**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 2, 2018**

Mayor Vossler called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Advanced notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Sentinel, the appointed method for giving advanced notice. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Vossler presided and City Clerk, Debbie Gilmer, recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Phyllis Ryan, Shane Stutzman, Harlan Schrock, and Stan Krause. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

As required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Mayor Vossler announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act has been posted on the south door of the City Hall meeting room for all in attendance to review.

Mayor Vossler announced that public comments would be received at this time. No comments offered.

Motioned by Krause, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting, and the December 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented and file same. On roll call voting aye to approve the December 5, 2017 regular meeting minutes, and the December 2017 Treasurer's Report, Schrock, Stutzman, Ryan, Krause. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motioned by Schrock, seconded by Stutzman, to approve the Friend Community Healthcare Systems’ financial reports for October and November. On roll call voting aye, Krause, Ryan, Stutzman, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Schrock, that payroll and claims be approved by the claims committee, and be allowed, and the Clerk instructed to issue warrants on the respective funds to pay same. On roll call voting aye, Ryan, Krause, Schrock, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows: 34 Elect, se 1100.00; Ameritas 3620.58; American Fence, su 8071.73; Baker & Taylor, su 16.40; Beatrice Concrete, su 575.92; Beaver Hardware, su 475.50; Black Hills Energy, fe 552.24; Blue Blossom, su 78.00; BCBS, fe 5941.76; Brothers Equip, su 50.10; Bruning Law, fe 585.00; C Blake LLC, Keno 1000.00; Center Point, su 177.36; Central States, su 13,776.37; Citizens Bank, se 850.00; Keith Clouse, fe 250.00; CRA, 1099.71; Crete Lumber su 393.26; Culligan, su 200.44; Diode Comm, se 35.45; Discover, su 1957.02; EFTPS 8998.92; EMC, fe 1409.00; EMS, fe 265.79; Farmers Coop, se & su 1224.10; FPS, re 920.00; FCC 2509.44; Patrick Gates, re 273.98 Paul & Gail Gropp, fe 150.00; Hardwood Artisan, re 1128.19; IIMC, fe 260.00; Johnsons, su 5.99; Seth Knoke, re 80.00; Kriz-Davis, su 2723.20; Metro Chem, su 12,193.71; Chris Michl, fe 436.80; Midwest Labs, se 150.25; Midwest Unlimited, su 275.73; Muni Supply, su 6316.11; Natl Pen, su 194.44; NE Dept of Rev 1202.89; NE Dept of Rev, Charitable Gaming Comm, 351.58; NE Dept of Rev, 5708.51 & 6152.73; NE Public Health Env Lab, fe 1053.00; NE Public Power, se 72,887.03; NeRWA fe 175.00; Norris Public Power, se 5445.44 & 127.00; Diane Odoski, re 204.02; One-Call, fe 7.95; Orkin, se 102.00; Payroll (Dec) 25,878.75; Postmaster, su 252.18; Potter Repair, se 149.71; Principal Mutual, fe 114.83; Salt Creek, fe 2130.00; Sandry Fire, su 1126.15; Sensus, se 1949.94; Seward Independent, fe 37.35; Shell Fleet, su 130.60; Marvin Slepicka, fe 1000.00; Smart Apple, su 328.94; Scholl’s, se 232.42; Mark Stutzman, fe 2150.00; The Depository Trust, fe 7495.75; Verizon Wireless, se 432.60; Waste Connections, se 298.24; White Elec, su 73.66; Windstream, se 960.25; Youngs, se 1495.58. Total Claims Approved $219,976.59.

Utilities Superintendent, Patrick Gates gave his report. Mr. Gates reported to the Mayor and Council that he and his crew have been dealing with a water main break that occurred in the area of 2nd Street and Floyd Street.

Mr. Gates reported that he had received correspondence from the Village of Cordova referencing an error in their water billing, along with a check for approximately $12,000. As this amount is considerably less than what is actually due, an invoice will be generated reflecting what is due, in accordance to the water contract between the City of Friend and the Village of Cordova.

Police Chief, Mark McFarland was not in attendance.

Stan Krause reported on behalf of the Friend Volunteer Fire Department.

Building Inspector, Mark Stutzman, reported to the Mayor and Council his opinion of purchasing new issues of the International and the Residential Building Code Books for the city. Brief discussion was had, and it was decided to revisit this at a later date after more information is obtained from area communities as to what their practice is relating to building codes.

Proposed changes were provided to the Mayor and Council for their consideration relating to the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency Bylaws and the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Agency. Motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Ryan, to accept and approve the proposed changes presented for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency Bylaws and the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Agency. (Copy of this proposal is attached.) On roll call voting aye, Schrock, Krause, Ryan, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was had relating to the regular date and time of the Friend City Council meetings. Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Stutzman, to continue holding the regular meetings of the Friend City Council on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. On roll call voting aye, Ryan, Krause, Stutzman, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Krause, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Krause, Stutzman, Ryan, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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James W. Vossler, Mayor

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Debbie Gilmer, City Clerk

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Friend, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on January 2, 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 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 and were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting 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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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Friend, Nebraska will meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018** at the City Hall which meeting will be open to the public. Agenda for said meeting is kept current and is available in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Request to be on the agenda must be in the City Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Debbie Gilmer, City Clerk