

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Mayor City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Brent Pickrel, Dale Wilkinson, Leonard Miller and Ted Hughes. 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 Member Ron Gilg, Fire Chief Mike Mortensen, and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 10, 2020. 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 was available for the public. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CLEARWATER LEGION

Moved by Wilkinson to approve the special designated liquor license for the Clearwater Legion at the Antelope County Ag Society Building on September 12th. Seconded by Pickrel. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Hughes, Pickrel, Miller. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2020-2021 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 reported on the timing difference with the capital improvement project of the commercial alleys paving project between 2nd and 5th Streets and L and M Streets estimated to begin mid-September, but the budget hearing would be held September 8th. Discussion was held for capital improvement projects using restricted funds for the next budget. She requested consideration for a 2% cost of living to salaries and wages. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Discussion for 3 city hall offices carpeting \$2,500 and server replacement \$4,500.

Lottery: Consideration for park playground equipment.

Economic Development: Consideration for contracted services with Clearwater and postponed Leadership Nebraska.

LB840: Consideration for media campaign \$8,500, Gift Card Program \$15,000, Emergency grants \$5,800, Digital Façade \$27,000, new business loans \$49,000 and revolving loan fund \$37,500.

Downtown Revitalization: Discussion for Downtown Revitalization grant fund balance of \$15,000 to conclude in next fiscal year budget.

Street: Consideration for dump truck \$20,000. Discussion for alleys \$240,000 in the downtown business district to begin mid-September and 5th and 6th Streets \$220,000 to begin in spring 2021. Consideration for Wylie Drive armor coat \$21,300.

Water: Consideration for well repair \$10,300 and VFD equipment \$17,000 to control the speed of the well depending on the water needs. Consideration for increase of monthly rate \$1.00 and usage fee \$.10 per thousand gallons. Discussion for large volume of water meters replaced in current fiscal year and future readings.

Sewer: Consideration for submersible pump \$10,000. Discussion for aging compressors but solid foundation of sewer plant.

Fire: Consideration for stipend to Chief and Assistant Chief \$1,750. Consideration for year 3 of 3-year plan for bunker gear replacement \$37,000. Consideration for increased bond payment to Rural Fire on shared equipment bond.

Police: Consideration for radio system financed with USDA grant funds and Electric Funds. Consideration for office furniture \$2,865. Consideration for 5% salary increase for chief and assistant chief. Discussion on part-time officer wage increase.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for budget adopted in second year of bi-annual budget with NDOT. Discussion for transit software covered in full by CARES Act and relief grant funds thru NDOT up to 5 years ranging \$5,000-20,000.

Solid Waste: Discussion for residential garbage totes, truck attachment for residential totes, monthly utility rates and weighed loads rate.

Pool: Consideration for boiler repair \$2,000. Consideration for concrete shaving to level pool deck \$10,000. Pool Improvements funds discussion for consultant review of pool conditions and recommendations.

Park: Consideration for Penn Park camp sites \$6,300 and Riverside Park Grandstand repairs \$12,750.

Park Foundation: Consideration for signage of Ticket Booth and collection of fundraising for Riverside Park playground equipment.

Library: Consideration for electric lighting project \$23,000 split between City, Kreutz-Bennett grant and Library Foundation.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for vacuum excavator \$30,000 for safer operations and shared use by other city departments.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Miller, Wilkinson, Hughes, Pickrel. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:12 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 20, 2020 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