

**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 11th day of June, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Chris Patrick and Council members: MaryAnne Block, Bob Jensen, Drew Nelson, Mike Nutting; Deputy Clerk Ronda York; Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen; Sewer Commissioner Alan Novacek; City Attorney Joe McNally and Police Officer Mark Duncan.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Patrick at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Chris Patrick presided, and the Deputy Clerk recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Patrick publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Patrick asked for Board Reports. Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen advised he had three reports to give.

First the Fire Department: Sonnichsen advised there was car fire in front of the city hall. City employee Gary Gottsch helped put out with a fire extinguisher from the city hall before the fire department arrived.

Second Sewer Department: Sonnichsen updated everyone on repairs being done to the sewer at the baseball field. Sonnichsen advised Steve Morrill and Pete Tauber will start work on Monday, June 15, 2015. Sonnichsen and Novacek will help as needed. The project should only take 3 days weather permitting. Sonnichsen also advised the concession stand drain will be added on to the project. Sonnichsen explained in detail how the project would be completed. Questions were ask by the board and members of the audience and answered by Sonnichsen.

Third Water Department: Sonnichsen advised the filters are in for two trains and two will be replaced next week. The remaining two filters will also be cleaned next week. Sonnichsen further explained that filters had lasted for their life expectancy of 4 years. Sonnichsen advised that the valve was stuck and the valve was replaced when the problem was found. Readings are taken every day to assure the water plant is running correctly.

Sonnichsen advised that he is certified to run the water plant. He told everyone if people have any questions, they just need to bring them to him and he will answer them.

Mayor Patrick advised that Alan Novacek is certified in taking care of the sewer. Patrick asked if there were any question. There were none and Sonnichsen and Novacek were thanked for all they do to keep the water and sewer system operating properly.

Mayor Patrick ask if anyone would like to make a motion to approve minutes from May 14, 2014 meeting. Jensen ask if Nutting could abstain from a motion on hiring McNally Law to draft an updated manual of Personnel Policies. Jensen said he understood council members must vote yes or no. McNally advised it was ok for Nutting to abstain and explained.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Jensen, to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2015 special meeting. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Additional Bills Paid since May 14, 2014 meeting were presented. Block inquired reference the Spec Soft bill. Mayor Patrick read an Email from Kyle Steffen with spec soft. There was a short discussion after which Jensen made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve all additional expenditures for the month of May 2015. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Block, to approve the bills listed for payment in June 2015 (see attached list). RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Block made a motion, seconded by Nutting to approve all expenditures for January 2015 (see attached list). RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve all receipts of January 2015 (see attached list). RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Nelson to approve all expenditures for February 2015 (see attached list). RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Block made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve all receipts for February 2015 (see attached list). RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick advised we are all caught up on bills, just behind on the checkbook balance. Patrick further explained everything has been updated thru February in Spec Soft and was stopped due to a Spec Soft problem. Patrick explained the bookkeeper will be here Friday and we are expected to be all caught in Spec Soft.

Mayor Patrick read a letter from Key Sanitation and Recycling requesting an extension of one month with rent for cleaning the Recycling Center. Nelson asked what will be done if they are not done in 30 days. Jensen advised a fine might need to be applied. McNally advised the situation will be address if and when it arises.

Block made a motion, seconded by Nutting to approve one month extension for Key Sanitation and Recycling to finish cleaning up, to be completed by June 30, 2015 with Key's paying \$200.00 rent. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Discussed approval to pursue exploration of funding opportunities and reviews the report and application of WWAC for evaluation of potential funding for Sewer Project phases 1 & 2. Several options were brought up. The possibility of taking out a loan if no penalty for early payment, option of using city's money on CD's, and possibility of using interest from selling the hospital. Patrick and McNally are going to check into interest from selling the hospital and how long before that money can be used as it was to be set aside for city projects. Patrick also advised that Chris Miller, of Miller and Associates, will see if there to grant money to be used.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Block to approve the pursue exploration of funding opportunities and the submittal of a report and application to WWAC (Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee) for evaluation of potential funding for Sewer Project Priorities 1 & 2. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick advised he would like to take care of all additional summer personnel at one time. The board decided that could be done. A discussion was held on the following:

Coach: (10 and under) Kari Nilson and (Pee Wee Baseball) Richard Wilmes  
Lifeguards: First Year – Soren Doll (e-mail pre-approval) and Levi Stacken  
Field Caretaker: Richard Wilmes  
Part-time Assistant Pool Manager: Kathryn Rice (e-mail pre-approval)

Block made a motion, seconded by Nelson to approve: Coaches, Nilson and Wilmes, Lifeguard Doll and Stacken, Field Caretaker Wilmes, and Part-time Assistant Pool Manager Rice. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Discussed revisions to certification for pool and park employees and changes in wages. Patrick ask if anyone wanted to make a motion for changes. No motion made, motion died and does not carry.

Letter was received from a Creighton citizen and read in its entirety by McNally. A discussion was held. Questions were answered from the letter and from the audience. Patrick advised that after the books are caught up if current administrator cannot keep them up it will be up to the Council and Mayer to decide if she is diligent in duties and see what will have to be done. Patrick also explained why the city of has hired an accountant to get the books brought up to date. More discussion was held regarding the current city administrator.

McNally advised that a public request was made for information on past litigation. It was denied. The person who made the request has now turned the request over to the Attorney General requesting the information again. McNally further explained how requests are handled. Several questions were ask and discussed regarding the public request.

A citizen asks if the rent for the building at the air port could be renegotiated to a lower price. Block advised she will check into that.

A citizen asks if information from the recall election on a school board member could be posted on the City Halls public information board. McNally advised it was could be posted here as it is public property and anyone can post whatever they want on our board.

Officer Mark Duncan gave Creighton PD Report.

Jane Wilmes gave Creighton Ambulance report.

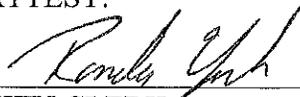
Block gave report.

Mayor Patrick gave a report.

All business complete, Jensen made a motion to adjourn. Block seconded the motion. All in favor. Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Meeting of this date held pursuant to published notice in The Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Deputy*  
  
CITY CLERK  
(SEAL)