CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2020

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 12th day of March, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Bob Jensen, Mark Ripp, Drew Nelson, Brandi Dimmitt; Administrator/Clerk/ Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson; Deputy Clerk Ronda York; Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen; City Attorney Joe McNally; Economic Development (ED) Director Susan Norris, and Police Chief 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 all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgment 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 were two residents in attendance that had leaks during sewer rate setting time and one who is not in attendance.

Michelle Zuhlke and Dustin Hoferer (representative of DM Laflan Apartments at 713 Main Street) explained their water leaks which caused high water usage. Questions were asked and answered.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen approve setting Dillon and Michelle Zuhlke and DM Laflan Apartments at 713 Main Street sewer usage to their 2019 usage rate. It will take effect on March 2020 bill to reset sewer usage to last year usage. RCV; All Ayes.

Morrill asked if any boards had reports.

Board reports were given.

Morrill advised Brandon Gragert has arrived late reference a leak he had during sewer rate setting time. Questions were asked and answered.
Rip made a motion seconded by Nelson to approve setting Brandon Gragert’s sewer usage to his 2019 usage rate. It will take effect on March 2020 bill to reset sewer usage to last year usage. RCV; All Ayes.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Dimmitt to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting February 13, 2020. RCV; All Ayes.

Nelson made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve March 2020 Treasurer Report. RCV; Three Ayes. Ripp abstained from Ripp Construction bill and Ayes on rest of report.

ACT Nelson explained the refinancing of bonds. The meeting was turned over to Austin Partridge of First National Capital Markets. Questions were asked and answered.

Dimmitt made a motion seconded by Nelson to go into executive session to discuss refinancing of bonds. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill, council, and McNally went into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss refinancing of bonds.

Everyone came out of executive session at 7:17 p.m.

More questions were asked to Austin Partridge of First National Capital Markets and answered.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen to have Austin Partridge of First National Capital Markets start the bond refinancing process. RCV; All Ayes.

ACT Nelson discussed options for City owned property at 706 Main. Questions were asked and answered. It was decided to have a committee, consisting of Ripp, Nelson and Morrill. The committee will bring recommendations on property to April 9, 2020 council meeting.

ACT Nelson brought up city bank accounts. ACT Nelson recommended closing 2 checking accounts and one savings account, take that money and put into the cities current Money Market Account.

Dimmitt made the motion to close the CAHS Closing Account, General Checking LMH and General account and put the money in the current Money Market Account Seconded by Ripp RCV; All Ayes.

ACT Nelson explained recommendations from the Park Board regarding seasonal hires. Questions were asked and answered.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Nelson to approve the Park Boards seasonal hires. RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill read aloud payment of invoice included in CDBG 15-DTR-106 drawdown 25 for construction management in the amount of $2,267.14. Questions were asked and answered.
Nelson made a motion seconded by Dimmitt to approve payment of invoice included in CDBG 15-DTR-106 drawdown 25 for construction management in the amount of $2,267.14.  RCV; All Ayes.

Mayor Morrill turned the meeting over to Chief Duncan regarding hiring a Part-time Police Officer. Duncan explained part-time officer would be used only as needed not put on the regular schedule. Questions were asked and answered.

Ripp made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve hiring Luke Metschke as a Part-Time Police Officer.  RCV; All Ayes.

Chief Duncan gave Creighton Police Report.

ACT Nelson gave an Administrator Report.

Council Members and Mayor Morrill had no reports.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Jensen seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:51 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, April 9th, 2020 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

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