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**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2017**

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 January, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Chris Patrick and Council members MaryAnne Block, Bob Jensen, Drew Nelson, Mike Nutting; Administer/Clerk/ Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson; Deputy Clerk Ronda York; Police Officer Tiffany McLean; Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen; Utility Maintenance Worker Mark Moser, and City Attorney Joe McNally.

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 Mayor Patrick at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Patrick presided, and Deputy Clerk York 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 if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. None were brought up.

Mayor Patrick opened a hearing to consider approval of a Catering License application by Darell Montgomery, dba Bulldog's Sports Lounge. The hearing will be left open until later.

Mayor Patrick opened a hearing for Open Hearing for a parcel of land located in Lot 1, Wewel's Lot Split, a division of Lot 11, Carlin's Third Addition to the City of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 2, said Wewel's Lot Split; thence N 89° 53' 00" E (assumed bearing) on the north line of said Lot 2, a distance of 100.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence S 00° 06' 22" W on the east line of said Lot 2, a distance of 140.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 2, being on the north line of Rice Street in said City of Creighton; thence N 89° 55' 30" E on said north line of Rice Street, a distance of 30.00 feet; thence N° 00 06' 22" E Parallel with said east line of Lot 2, a distance of 130.00 feet; thence S 00° 08' 22" W, a distance of 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.186 acres of land, more or less.

Mayor Patrick asked if any boards had reports.

Kevin Sonnichsen gave the Creighton Fire Report. Sonnichsen advised fire department handled 2 calls this month.

Jane Wilmes gave the Creighton Ambulance Report. Wilmes advised 12 calls were handled. She talked about the Susan Radosti's donation the ambulance had received.

No one was present from the ED Board. ACT Nelson advised that Creighton did received the \$350,000 Phase II DTR Grant. ACT Nelson further explained that a smaller committee will be but together that will consist of 5 people to decide how the grant will be used. The committee will have one City Council Member, one ED Board Member, and three community members. Mayor Patrick ask if there was a volunteer from council. Nutting volunteered.

Jim Javorsky was present to represent the Keep Creighton Beautiful Board (KCB). Javorsky advised he didn't have a report. Javorsky ask several questions regarding the board and responsibilities. There was a long discussion.

Tammie Schlote gave the Creighton Library Report. Schlote advised all Christmas activities went well. Schlote then advised upcoming events that include: Valentine Party, Nebraska 150th birthday Party, spring bake sale, and spring gathering.

No other boards present to give a report.

Sonnichsen gave sewer and water report. Sonnichsen explained all running well and advised that DH&HS had been here Tuesday and preformed an inspection.

Fire Chief Sonnichsen gave the annual report. Sonnichsen advised 21 calls to service where handled in 2016. Sonnichsen also advised the Creighton Fire Department has a Facebook page. There is a young crew and things are going well. There were no questions.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Questions were asked and answered reference additional bills paid since December 8, 2016.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Jensen to approve additional bills paid since December 8, 2016. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Jensen made a motion seconded by Block to approve January 2017 bills. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None

Mayor Patrick advised he did have someone inquire about purchasing land outside of Creighton. This person was wondering if the city would allow other people to bid for supplying the city a tree dump service. It was decided this would be addressed if someone put in a bid. At this time, there is not a new bid for the service.

Block made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve all expenditures for December 2016. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None

Jensen made a motion seconded by Block to approve receipts for December 2016. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None

Mayor Patrick ask if any questions on the catering license application being applied for. Questions were asked and answered. Mayor Patrick closed the hearing to consider approval of a Catering License application by Darell Montgomery, dba Bulldog's Sports Lounge at 7:01 p.m.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve a Catering License application by Darell Montgomery, dba Bulldog's Sports Lounge. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A short discussion was held reference Darell Montgomery, dba Bulldog's Sports Lounge SDL January 28, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. on January 29, 2017 at St. Ludgers Social Hall. Questions were asking and answered.

Nelson made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve Darell Montgomery, dba Bulldog's Sports Lounge SDL January 28, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. on January 29, 2017 at St. Ludgers Social Hall. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick ask if any question reference the Wewel Lot Split. Mayor Patrick closed hearing for Open Hearing for a parcel of land located in Lot 1, Wewel's Lot Split, a division of Lot 11, Carlin's Third Addition to the City of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, described above at 7:05 p.m.

