**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**June 7, 2022**

Mayor Knoke 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 Judith Knoke presided, and City Clerk John R. Schwab recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Kristen Milton, David Sladek, Shane Stutzman & Jeremy Collier. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

Mayor Knoke led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

As required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Mayor Knoke 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.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton to approve the minutes from the May 3 meeting. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Collier, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Sladek to approve the May Treasurer report. On roll call voting aye Collier, Stutzman, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Stutzman to approve the Hospital financial report. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to approve the claims and payroll and include bill from Eric Riley. On roll call voting aye Milton, Stutzman, Collier, and Sladek. Nay none.

The claims approved were as follows: May Payroll, 29102.03; Ameritas, 1751.54; EFTPS, 2371.16; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 688.70; AT&T Mobility, se 194.22; Aqua-Chem Inc, su 2063.70; Bailey Zimmer, re 200.00; Baker & Taylor Books, 52.10; Barco Municipal Products, Inc, su 628.57; Beaver Hardware, su 299.15; Black Hills Energy, se 1096.45; Blue Blossom Florist, se 125.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebr., fe 3376.68; Border States Industries, su 62.43; Brandenburgh Hauling, se 444.96; Carrothers Construction LLC, fe 90577.93; Center Point Large Print, su 91.08; Chase NYC, fe 7468.75; Citizens State Bank, fe 200.00; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 450.00; Coast to Coast Solutions, su 145.06; Collaborative Summer Library Program, fe 301.41; Community Redevelopment Authority, fe 4499.33; Credit Bureau Services, fe 10.11; Culligan Water Services, fe 330.93; Danielle Duba, re 100.00; Diode Communications, se 46.45; Eakes Office Solutions, su 515.13; Fairfield Inn & Suites, 321.20; Farmers Union COOP, su 594.24; Farmers Cooperative, su 753.87; Gale 45.73; Generations Insurance Group, fe 149.00; H&L Asphalt, se 27275.00; H&S Plumbing Heating & Air, se 975.00; Harmony Nursery & Daylily Farms, se 2037.04; Heather Black, re 666.31; Hometown Leasing, fe 90.75; League of Ne Municipalities, fe 377.00; Mastiff Systems, se 190.00; Midwest laboratories, fe 336.95; Modern Marketing, su 177.23; NDEE, fe 6816.82; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, fe 760.00; NPPD, se 54495.75; Nebraska Generator Service, su 2911.00; Nebraska Life Magazine, fe 44.00; Nick’s Farm Store, su 16335.64; Norris Public Power Dist., fe 6238.05; Diane Odoski, re 357.56; Ron Odoski, re 20.00; One Call Concepts, fe 16.68; Pepsi Cola of Hastings, se 377.48; Principal Life Ins., fe 258.57; Sandry Fire Supply, su 76.95; Sargent Drilling, se 1442.02; Susan Schrock, re 100.00; Seward County Independent, fe 54.62; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2200.00; Scholl Enterprises Inc, se 468.22; Verizon Wireless, se 1151.83; Vynalek Insurance Agency, fe 12376.00; Waste Connections of Nebr., se 13327.25; Darka Welch, fe 450.00; Douglas Welch, re 989.00; White Electric Supply, su 50.80; Total Claims Approved 302600.43

Rick Sheehan gave update on status of building.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve the Interlocal agreement cooperation agreement with the Saline County Rural Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Milton, Collier, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek to approve the Special Designated License for Ford Banka American Legion Post #183 on July 3, 2022. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, Stutzman, and Sladek. Nays none.

Discussion held on the lease for the Police Department. Motion by Collier, Seconded by Sladek to approve the lease agreement with Jon & Jacob Cluse minus the noted deletion. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Stutzman, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to approve the quote from Jones Automotive to install second battery system in the Police car. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Stutzman, Collier, Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to repair the Police car not to exceed $1750. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to Hire AMGL CPA’s and Advisors to be new accounting service for the city. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Stutzman, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Stutzman to grant the Pool Manager to hire the lifeguards. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, Stutzman, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek to approve Mayor’s recommendation for the Housing authority. On roll call voting aye Collier, Stutzman, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to purchase the Payport system not to exceed $800. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Stutzman, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to approve the free swim for July 4th with hours being 1 pm to 5 pm. On roll call voting aye Milton, Stutzman, Sladek, and Collier. Nays none.

Discussion on a Dog Park. Decide to investigate further.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to pay Saline County Are Transport yearly fee of $2329.00. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Stutzman, and Milton.

Mayor Knoke reported on the Friend Community Healthcare Systems.

Building Inspector – No report

Fire Department – No report

Chief Shawn Gray gave his report.

President Milton commented on the Pool. Great attendance for the holiday weekend. Motion by Sladek, seconded by Stutzman to purchase tank tops for pool not to exceed $60. On roll call voting aye Collier, Stutzman, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none.

Billy Baugh public Works Supervisor presented his report.

John R. Schwab City Clerk presented his report.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Sladek, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none. Absent Stutzman. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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John R. Schwab, 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 June 7, 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 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, July 5, 2022,** 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.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk