

CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 9, 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 9th day of July, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Chris Patrick and Council members: MaryAnne Block, Bob Jensen, Drew Nelson, Mike Nutting; ACT Lisa Parnell-Rowe; Deputy Clerk Ronda York; Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen; Economic Development Director Abigail Frank; 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 report of a vehicle accident. After some checking it was found the accident did not occur in Creighton's Fire district.

Second the Water Department: Sonnichsen advised the new filters have been installed in two of the four trains. The remaining two filters have been cleaned. Sonnichsen advised that the cleaning did not gain a lot, but did make them usable. Sonnichsen further explained that filters had lasted for their life expectancy of 4 years. Sonnichsen advised that next year he feels the two filters that where cleaned will need to be replaced.

Third Sewer Department: Sonnichsen advised everyone that the repairs are done to the sewer at the baseball field and concession stand drain. Sonnichsen advised Steve Morrill (dba Morrill Plumbing) and Pete Tauber (dba Tauber Plumbing) had completed the work under the estimate of \$15,000.00 for \$12,688.07 and in time for BerryPepper days. Sonnichsen and Novacek helped, as needed.

Questions where ask by the board and members of the audience. The questions were answered by Sonnichsen.

Mayor Patrick advised that Alan Novacek, Sonnichsen and Gary Gottsch, who was recently lost, are doing a great job handling all complaints from citizens as they come in. Patrick thanked Novacek, not present, and Sonnichsen for all they do to keep the water and sewer system operating properly.

Sonnichsen also updated everyone regarding the lightning streak at the pool. It affected the transfer box, filtration pump motor, and chemtroler. Insurance will cover the cost of fixing the damage minus a \$1,000 deductible. Sonnichsen estimates the total cost to be approximately \$10,000.

Frank updated everyone on the tour planned for tomorrow, July 10, 2015 reference the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development project. Eric Hellriegel, Project Lead, with Miller & Associates was also present. Patrick thanked Frank for the good job she is doing.

Mayor Patrick asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve minutes from June 11, 2015 meeting. Jensen made a motion seconded by Nelson, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2015 regular meeting. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

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

Additional Bills paid since the June 2015 meeting were presented. Nutting made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve all additional expenditures for the month of June 2015. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Patrick addressed Key Sanitation and trash pickup issues. There was a short discussion. Patrick explained that he has been advised that Key's Sanitation is are down a truck and short on help.

Block updated the council and audience reference Key Recycling. Parnell-Rowe also advised Key Recycling was behind on their rent and will be billed a 10% annum delinquency fee, which is allowable per the contract. There was a discussion on reference the recycle building. Block explained that the DEQ has advised that the City now owns the recycling building, but the air port owns the land it sits on. Block continued to explain she is working on getting a Minnie hub for the local area as a Recycling Center. Block advised there are several area towns interested in getting involved in a regional recycling effort.

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

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

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

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

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

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

After a discussion on the dividing wall, a motion was made by Jensen 2nd by Block to approve the dividing wall expense bid by Guaranteed Roofing; cost to be split by neighbor and City sharing roofline for \$ 851.00 each. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Parnell-Rowe explained that the dividing wall is not covered by insurance. Parnell-Rowe advised that the insurance is covering the cost of the roof and loss incurred minus a \$1,000 deductible.

There are no new ordinances.

Patrick read Resolution 2015-3. There was a short dissection after which Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve Resolution 2015-3 for 2015-2016 Airport Authority Bond Distribution. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A discussion was held on Policy Manual Priority Updates Resolution 2015-5. Questions were asked and answered reference overtime on hourly employees and how exempt positions are paid straight time for hours they work over 40 hours. Jensen made a motion, seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2015-4 Reference the Policy Updates Resolution. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A discussion was held on removing the utility incentive for businesses. Many questions were asked and answered. McNally explained why we needed to discontinue the incentive program as it is now an illegal practice and no documentation could be found. McNally also advised he is looking into finding programs. At this time there is no LB840 money. McNally and Hellriegel explained what needed to be done to get LB840 money. It was also discussed there are currently two business that are receiving the utility incentive. Jensen made a motion, seconded by Block to discontinue the present incentive program that is being given out and to the finish the balance left on the incentive to the Flower Basket and Big Red Bottle Shop. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nutting. Nelson abstained. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve the Mayor to sign a letter of Engagement with Dana Cole Company for City of Creighton Budget. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Consider approval to hire Gina Shefl for monthly balancing at \$200.00 per month. A discussion was held as to why this extra help is needed. The current computer software was also discussed.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Nelson to approve the hiring of Gina Shefl for balancing at \$200 per month, with the understanding that this arrangement will be reevaluated every month and will be ended at 6 months or before. RCV; Ayes: Block, Nelson, Nutting. Abstained: Jensen. Nays: None.

Jensen explained what NRD wants reference the supporting letter that has been requested. Jensen explained that there is no monetary support and only a letter is wanted from the City of Creighton to show support. Jane Wilmes explained the boundaries of the NRD and all the good this organization does. Wilmes also explained that it should be specified that is it for Lewis and Clark NRD.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Block to write a letter of support to the Lewis and Clark NRD. RCV: Aves: RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Consideration was taken on additional compensation for the 2015 Pool and Park Employees. Parnell-Rowe explained what actions had taken place.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to compensate Lifeguard Levi Stacken for time submitted prior to his hire at the council meeting and Ball Field Caretaker Rick Wilmes for time submitted prior to hire at the council meeting and receipt of the application. RCV: Aves: RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A discussion was held on the delinquent payment procedures in code and unsubstantiated verbal payment plans. No action was taken as City Council determined they will follow the code we have in place at this time.

Discussed the two identical valid bids received from The Road Guy and Topkote, both of Yankton SD, for 2015 Armor Coating. Sonnichsen advised we will be doing approximately 32 blocks and will be putting down red chip.

Block made a motion, seconded by Jensen to accept The Road Guy of Yankton, SD bid for armor coating. RCV: Aves: RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Two citizens brought up a concern referencing their sewer bill. A discussion was held and it was explained how the charge is figured and the letter sent out in this month's water bill was explained. Several people in the audience asked questions and the questions were answered. It was decided by the board that there would be no reduction in any bills at this time.

Officer Mark Duncan gave the Creighton PD Report.

Mayor Patrick gave a report.

Mayor Patrick ask for a moment of silence for Gary Gottsch. Patrick explained that in the future it was the plan of the city to plant a tree and put a plaque on it in remembrance of Gottsch thru the tree board.

Sonnichsen advised that the sale of the city's old pickup needs to be on the next agenda.

All business complete, Jensen made a motion to adjourn. Block seconded the motion. All in favor. Council adjourned at 9:06 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, August 13, 2015 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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