Attorney Joe McNally explained everything will be updated and cleaned up with the Wewel Lots. McNally further advised after this is all done nothing else can be done in the area.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Nutting, to approve an addition to Lot 1 of Wewel's Lot Split. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A review of Mark Moser's wages since completion of his Class 4 Water Certification. There was a short discussion where questions were asked and answered. Moser was congratulated on passing the test and thanked for good job he is doing.

Block made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve a \$.25 per hour raise for Mark Moser. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

There was a discussion held regarding KCB Board. Many ideas were brought up. Including but not limited to drawing members and paying dues to state and national KCB organizations.

Jensen made a motion, seconded by Nutting, table KCB discussion until more information was gathered. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Discussion was held regarding updating office furniture. Mayor Patrick advised he feels the office furniture needs to be updated to make the city office look more professional. ACT Nelson advised two bids and options received from Eakes and One Office Solutions. Questions were asked and answered.

Nelson made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve lower office furniture bid from Eakes with changes discussed. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson. Nays: Nutting.

ACT Nelson explained McNally has reviewed the General Administration contract for the DTR grant. This is so NENED can handle administration when DTR goes though. Question were asked and answered.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve General Administration contract for the DTR grant. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

A long discussion was held reference the sale of city's baler. ACT Nelson advised regarding an email received from company will to sell it for us 7.5%. Block would like the opportunity to possibly find more buyers. It was decided there is no minimum at this time an any reasonable offer will be discussed.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to table discussion on accepting sealed bids to sell MAX PAK Vertical baler and review bids receive. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick would like to appoint Gene Shaffer to the Housing Rehab Board. There was a short discussion.

Nelson made a motion, seconded by Jensen to accept Mayor Patrick's appointment of Gene Shaffer to the Housing Rehab Board. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick would like to appoint Tom Gragert to the Economic Development Board. There was a short discussion.

Block made a motion, seconded by Jensen to accept Mayor Patrick's appointment of Tom Gragert to the Economic Develop Board. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Discussed the approval of Mayor to authorize the signing of contract from State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Grant # 15-DTR-106 pending review by city attorney. Questions were asked and answered.

Nelson made a motion, seconded by Nutting to approve of Mayor to authorize the signing of contract from State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Grant # 15-DTR-106 pending review by city attorney. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None. Discussed the possibility of opening a checking account for the DTR funds regarding the new grant. Questions were asked and answered.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to table discussion regarding opening a checking account for DTR funds. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Discussed the next step for property located at 1203 Clark Avenue. McNally explained the process. The owner has advised he does not have the money to remove the damaged house or pay back property taxes. The owner has offered to sign the property over to the city. Questions were asked and answered.

Nutting made a motion, seconded by Jensen to acquire the property of 1203 Clark Avenue and remove the house. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

McNally advised he will work with Police Chief Mark Duncan to take care of this.

ACT Nelson explained Park Boards recommendation to accept bid from McCormick Tree Trimming to remove trees in park to the North of the lower ball field. McCormick's bid is \$6,800. The work must wait until SantaLand decorations are taken down for the year. Also, the ground must be frozen to do the work. Questions were asked and answered.

Jenson made a motion, seconded by Block to approve Park Boards recommendation to accept bid from McCormick Tree Trimming to remove trees in park to the North of the lower ball field. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Police Officer McClean gave a Creighton Police Report.

ACT Lindsay Nelson gave an Administrator Report.

Mayor Patrick gave a Mayor's Report.

Mayor Patrick explained council needed to go into executive session to discuss current litigation.

Jenson made a motion, seconded by Block to go into executive session regarding litigation. RCV; Ayes: Block, Jensen, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None.

Mayor Patrick, Block, Jensen, Nelson, and McNally went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. in the new meeting room. Nutting was not allowed to be involved due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Patrick, Block, Jensen, Nelson, and McNally came out of executive session at 8:46 p.m. Only thing discussed in executive session was pending litigation.

ACT Nelson advised a sealed bid had been received on the baler while council was in executive session. McNally explained action on the baler had been tabled until next meeting earlier in this meeting so that must be saved until next meeting.

All business complete, Block made a motion to adjourn. Nutting seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 8:47 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, February 9, 2017 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

Marilynne Block
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Amber Block
CITY CLERK
(SEAL)

