

**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

We are in a State of Medical Emergency. We follow CDC Rules on attendance of the public. The 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 10th day of September, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Bob Jensen, Mark Ripp, Drew Nelson, Amber Ostronic; Administrator/Clerk/ Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson; Deputy Clerk Ronda York, and Library Director Lisa Macke.

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 all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Mayor was given notice before the meeting. 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 Morrill at 6:30 p.m. Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk York recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Morrill 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.

Morrill asked if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. York explained there was a resident who moved to town in June 2020 that had a leak and would like the sewer rate to set at the city's average. A letter has been received that explained their water leak which caused high water usage. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Ripp to approve setting Taylor Reineke at 808 State Street sewer usage to the 2020 city average as usage rate as she just moved to town in June 2020. It will take effect on the September 2020 bill to reset sewer usage to last year's city average. RCV; All Ayes.

Morrill advised boards had emailed their reports to Council. One board report given in person.

Morrill opened the Budget and Tax Request Hearing at 6:36 p.m. If anyone has any questions, now is the time to ask. Questions were asked and answered. The hearing will remain open until later in the meeting.

Morrill opened Hearing for request for property located Lot 7, Block 2 of Bruce's 1st Addition to the City of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, should be rezoned from R-T to C3 at 6:39 p.m. ACT Nelson explained there has been a Planning Commission meeting where the zoning change was approved. Questions were asked and answered. The hearing will remain open until later in the meeting.

Nelson made a motion seconded by Ostronic to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting August 13, 2020 and Special Meeting August 19, 2020. RCV; All Ayes.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve the September 2020 Treasurer Report. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill read Resolution 2020-7 to Sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Ostronic to approve Resolution 2020-7 to Sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill closed Budget and Tax Request Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen to close Budget and Tax Request Hearing. RCV; All Ayes.

Motion by Ripp seconded by Jensen to approve the approval of the 2020-2021 Budget as printed in the September 2nd edition of the Knox County News and provided during the budget hearing. RCV; All Ayes.

Discussion was held on the increase of the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Questions were asked and answered.

Motion made by Ostronic seconded by Ripp to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. RCV; All Ayes.

McNally read Resolution 2020-8 to set the tax request for the 2020-21 fiscal year aloud. Questions were asked and answered.

Motion made by Nelson seconded by Jensen to approve Resolution 2020-8 to set the tax request for the 2020-21 fiscal year. RCV; All Ayes.

Morrill closed Hearing for request for property located Lot 7, Block 2 of Bruce's 1st Addition to the City of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, should be rezoned from R-T to C3 at 6:50 p.m.

There were no more questions on the recommendation from the Planning Commission to consider and approve a request for property located for property located Lot 7, Block 2 of Bruce's 1st Addition to the City of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, should be rezoned from R-T to C3.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Ostronic to waive the three readings of Ordinance # 808. RCV; All Ayes.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Nelson to approve Ordinance # 808. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill advised we would wait on number 18 to Set Wages until the end of the meeting because we will need to go into the executive session.

The purchase of a new patrol car was discussed. Questions were asked and answered.

Nelson made a motion seconded by Ripp to approve the purchase of a new patrol car at state bid. RCV; All Ayes.

The wages of part-time police officers were discussed. Questions were asked and answered.

Nelson made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve part-time police officers to \$20 per hour. RCV; All Ayes.

The wage change will have to be set by ordinance at the October meeting.

Discussion was held to purchase of 10 new snowflake displays for street poles. The money would come from the Harriet Jensen Interest. Questions were asked and answered.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve purchase of 10 new snowflake displays for street poles with money from the Harriet Jensen Interest. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill read Resolution 2020-9 aloud to close HWY 59 for Chamber Cornhole. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Ostronic to approve Resolution 2020-9 aloud to close HWY 59 for Chamber Cornhole. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill read invoices included in CDBG 15-DTR-106 drawdown #30 project drawdown in the amount of \$9,283.07 and Drawdown #31 in general administration in the amount of \$555. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Ostronic to approve payment of invoices for CDBG 15-DTR-106 drawdown #30 project drawdown in the amount of \$9,283.07 and Drawdown #31 in general administration in the amount of \$555. RCV; All Ayes.

ACT Nelson explained the need for a 4 way stop at the intersection of Washington Street and Central Street. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Ostronic to approve putting a 4 way stop at the intersection of Washington Street and Central Street. RCV; All Ayes.

ACT Nelson explained request to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a grant contract extension until November 22, 2020. Questions were asked and answered.

Ostronic made a motion seconded by Jensen to request the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a grant contract extension until November 22, 2020. RCV; All Ayes.

ACT Nelson explained that the Nebraska Department of Economic Development requested a budget amendment to transfer \$4,276.84 Construction Management and \$11,000 General Grant Administration to Commercial Rehabilitation. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Nelson to request the Nebraska Department of Economic Development request a budget amendment to transfer \$4,276.84 Construction Management and \$11,000 General Grant Administration to Commercial Rehabilitation. RCV; All Ayes.

Chief Duncan emailed his Creighton Police Report.

ACT Nelson gave an Administrator Report.

Mayor Morrill explained we need to handle agenda number 18 to Set Wages.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Nelson to go into executive session to discuss personal and set wages. RCV; All Ayes.

At 7:28 the board, ACT Nelson, and McNally went into executive session.

At 7:43 ACT Nelson came out of the executive session.

At 7:54 Council and McNally came out of the executive session.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Ostronic to give 4% raise to all city employees and give ACT Nelson a \$4 per hour raise. RCV; All Ayes.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Jensen seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Meeting of this date was 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, October 8, 2020 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


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