer the funds. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve quote from Spectrum Corporation for a Baseball Scoreboard for Merchant Park for \$16,480.00 Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to approve bid for cabinets for the Administration Renovation from Eakes for \$11,275.45. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this will be to finish up the remodeling project. The old cabinets drawers don't open or the fronts of the drawers are falling off. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez.

Economic Development Director Brandenburg was present to speak to the council about a Tire Recycling Amnesty Day. The last time the City of Schuyler made an application was back in 2014 for 125 Tons. She is asking for the City of Schuyler for assistance. The SCD has applied for the grant on behalf of the City and on behalf of Colfax County. Colfax County has approved the cost of underwriting the grant. They have asked the Keep Columbus Beautiful to write the grant and it has been submitted. The County has agreed to provide a payloader. They are applying for 350 Tons and they would not have the Amnesty Day till late September or October of 2023. Only Colfax County residents can bring tires and no businesses can bring tires. She is asking the City to provide the Deputy Clerk for two days and one Street/Parks worker for a day. Keep Schuyler Beautiful will be providing one employee for a day. This will be run on a Friday and Saturday. SCD will also be working these days. The County will also provide two employees for two days. She is asking the City to let them use the Soccer Field Parking lot next to the yard waste site. Council member Holmberg stated there are a lot of tires sitting around town. She stated last time this was done Carl Grotelueschen brought in 77 tires. The council agreed this is a good idea.

Police Chief Farber asked if this could be expanded to vehicle amnesty? Could they make it happen with a couple junk yards. Mayor Knutson said maybe the Safety Committee can get together to discuss further.

Council member Rodriguez moved to adjourn. 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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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