

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Schuyler, Nebraska, met in regular session at the Schuyler Municipal Building on September 6, 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: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Absent: Baumert.

Maria and a classmate with the FCCLA petitioned the council for a donation. The FCCLA is planning an entire community event for the mural on the campground bathrooms that is bringing all cultures together for food, music and dancing. The event will be on November 5th from 4 to 7 pm. They are hoping to raise \$2,000 for the food and entertainment.

Council member Kasik asked if they have a written plan? They don't at this time but when they meet to discuss more they will put a plan together. Council member Kretz asked if the parade was good mix of cultures. They felt it was as they participated in the parade.

Mayor Knutson read the Proclamation that the week of September 11th thru 18th as Support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week for the Knights of Columbus and the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.

Council member Holmberg stated that the parade and celebration this last weekend was fabulous. He thanks the committees, chamber, The Center, and the police. He has heard nothing but positive reports. He even heard how great it was the City Employees were picking up trash after the street dance. It was a successful holiday weekend.

Council member Kretz feels that next year it needs to expand and be even better by having activities for the middle school aged kids.

Council member Holmberg moved to appoint Library Board members Cathy Medina and Paloma Lopez term 2022-2026 and Interim Prosecutor Tonia Soukup. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Voting for: Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Baumert arrived at 6:11 pm.

Mayor Knutson reported that the Police, City Staff, Ballroom Staff, and Park and Streets did a great job. He congratulates the American Legion on a nice parade. He congratulated Audra at the Chamber and the new events. He also congratulated Jenny with the Library and the Library Foundation for their successful Bands in the Backyard events in August thru Labor Day. Thank you for the respect given to the politicians that come.

Attorney Seckman reported he met with Legion Club members and VFW Club members in reference to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the project that will become the Colfax County Veterans Memorial that will be on the front lawn of the Oak Ballroom closer to the street, with lighting. They will begin fundraising before the move any further with the memorial. He thanked Holly Hild and her volunteers for cleaning up the Welcome to Schuyler Signs.

Administrator DeRoos reported about meeting with the golf course greens, the possession of the temporary police station, the America's Pathway concrete is in, Ballroom A/C unit is in and working, the Flap Gates are dealing with delays, Library Construction problems and have asked Bierman for their thoughts, the new interim prosecuting attorney so no gaps happen, and items on Big Iron are online and can be bid on. He is asking items on the agenda for bid be tabled to the next meeting. Council Kretz asked about the two lots downtown and the plans. DeRoos stated they plan to scrape the top layers off and then put top soil down. (Attachment A)

Clerk Johnson reminded council the next meeting on September 20th will be to pass the budget for fiscal year 22-23. One council member is going to be gone so she needs everyone else in attendance to get the ordinance passed and adopted.

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Police Chief Farber reported the weekend went smooth and he would like to echo thanks about the preparation for the Labor Day Events.

Building Inspector Glodowski reported the housing projects are moving along with three mini storage buildings going up. He met with Biermans, Poncho, and Bill Murphy with JEO at the Library. The brick was installed very well but there is a debate about the spacing between the brick and the siding. Waiting to see if an agreement is come to. The house that had a fire at 11th and Colfax will be coming down soon as they had delays with getting the utilities disconnected.

Housing Specialist Bywater reported Rural Workforce Housing Fund Loan Review Committee has received an application and will be reviewing it. It will then move to the SCD for approval and terms of loan. Money from that fund will be disbursed in the near future. He will be meeting with Amy Haase with RDG Planning and Design to schedule public input sessions for the Housing Study, he requests everyone's participation. He also spoke to a source at the County Assessors office and evaluations will be going up significantly.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve the August 16, 2022 council meeting minutes and dispense with its reading. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to approve payment of claims for the period from August 13, 2022 through September 2, 2022, in the amount of \$775,397.22 and the following exceeding \$1,000: City of Schuyler-Special Projects, FEMA Project, Parks-Golf Club, \$3,834.68; Sunset Law Enforcement, Ammo, Police, \$1,599.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Cabinets, Admin, \$11,275.45; Menards, Countertop, Admin, \$1,672.53; Spectrum, Scoreboard, Parks, \$15,480.00; Thiele Geotech, Inc., Material Testing, Streets, \$3,976.00; Titan Machinery, Repairs, Streets, \$1,075.30; JEO, Eng. Fees, Streets/Admin/Police-Special Projects, \$33,592.75; Cheyne Terrell, Reimburse Conference, Police, \$1,153.61; Q-Graphix, Event Sign, Parks, \$1,534.88. All claims under \$1,000 listed on (Attachment 1). Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Holly Hild with Agri-City Insurance was present to review the upcoming insurance rates as they compare with previous years. The business auto went up due to cost of materials going up. Property went up this year since they looked at City Hall, the Police Station, and the Oak Ballroom replacement value. The benefit with EMC it is a blanket policy of coverage of \$18,769,738. There is a \$5,000 deductible and this is probably the last year that will be available next year will probably be \$10,000. A \$10,000 deductible would save ruffly \$15,000. The worker's compensation is based off wages and those have gone up also.

Administrator DeRoos thought Oria Simonini would be present but since she was not present, he reviewed her presentation with them. The Omaha based artist Oria Simonini, a Guatemala collective made up of two artists will be facilitating the workshop and mural. The community members who have migrated, family has, or are affected by migration will be invited to join. The first mural will be made in Schuyler in October and then in Guatemala in November. The desired location is the bathrooms in the campground. The design will be family friendly, no profanity or explicit content. Artists Simonini and Nidogt will facilitate the workshop. The high school art teacher Trotter has offered his classroom as a workshop space. Timeline will be October 20th thru 26th. Council member Kasik asked which culture they are working with. DeRoos responded Guatemala and if we would like a more inclusive project that is open for discussion. Mayor Knutson stated the artist will need to bring the proposal in writing.

Council member Kment moved to approve Daryl Holmberg as Schuyler's delegate for the Nebraska Cooperative Annual Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2022. Council member Kretz seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kretz moved to approve closing B Street from 11th Street to 12th Street and 11th Street from B Street to C Street including the intersection at 11th and B Street for the Chamber of Commerce and Warrior Academy on Thursday, October 27th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm for the 2022 Downtown Trunk or Treat. Council member Kasik seconded

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the motion. Jedlicka with the Chamber stated stores will be open they will just have the street closed in front. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to approve proposal of \$3,767 to Total Security Solutions for bulletproof fiberglass panels. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Building Inspector Glodowski stated they are for the temporary police station entry way. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-0906 a Resolution to Sell Surplus Property as follows: 1983 Ford F250 Pickup with Dump Bed, 2 Push Lawn Mowers, 2 Snow Blower and Misc. Road Signs. Council member Kasik seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated the end sale date of these items will be November 2, 2022. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to authorize the release of funds in the amount of \$3,000 to the library sinking fund for FY 21-22. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Council member Kment asked what this was for. Clerk Johnson stated the money put into special projects is used on technology and other things. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to authorize the transfer from the Carnegie Library CD to the General Account in the amount of \$24,254.00. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Council member Kment asked if this money has been just sitting there. Clerk Johnson stated this money was collected and was to be used for a renovation but now that the building has been torn down it could be used to cover those costs. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Rodriguez moved to table items 16 thru 20 per the request of the City Administrator. Council member Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Kasik moved to go into executive session to discuss an employee review at 6:51 pm. Council member Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mayor Knutson invited Administrator DeRoos to stay. Voting for: Baumert, Holmberg, Kasik, Kment, Kretz and Rodriguez. Voting against: no one. Motion carried.

Council member Holmberg moved to come out of executive session at 7:09 pm. 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.

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City Clerk Lora Johnson