

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 16, 2017

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz, Council Members Dale Wilkinson, Steph Wanek and Ted Hughes. Council Member Leonard Miller entered the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Also in attendance were City Attorney James McNally, City Supt. Dean Bly, Electric Generation Supervisor Josh Capler, Chief of Police Mike Wright, Economic Development Director Gabriel Steinmeyer, Librarian Jennifer Norton, Library Board Members Ron Gild and Chet McGowen, Fire Chief Mike Mortensen, Deputy Clerk Rhonda Heithoff and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 10, 2017. A copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Mayor Hartz offered a prayer before opening the meeting. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively. The Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Consideration for full year of Code Red Emergency system with support from ACE. Consideration for new phone system \$9,100 and asbestos removal of 209 Main Street at \$3,850 as recently bid. Consideration for home demolition after asbestos removal with possible electric funds transfer if needed.

Lottery: Consideration for contribution to Pierson Museum for \$500 for new signage near Ashfall Fossil Beds. Consideration for speed trailer of \$6,000.

Economic Development/LB840/CRA/Downtown Revitalization: Consideration for decrease in meetings, mileage and schooling to balance budget. Consideration for new laptop in equipment purchase rotation. Consideration for increase in administrative expenses above cost of living increase to come from Chamber of Commerce. Discussion held for DTR project deadline of December 2018. Discussion for CRA name change to Neligh Development Agency for September meeting.

CDBG: Discussion for de-obligated funds for housing program or demolition projects.

Street: Consideration for paving one block of alley behind ESU #8 and 2 intersection priority projects. Consideration for bond from anticipation note for Neligh Independent Living project.

Water: Consideration for bond from anticipation note for Neligh Independent Living project. Consideration to remove the re-appropriation for a well of \$30,000. Consideration for increasing water rates since 2009.

Sewer: Consideration for bond from anticipation note for Neligh Independent Living project. Consideration for sewer line replacement for one block in alley behind ESU #8 and sewer repair between 8th and 9th Streets. Consideration for possible refinancing of sewer bond on fairgrounds if interest is lower.

Fire: Consideration for lighting project inside the fire hall and later postponed the project for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Librarian Jennifer Norton and Library Board Member Chet McGowen presented the proposed budget with an explanation for adding single health insurance and a health savings account for one employee, a federal grant for the internet and requesting library foundation assistance with grants/programs and landscaping and sprinkler expenses not met. Norton reported the technology expense would decrease due to a new server in 2016 and decreased service hours. She reported the library received the grant for Makers Space.

Police: Consideration for replacement of officers in-car and body cameras at the end of the current fiscal year with the grant reimbursement receipt in the next fiscal year. Consideration for possible equipment purchase as discussion and development for Highway 20 Inter-local agreement for an emergency response team. Discussion held that such a collective team should have state funding assistance for such a formation.

Pool: Consideration for boiler replacement and install of \$13,500.

Pool Improvements: Discussion for updating bathroom fixtures such as sinks, toilets and shower heads.

Park: Consideration for half cost of new picnic shelter after donations received to Antelope County Ag Society for \$6,200. Consideration for replacing 4 picnic tables.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for purchasing a bucket truck used for demo and under full warranty with a lease purchase option or cash price. Discussion for decreasing commercial electrical rates for small businesses and presenting ordinance at September meeting. Discussion for payment to Watt's Electric for park and east newly annexed area electric improvements and payment to Elkhorn Rural Public Power District. Discussion for researching LB1056 with mid-level housing for options in Neligh's LB840 program. Consideration for engine #2 repair this year and engine #4 in next year's budgets. Consideration for decreasing fuel budget for electric generation.

Consideration for 2% cost of living wage increase for city employees.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Discussion was held that a quorum would be able to attend the September 12th meeting with final budget presented for consideration. Council member Wanek will be absent.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wanek. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, Wanek, Miller. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 11:00 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 16, 2017 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.

(SEAL)

Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk