

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2021

A special meeting of the Mayor City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Ted Hughes, Dale Wilkinson, Brent Pickrel and Leonard Miller. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, Electric Generation Supervisor Josh Capler, Chief of Police Mike Wright, Economic Development Director Assistant Bri O'Brien, Library Director Amy Baker, Children's Librarian Melissa Buller, Library Board Member Chet McGowen and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 9, 2021. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively with and without graphs. She reported on the city valuation increase from last year due to a real estate re-evaluation. She requested consideration for a 3% cost of living increase to salaries and wages and a 3% increase to health savings account contributions. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Consideration for 2 computers for City Hall \$3,275, 5 new windows in City Hall \$3,400.

Lottery: Consideration for community betterment ideas to include Q150 in 2023 and Neligh Young Men's Club 50th Anniversary in 2022.

Economic Development: Consideration for 2 new windows in office \$1,500.

LB840: Consideration for administrative expenses \$21,306, CLG app \$13,500, Digital Façade Program \$16,200, COVID Emergency grants \$3,800, Exterior Façade Program \$19,300, new business loans \$34,000 and revolving loan fund \$37,500.

Street: Consideration for armor coat of D Street \$10,000 and crushed concrete \$29,000. Consideration for final payment on alley \$65,000 in the downtown business district and south bridge planks \$3,000. Discussion for downtown street lights and LED options and style of lights from future grants. Consideration for Salt and gravel spreader \$4750 and Riverside Park culvert \$17,000.

Water: Consideration for northwest well submersible pump replacement \$40,000 and exhaust fans for cooling wells \$2,000. Consideration for East Highway 275 water project of \$2,732,000. Consideration for increase of monthly rate \$1.00 and usage fee \$.10 per thousand gallons.

Sewer: Consideration for replacement belts \$6,800. Consideration for East Highway 275 sewer project of \$683,000. Consideration for park lift station submersible pump \$10,000.

Fire: Consideration for new state grant funds thru Mutual Finance Organization of \$10,000. Consideration for 2 sets bunker gear replacement \$6,000. Consideration for possible pay off of bond payment to Rural Fire on shared equipment bond \$51,000.

Police: Consideration for ammo \$6,000. Consideration for wage increase for part-time officer wages. Consideration for replacement of 2014 Ram after trade-in and with equipment \$25,000.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for budget adopted in first year of bi-annual budget with NDOT. Discussion for federal funds covering 100% of technology software, but all other expenses returning to federal and state share with city property tax contribution as previously done prior to COVID. Discussion for wage adjustment for competitive wages.

Solid Waste: Discussion for residential garbage totes and truck attachment for residential totes \$10,000 and monthly utility rates. Discussion for tire amnesty grant application for \$40,310 event.

Pool: Consideration for a pool liner \$200,000 bonded project and remodel bathrooms \$5,000. Consideration for camera system \$2,000. Discussion for pool manager wages and license

increases. Pool Improvements funds discussion for additional shade structure and replacing aluminum benches and chairs.

Park: Consideration for grandstand engineer review and shared cost with Antelope County Ag Society. Consideration for deck mower \$20,000, Aerator for ball fields \$3,500, mower shades \$1,600 and 65' flag pole at Legion field for \$10,000.

Park Foundation: Consideration for signage of Pavilion

Library: Consideration for electric lighting project \$3,000 and new server \$4,000.

Electric and Electric Generation: Consideration for GIS maps \$34,500 and replace 1995 pickup \$35,000. Consideration for Caterpillar service calls and backup technicians. Discussion for Electric loan payment from certificate of deposits becoming unrestricted to pay for November loan payment as a result of February extreme weather event.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pickrel. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, Miller, 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 19, 2021 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