

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
September 6, 2018

A special meeting of the City Council and the Economic Development Board of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Steph Wanek, Dale Wilkinson, Ted Hughes and Leonard Miller. Economic Development Members present were Bill Mowinkel, Krista Schindler, Andy Elder and Al Stelling. Absent was Traci Jacobsen. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, Economic Development Director Gabriel Steinmeyer, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, Reporters Joan Wright and Kim Carlson, Rhonda Heithoff and Jennifer Pellatz. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 30, 2018. 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. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

Discussion was held for vacant buildings in the community which did not match interested entrepreneurs requirements or were in need of repair. Discussion was held for workforce, the opportunity for middle skilled workforce opportunities and to focus on bringing people into the community that offer a business not present, such as a meat locker. Discussion was held for housing needs and the economy affecting the lack of interest to developing spec homes at this time. Discussion was held for the vacant property bill recently passed in the state legislature. City Attorney McNally reported on the difficulty to enforce a vacant property ordinance, the lack of due process and his concerns on the constitutionality of the bill. Discussion was held for activities and projects in the community recommended by the ED Board to the City Council which may be approved or not approved. Discussion was held that Council members consider the recommendations of the ED Board along with legal advisement from the City Attorney, taxpayer concerns, citizen comments and consistency with other city departments in making decisions.

Discussion was held for operating within the budget and discussion was held for LB840 expenses allowable that may not fit with business loans and not losing a missed opportunity. Discussion was held for office hours and having one person present in the office when both employees are not attending a conference at the same time. Discussion was held for opening all bids at the same time and sometimes a bid may be accepted from an out of town business when the services desired for a project are matched by a business out of town. Discussion was held for having a joint meeting with the ED Board and City Council again and to consider such meeting after the Strategic Plan was finished in January 2019. Mayor Hartz thanked the ED Board members for volunteering and serving on the board and commented that both the ED Board and City Council all serve the people.

*Hughes moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel as a whole and not any particular individual.* Seconded by Wanek. Those voting in favor were Hughes, Wanek, Wilkinson, Miller. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Time 6:50 P.M. Also present were Mayor, City Council

and ED Board members present, City Attorney Jim McNally, ED Director Gabriel Steinmeyer and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Those present for executive session met near the Mayor's office and exited the Council Chambers.

The council reconvened into regular session at 7:10 P.M. Mayor Hartz reported that the Mayor and City Council gave their full support to the ED Board and ED Director. The Mayor thanked the City Council, ED Board and the ED Director for all the work they do, commended them for the job they have done and encouraged all to continue to make Neligh a neat place to live and make each day better.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Miller. Roll call votes in favor were Wanek, Miller, Wilkinson, Hughes. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:11 P.M.

City of Neligh

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Joe Hartz, Mayor

(ATTEST)

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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 September 6, 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