

**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 14, 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 14th day of September, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Council members Drew Nelson, Mike Nutting, Steve Morrill; Administrator/Clerk/ Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson; Deputy Clerk Ronda York; City Attorney Joe McNally; Economic Development (ED) Director Kylee Wilmes; Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen; Library Director Lisa Macke, and Police Chief Mark Duncan. Absent: Mayor Chris Patrick and council member Bob Jensen.

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 Council President (CP) Nelson at 6:30 p.m. CP Nelson presided, and Deputy Clerk York recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

CP Nelson 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.

CP Nelson asked if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. Eva Klosner brought up a concern reference her high water usage. A long discussion was held. Question asked and answered. McNally explained unless Klosner could show the city's equipment was faulty she would have to pay the bill for water that went thru the meter.

York explained there are three more residents with utility bill issues.

CP Nelson explain we needed to open a couple hearings. CP Nelson opened the 2017-2018 Budget and Tax Request hearing and the Hearing for Administrative Plat for William Rayer regarding: Legal Description: Parcel A. The West 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska; and Legal Description of Surveyed Parcel B The North 1/3 of Lots 1, 2 & 3 EXCEPT the west 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, in Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska. The hearings were opened at 6:50 p.m.

McNally explained if there are any question reference either hearings they will be answered while the hearings are open. McNally explained details regarding the hearings. Some questions were asked and answered. The hearing will remain open until later in the meeting. If anyone has any questions, now is the time to ask.

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CP Nelson asked if more public comments on items not on the agenda. Derek Tyler explained he has the same complaint as Klosner reference high water usage. Many questions were asked and answered. McNally explained like Klosner unless Tyler could show the city's equipment was faulty he would have to pay the bill for water that went thru the meter.

Richard Salem advised his sewer bill is high as he watered his lawn. York explained that Salem is a "snow bird" and came back after the March 1 sewer setting. York explained how the software handles bills for people who come after the sewer is set. Questions were asked and answered.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to set Salmen's sewer usage to his 2016 usage rate. It will take effect on September 2017 bill. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Dwain "Ike" Ebsen explained something needs to be done regarding the city's high water bills. Ebsen advised several options he felt would be able to be implemented. Questions were asked and answered. Ebsen was thanked for his suggestions.

CP Nelson asked if any boards had reports.

Fire Chief Sonnichsen gave the fire department report. Sonnichsen advised they went on three calls. He reminded everyone of the Chicken Feed Sunday.

Jane Wilmes gave the Creighton Ambulance report. Wilmes advised that the ambulance had 8 calls in August. Wilmes advised two people are taking EMT classes. Wilmes explained the crew is now utilizing their new personnel equipment.

ED Director Kylee Wilmes gave an ED report. Wilmes advised everyone should start seeing DTR projects getting started. She has also been in contact with NDOR regarding the DTR projects. She advised she will be combining with Megan Hanefeldt, Knox County ED, after the first of the year to do an entrepreneur class at the school.

Library Director Lisa Macke gave a Library Report. Macke updated everyone on library activities.

Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen advised street repairs will start on Monday, September 18, 2017.

No other boards present to give a report.

ACT Nelson advised all minutes presented can be approved with one motion.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, and August 23, 2017 Special Meeting. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Nelson to approve additional bills paid since August 11, 2017. RCV; Ayes: Morrill (on all bills, but abstained on Creighton Plumbing bill), Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

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

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve all expenditures for August 2017. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve receipts for August 2017. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

McNally read Ordinance No. 798 regarding Park Curfew. McNally explained why the city needs a park curfew. Questions were asked and answered.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Morrill to waive the tree readings of Ordinance No. 798 Park Curfew. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Morrill to pass Ordinance No. 798 Park Curfew. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

CP Nelson read payment involved in DTR projects. ED Wilmes explained what the invoices are for and that all moneys are taken out of the DTR grant. Questions were asked and answered.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve payment of invoices included in CDBG 15-DTR-106 drawdown #3 including NENEDD invoices for General Administration in the amount of \$3221.06 and payment of invoices for Project Activity in the amount of \$34,823.27. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Abstained: Nelson. Nays: None.

ACT Nelson explained the invoice from Midland Contracting. The project had been approved earlier and covered in the sewer project but since over \$30,000.00 must be approved by council. Questions were asked and answered.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Morrill to approve paying invoice from Midlands Contracting Invoice #3 in the amount of \$153,622.17. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

CP Nelson read the recommendation from Ambulance Board to pay invoices from Danko in the amount of \$59,503.70. This is part of the grant the Ambulance has received. Questions were asked and Jane Wilmes answered questions reference equipment purchased.

Nutting made a motion seconded by Morrill to approve recommendation from Ambulance Board to pay invoice from Danko in the amount of \$59,503.70. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Discussion was held regarding proceeding to demolish the building declared to be unsafe by the Board of Health at 1203 Clark Avenue. Fire Chief Sonnichsen advised burning this property was discussed at the last fireman's meeting. Creighton Fire is willing to finish burning down the house after the city gets proper paperwork for the burn to be completed. They would also like a donation from the city to cover their expenses as it cannot be used for training as the house has too much damage. Sonnichsen also advised they will have to get help from Verdigre Fire Department to haul water. Questions were asked and answered.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to have Creighton Fire Department burn down unsafe by the Board of Health at 1203 Clark Avenue. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Closed Budget and Tax Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Morrill seconded by Nutting to approve the 2017-2018 Budget as printed in the September 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Creighton News and provided during the budget hearing. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Motion made by Nutting seconded by Morrill to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

McNally Read Resolution 2017-6 to set the tax request for the 2017-2018 fiscal year aloud. Question were asked and answered.

Motion made by Nutting seconded by Morrill to approve Resolution 2017-6 to set the tax request for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None.

Closed Hearing for Administrative Plat for William Rayer at 7:36 p.m.

PC Nelson read recommendation from Planning Commission to approve an Administrative Consider recommendation to approve an Administrative Plat for William Rayer: Legal Description: Parcel A. The West 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska; Legal Description of Surveyed Parcel B The North 1/3 of Lots 1, 2 & 3 EXCEPT the west 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, in Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska. Questions were asked and answered

Motion made by Morrill seconded by Nutting to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to approve an Administrative Consider recommendation to approve an Administrative Plat for William Rayer: Legal Description: Parcel A. The West 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska; Legal Description of Surveyed Parcel B The North 1/3 of Lots 1, 2 & 3 EXCEPT the west 40.00 feet of the North 1/3 of Lot 3, in Block 19, Original Town of Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Absent: Jensen. Nays: None

Nutting made a motion seconded by Morrill to approve appointment of Derek Tyler and Garrett Carpenter to Planning Commission. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

A discussion was held reference installing electricity in the SantaLand Storage Building. Sherrie Zimmerer explained why the electricity is needed. An estimate has been received from Adam's Electric for \$2,300.00. Zimmerer explained the chamber doesn't feel it will cost that much as they have volunteers lined up to do part of the work. Questions were asked and answered.

Morrill made a motion seconded by Nutting to approve putting electricity in the SantaLand Storage Building and taking the money out of the Hoferer-Jensen Trust. RCV; Ayes: Morrill, Nelson, Nutting. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

Police Chief Mark Duncan gave a Creighton Police Report.

ACT Nelson gave administrator report

All business complete, Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Morrill seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:49 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 12, 2017 in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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