

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 16, 2018

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 5:45 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Council Members Steph Wanek, Dale Wilkinson and Ted Hughes. Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Member Leonard Miller were absent. Also in attendance were City Supt. Dean Bly, Electric Generation Supervisor Josh Capler, Chief of Police Mike Wright, Economic Development Director Gabriel Steinmeyer, Librarian Jennifer Norton, Library Board Member Chet McGowen, Fire Chief Mike Mortensen, Deputy Clerk Rhonda Heithoff, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Reporter Olivia Wondercheck and Brent Pickrel. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 13, 2018. 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 is available for the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively. 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 cost of living levels and the feasibility and market study on the nursing home. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Consideration for replacing one office computer in a 6 year rotation valued at \$1,300.

Lottery: Consideration for Dial-A-Ride van \$3,500, Fire Dept. bunker gear contribution \$5,000.

Economic Development/LB840/NDA/Downtown Revitalization: Consideration for decrease in Clearwater contract amount to \$12,600 and to remove expense for Clearwater office rent \$2,400. Consideration for revised Clearwater contract amount to reflect 400 service hours. Consideration for Chamber of Commerce contract and LB840 administrative contribution to Economic Development department, both of \$15,000. Discussion held for laptop \$1250, tourism publication \$2000, video \$3,000, youth entrepreneur program \$6,650 and micro façade program \$30,000 in LB840 budget. Discussion for NDA to reimburse General fund for legal fees with receipt of administrative fees. Discussion for Downtown Revitalization grant fund balance of \$300,000 to conclude in next fiscal year budget.

CDBG: Discussion for one loan paid in full in current fiscal year and \$7,300 in loan repayment funds available for home rehab projects in next fiscal year.

Street: Consideration for repair of 7th and P Street intersection and section of N Street west of American Legion. Consideration for bonds for ESU 8# alley repairs and converting anticipation note to bond for Neligh Independent Living project.

Water: Consideration for converting anticipation note to bond for Neligh Independent Living project.

Sewer: Consideration for converting anticipation note to bond for Neligh Independent Living and issue bond for ESU #8 project. Consideration for possible sewer repair or replacement at 7th & P intersection with paving project and sewer claim in fall 2018. Consideration for pickup \$28,500.

Fire: Consideration for replacing bunker gear over three year period with first of three years in the 2018-2019 fiscal year at \$22,500 and shortfall contribution from Lottery Fund.

Police: Consideration for electronic citation equipment in one vehicle with grant reimbursement receipt if exemption is not met in the next fiscal year. Consideration for Durango purchase to replace 2011 Dakota as recommended by LARM. Discussion for sale of 2011 Dakota.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for budget adopted in March with Nebraska DOT carried forward to the city budget effective Oct 1.

Solid Waste: Discussion for researching stickers on bags. Discussion for increase in freight and landfill contract prices January 1 and purchase of garbage bags in next fiscal year. Discussion for 5th week city wide recycling.

Library: Consideration for mileage increase of \$250 for meetings located further away and discussion for scholarship applications for conference. Discussion for future fundraising and private donations for purchasing a laser cutter following Maker Space grant. Discussion held on Library Board recommendation for 2.5% cost of living for full time library employees.

Pool: Consideration for hot water line repairs \$2,000.

Park: Consideration for new mower \$16,800 and north baseball field bleacher shade. Discussion for Rainbow Fountain and Trail of Tears landscaping with Tour de Nebraska grant. Discussion for researching cost of water and electric camping hookups at Penn Park.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for replacing 2 ½ blocks of service with underground electric on East 5th Street of \$20,000. Discussion for 2 service calls from Caterpillar of \$30,000.

Consideration for inter-fund Electric Fund loan to General Fund for feasibility and market study on nursing home with loan payback from future bond. Consideration for web-based timeclock system of \$2,000, website design first year of \$4,000, Pierson Museum utilities of \$2,040 and 3% cost of living wage increase for all city employees.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Wanek motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, Wanek. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. 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, 2018 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