

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on August 2, 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.

Mike Benech with the Colfax County Veteran Memorial said he would like permission for them to place a Veteran's Memorial out in front of the Oak Ballroom. It would consist of a 8' pedestal with a 7' Eagle sculpture on top with seven flags surrounding it. Attorney Seckman stated this will need to be approved as an agenda item to sign an MOU agreement with the City on maintenance and other items.

Greg Hajek was told he couldn't feed the geese. He feeds corn and lettuce to about 20 geese at the park. He has never had the game warden tell him he can't feed the geese and ducks. He has even purchased wild ducks and put them down in the park and feeds them. Police Chief Farber stated he will have to look into the situation and see if there is any ordinances that restrict the feeding of geese. Mayor Knutson stated we will look into it.

Greg Hajek asked why speed bumps were installed around South Park. He doesn't understand why speed bumps were put up. Council member Kretz stated it is to slow down the vehicles driving 40 to 45 mph around the park. Hajek asked what are the police are for. They need to be ticketing people and then they will slow down. Council member Kretz stated this is to keep the pedestrians safe. Council member Baumert stated the police can't be everywhere at once. Council member Rodriguez stated the community is changing every year and we are growing in population and there are more pedestrians at the park. Mayor Knutson stated that there have been several people asking for something to be done. Council member Kretz stated he would like a one way around the park. Police Chief Farber invited Hajek to come to the police station and he could discuss it with him further and give him the statistics.

Council member Baumert reported for the Safety Committee met with Midland Communications to discuss the use of radios with the emergency personnel and the problems they are having. They are going to work on best solutions and prices and come back and present to the committee.

Emergency Manager Evert just reminded everyone to be drinking lots of water.

Utility Superintendent McGowen encouraged everyone to conserve water where they can.

Police Chief Farber reported there was a fight Saturday night in the back of San Miguels and arrests were made. They issued 70 speeding tickets for the month of July.

Library Director White asked everyone to please come to the Bands in the Back Yard Friday at 7:00 PM behind the library.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported that two new homes started this week at 2021 A Street and on East 23rd Street. Mart's Storage is adding additional storage units. He is helping relocate the churches' sign by the Bank of the Valley. He met with the Cabanas family on the house that was burnt down and gave them a completion date of August 31st to have it torn down by.

Mayor Knutson wished Ballroom Manager Baete a Happy Birthday.

Economic Development Director Brandenburgh reported they have closed the ordering of bricks for American Pathway. She would like an item on the next agenda to discuss having a tire amnesty day with the county. It would not be able to be held until after September of 2023 due to the time the grants are due.

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Council member Baumert moved to approve the July 19, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve payment of claims for the period from July 16, 2022 through July 28, 2022, in the amount of \$224,968.06 and the following exceeding \$1,000: JEO, Engineering Fees, Streets, \$14,414.50; Titan Machinery, Loader Repairs, Streets, \$7,298.07; Cenex, Fuel, Transit/Parks/Police/Streets, \$3,693.26; American Legal, Ordinance Updates, Admin, \$2,985.75; Blum's Quality Flooring, LLC, flooring, Ballroom, \$97,564.14; Aqua-Chem Inc., Chemicals, Pool, \$2,149.90. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kment moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Substantial Completion Certificate with M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. on 2021 Denver Street Improvements. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Tim Pazel with JEO was present stated it was Substantial Completed on July 12, 2022. They will be fine grading and seeding late August or September. He recommends the council to accept the substantial completion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize pay application #4 for 2021 Denver Street Improvements in the amount of \$142,907.33 to M.E. Collins Contracting, Inc. Council member Kment seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Steve Parr with JEO was present and reviewed the One and Six Year Road Plan. (Attachment 2) He reviewed possible asphalt overlay in the one year plan. 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.

Street and Parks Manager Colvin stated he spoke with a company that is able to reconstitute the asphalt and extend its life so it doesn't have to be replaced as often. They came and looked at our asphalt streets and stated the current condition has too much damage and would not work at this state.

Council member Baumert moved to donate \$15,000 to The Center out of the Keno Funds for center improvements. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Kasik asked if they have looked at the used bingo board. Shelly Farber with The Center stated they will have Keith Hajek look at the board and see if they can use it before they purchase a new one. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert moved to table item 11 a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Lease Agreement with Kroeger Management LLC for property at 1117 C Street. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve up to \$50,000 for a Commercial Construction Loan 2022-01 for Schuyler Golf Course from LB840 funds. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Economic Development Director Brandenburgh stated this has not got to the loan review board yet since this will be a 100% loan not a 50% loan. The SCD board has approved this also. There is a committee that will be raising funds for this project to make the payments on this loan. The SCD will be running the funds for tax exempt donations. Golf Course Board member Glodowski stated it was years of problems that took its toll on the greens. They will be changed and reseeded and new mower purchased with funds. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kment moved to authorize use of the lot at the corner of 12th and B Street on Sunday, September 4th from noon to 5 PM for the "Kids on the Block" event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Council member

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Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Council member Kasik asked what this will be. Chamber Director Jedlicka was present and stated there would be bubbles and putt putt golf from 1 to 4. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to ratify the Economic Development and Emergent Threat Programs: Subrecipient Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures for the Community Development Block Grant. Council member Baumert seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated this is an update to the policies for the grant for the food pantry since there were changes done in June. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Administrator DeRoos wanted to talk about a South Park Trail since the one and six is being looked at and the golf course is changing and improving the greens on the course. If the city moves forward with a trail there will need to be some fences moved along the golf course and possibly a couple greens moved. Steve Parr with JEO reviewed the map of possible placement of the south park trail in three parts. (Attachment 3) He said ball park figures on this would be \$630,000 for the dark blue, \$360,000 for the light blue and \$640,000 for the yellow due to a bridge having to be installed. The trail would be 8' wide and would need the fence moved and built along the curb and gutter line. There would also need to be a safety fence installed. Mayor Knutson did ask about doing trails with cinder. Parr did say it would take more maintenance but the cost would be less and it would just be a walking trail. Council member Kretz stated it could be changed to a one way street. Council member Holmberg stated there would be RTP Funds available for the project.

Council member Kretz also would like the roads department to decrease the speed on HWY 15 coming into town on the south. Attorney Seckman stated the state has control over that. He stated you can not lower the speed anymore than in 15 mph increments.

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

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