

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2019

A special meeting of the Mayor City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Harz and Council Members Dale Wilkinson, Leonard Miller and Brent Pickrel. Council Member Ted Hughes was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, City Supt. Dean Bly, Electric Generation Supervisor Josh Capler, Chief of Police Mike Wright, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Librarian Jennifer Norton, Library Board Members Ron Gilg and Chet McGowen, Fire Chief Mike Mortensen, Deputy Clerk Rhonda Heithoff, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes and Steve Simonsen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 5, 2019. A copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Hartz presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law, located on the east wall of the Council Chambers is available for the public. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

Clerk Klabenes reported that City Attorney had provided copies of a sample ordinance for mobile food trucks from Valley, Nebraska. She reported one mobile food truck would like to begin business the first weekend of September, however the City Council meeting would be a few days later. She requested review of the sample ordinance prior to the September meeting.

BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively with and without graphs. She requested consideration for the option for raising the sales tax .5% for public infrastructure projects rather than utilizing property taxes. She requested consideration for a 2% cost of living and a review of police salaries for competitive wages. She reported on electronic timesheets for each department to begin in the next fiscal year and replacing the broken and outdated two-way radio system for departments to communicate. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Discussion for Pierson Museum utilities to return to Pierson Museum.

Lottery: Consideration for donation for future pool planning \$1,000 and to seek grants for the pool planning.

Economic Development/LB840/NDA/Downtown Revitalization: Consideration for LB840 administrative contribution to Economic Development department of \$15,000. Discussion held for Grow Neligh Entrepreneur program \$15,000 and potential business loans \$42,900 in LB840 budget. Discussion for Downtown Revitalization grant fund balance of \$76,000 to conclude in next fiscal year budget.

Street: Consideration for \$250,000 bond for asphalt alleys in the downtown business district. Discussion for bridge inspections summer 2020 for \$7,500. Discussion held for cemetery road expense from county of \$34,000. Discussion for state maintenance agreement increasing to \$3,000.

Water: Consideration for purchasing approximately 80 water meters. Consideration for 5-year or 7-year lease for water well/lift station controls and bonding with the street project.

Sewer: Consideration for 5-year or 7-year lease for water well/lift station controls and bonding with the street project.

Fire: Consideration for replacing bunker gear for second of three years at \$37,000. Discussion for life insurance to see two premium payments in one fiscal year due to change of date premium is due. Consideration for light \$5,500 and concrete project \$2,000 both at Fire Hall.

Police: Consideration for former patrol car to be sold after October 1st. Consideration for 3 laptops for e-citations \$12,042 and financing radio system with first payment in October 2020. Consideration for 5% salary increase for chief and assistant chief. Discussion on part-time officer wage increase. Consideration for ammunition purchase \$6,000. Discussion on increase in telephone for 3 laptops for e-citations.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for budget adopted in March with Nebraska DOT carried forward to the city budget effective Oct 1 with addition of expense for two-way radio system from local match.

Solid Waste: Discussion for garbage bags purchase \$7,000. Discussion for research with survey for the residential garbage totes interest before investing in equipment adaptations and postpone purchase of residential garbage totes. Discussion for dumpster sticker prices reviewed with current tipping and hauling contract fees.

Pool: Consideration for sidewalk repairs and men's bathroom sink \$2,500. Consideration for ipad for electronic timesheets.

Park: Consideration for mower sold after October 1st. Consideration for Riverside Park bathrooms epoxy \$8,000, pickup \$8,500 and bleacher shade #2 at North ball field \$1,000. Consideration for riverbank stabilization project in Penn Park pending FEMA funds designation and US Army Corp of Engineers approval \$167,237.

Park Foundation: Consideration for signage at Grandstand and Pavilion.

Library: Consideration for \$8,840 technology to have carryover hours on contract, replace 3 computers and upgrade printer.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for replacing 2 ½ blocks of service with underground electric on East 5th Street of \$20,000. Consideration for updated maps \$5,000. Consideration for final payment to Elkhorn Rural Public Power for approximately \$83,000.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pickrel. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Miller, Pickrel. Opposed: None. Absent: Hughes. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:40 P.M.

City of Neligh

Joe Hartz, Mayor

(ATTEST)

Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on August 15, 2019 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk