

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 16, 2022

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Council Members Dale Wilkinson, Ted Hughes, Brent Pickrel and Leonard Miller. Absent was Mayor Hartz. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, Electric Generation Supervisor Josh Capler, Library Director Amy Baker, Steph Lundgren, Rhonda Heithoff and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 8, 2022. 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. Council President Hughes 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively. She reported on the city valuation increase compared to last year. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Consideration for office copier/ printer \$3,500, Council Chambers chairs \$3,000.

Lottery: Consideration for \$15,000 for north baseball field restrooms with Ball Board, \$35,000 for Inclusive Playground base, \$6,000 to NYMC for July 2023.

Economic Development: Consideration for 2 north windows and front commercial door \$1,500, consideration of director salary to \$50,000.

LB840: Consideration for administrative expenses \$25,626 with possible increase for director salary, digital façade program \$12,000, nuisance property management \$5,000, demo fund \$50,000, new business loans \$46,000 and revolving loan fund for housing of \$150,000 that with matching funds will become \$600,000.

Street: Consideration for downtown and main street curb replacement \$13,000, 30 bridge planks \$5000.

Water: Consideration for north well repair \$27,000 and upgrade of well with clay valve replacement and VFD \$43,000. Consideration for East Highway 275 water project of \$3,469,000 and engineering fees of 10%. Consideration for increase of monthly rate of \$1.25 and usage fee of \$.10 per thousand gallons.

Sewer: Consideration for monthly fee and usage fee rate increase of 10%. Consideration for replacement belts \$6,800. Consideration for East Highway 275 sewer project of \$867,400 and engineering fees of 10%. Consideration for airline replacement and belts on press and pump \$20,000, ¾ Ton pickup \$30,000 and park lift station submersible pump \$10,000.

Fire: Consideration for 3 sets bunker gear replacement \$9,000. Consideration for creating a certificate of deposit for unused equipment budget for future equipment purchase.

Police: Consideration for County Officer Assistance \$36,000. Consideration for anticipating pickup on order to replace the Ram 2014 with trade-in. Discussion for possible legal fees.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for budget adopted in second year of bi-annual budget with NDOT. Discussion for local property tax to cover short-fall in second year of budget. Discussion for full-time city personnel filling driver positions while working in other municipal departments the rest of the week. Discussion for software paid 100% from federal grant.

Solid Waste: Discussion for residential garbage bags purchased bi-annually in 2023 of approximately \$8500, additional residential garbage totes and commercial dumpsters \$8,500, replace overhead door adjustments \$4,000, garbage trailer doors \$2,000.

Pool: Consideration for a pool pump housing \$9,000, replace footstands \$1,600, increase uniform stipend to \$700, tunnel plumbing repairs \$1,500. Pool Improvements funds discussion for additional shade and seating \$1,500 and 6 lounge chairs \$1200.

Park: Consideration for shared cost of Grandstand repairs with Antelope County Ag Society at \$15,000 each. Consideration for mower \$4,300, used side by side \$10,000, Field drag \$600, Pavilion restroom upgrade \$1200, floating dock at Penn Park \$6500.

Park Foundation: Consideration for signage of Pavilion. It was noted that Park Foundation donated \$2,000 to the Riverside Park Inclusive Playground equipment.

Library: Consideration for kitchen and landscaping project \$3,000 and replace one laptop in rotation \$2,000.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for 15% rate increase. Discussion was held for controlling costs by system maintenance year. Discussion for Electric loan payment from certificate of deposits to pay for November loan payment as a result of February 2021 extreme weather event. Discussion for automatic controls for generation plant and marketing of power available with the installation of the automatic controls.

Consideration for 7% cost of living increase to salaries and wages and 3% increase to health savings account contributions to offset estimated 10% health insurance premium increase.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Hughes, Miller, Pickrel. Opposed: None. Thereupon Council President Hughes declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:00 P.M.

City of Neligh

Ted Hughes, Council President

(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, 2022 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