

City of Fort Calhoun

May 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, was held in open and public session at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, May 16, 2016 in the City Council Chambers/Library at the City Hall in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, said form of notice being a designated method for giving notice, an affidavit of publication being attached to these minutes.

Advance notice of this meeting was also given to the Mayor and all Council Members. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council Members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Robinson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Mayor Robinson stated persons wishing to address the Governing Body on an agenda item shall wait to be identified by the Presiding Officer; then, after stating their name and address for the record, may proceed to speak. No person, other than the Council and the person having the floor will be permitted to enter into any discussion without the permission of the Presiding Officer. Remarks shall be limited to five minutes unless extended or limited and repetitive or cumulative remarks may be limited or excluded by the Presiding Officer.

On roll call, the following Council Members answered present: Bob Prieksat, Dave Romans, Nick Schuler, Randy Magill was absent.

With a quorum present, Mayor presided and the Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Member Romans made a motion, seconded by Member Prieksat that all items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented. With members Prieksat, Romans and Schuler "Aye", motion carried.

(The consent agenda included: April 18, 2016 city council minutes; May 2, 2016 planning commission minutes; May 5, 2016 park board minutes; April 25, 2016 enhancement committee minutes; April 27, 2016 Board of Adjustment minutes; April 2016 treasurers report; April 2016 WCSO statistics and the maintenance report.)

Member Romans made a motion seconded by Member Prieksat to remove The May 2016 bills for review.

Member Romans made a motion seconded by Member Prieksat to approve the April bills for payment. With members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Kelli Shaner and Drew Wagner presented the elementary playground revision project. The current playground and equipment is 25 years old and it is not ADA accessible. The PFE has raised \$50,000 for the project and they asked the Council to approve \$50,000 of Keno funds to complete the renovation. There were many families in attendance in support of the renovation. Motion made by Romans seconded by Prieksat. With members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

SDL Request by Jennifer Janecek, on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, for the "Faith, Family & Friends Festival," Saturday, June 26, 2016. Motion made by Romans and seconded by Prieksat. With members Roman, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

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Request by Jennifer Janecek, on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, to close a portion of 12th and Clay St. for the "Faith, Family & Friends Festival," Saturday, June 26, 2016. The hours requested to close them are 10:30am to 5:30 pm. Motion made by Romans and seconded by Prieksat. With members Roman, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

Jason Weeks addressed the council to look into vacating Court St. between 8th and 9th Streets. Some discussion on getting it surveyed as Pioneer Park and trails are adjacent with the property and streets. It was tabled until next month's meeting.

Unfinished business:

Notice of unkempt property complaint at 106 South 14th St. Tabled until next month.

Waiting on the completion of the appraisal on City owned 78 acres. Tabled until next month.

City Engineer- Lucas-JEO Engineer asked to accept the bid proposal submitted in the amount \$11,400 by AR Plumbing for Washington Street Sewer project. Motion made by Prieksat, seconded by Romans. With all members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

Lucas asked to accept bid proposal submitted in the amount of \$19,945 by Neuvirth Construction for the Pioneer Drive Drainage Improvements. Motion made by member Romans, seconded by Prieksat. With all members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

Lucas asked for approval to submit a funding application for a loan from the Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to be a funding source for the 2016 Water System Improvements and a possible gap funding source for the proposed maintenance building. After some discussion pointing out this is a very low interest loan (3%) for up to twenty years, no penalty for early re-pay, a motion was made by Romans, seconded by Schuler. With all members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

Lucas asked for authorization to submit a Security Grant Application for the Water System GIS Mapping. Discussion: The grant would be for \$10,000 so the cities portion would be \$7,500 but only would need to be completed if the grant is awarded. Benefits of doing this, it would give the City up to date information on the whole town placement of infrastructure, location of man holes, "ties". This is a digital system along with two sets of 11x17 maps. A motion was made by Romans, seconded by Schuler. With members Romans and Schuler voting "Aye" and member Prieksat voting "No", motion carried.

Lucas presented three different types of improvements that are possible for the Clay St. Drainage issue.

- A. Clean up the shoulder of the ditch, cheapest but does not fix the issues of the clogged culverts along the length of the ditch.
- B. Clean up the ditch back to an original cross section. Medium priced option but it will increase velocities in the ditch, also might make some of the slopes tougher to maintain.
- C. Clean up the ditch, put some check dams in, using natural vegetation to slow down the flow of water.

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After some questions and discussion, it decided by the Mayor to call a special meeting with the home owners to discuss and review the different options available. The date will be decided and the home owners will be notified.

Approval of Resolution 2016-2 for support of the Leadership Certified Community Application, tabled until next month.

New business:

Approval of the Mayor's recommendation of two part-time summer employees, Jacob Tegels and Tyler Fitzgerald. Pay rate of \$10.00 an hour and working 20-30 hours per week. Motion made by Romans, seconded by Prieksat. With all members Romans, Schuler and Prieksat vote "Aye" motioned carried.

Rick Jaworski address the Council about having someone look into the culvert/ditch by 13th & Madison getting cleaned out. Bruce, maintenance supervisor will look into the issue and come back with his recommendations, if more culverts need to be installed it would be at the property owners expense. Tabled until next month, waiting on review from Bruce.

Public comments:

Tim Oelke asked about the status of the new gazebo? We believe the project will be started in May and will take 2-3 weeks to be completed.

Future agenda items: Mayors recommendation of two appointments to the NRD Board and one appointment to the Park board.

Following a motion by member Romans, seconded by Prieksat and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deb Sutherland, Community Coordinator

