**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**January 3, 2023**

Mayor Knoke called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 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, & Phyllis Schwab. Jeremy Collier Absent. 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 December 6th meeting. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none. Absent Collier.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Sladek to approve the claims and payroll. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, and Schwab. Nays none. Absent Collier.

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

No Report on Hospital Finances, as there was no December meeting.

The claims approved were as follows: December Payroll, 28700.74; Ameritas, 4660.55; EFTPS, 8679.18; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1407.00; Baker & Taylor Books, su 103.66; Black Hills Energy, fe 1541.27 Blue Cross Blue Shield, fe 7281.28; BOKF fe 23960.00; CLIA Laboratory Program fe 180.00; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Chase NYC Bank, fe 5735.00; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Coast to Coast Solutions, su 667.70; Creative Product Source, Inc, su 690.55; Crete Lumber & Farm Supply Co., su 131.96; Diode Communications, fe 46.45; Ellen Freeman-Wakefield, fe 393.00; Fransyl Equipment Co., Inc., se 750.00; Friend Public Schools, fe 1430.00; Gale, su 47.23; Hometown Leasing, fe 90.75; KBK Creative Designs, su 548.00; The Magnolia Journal, su 30.00; Mastiff Systems, fe 300.00; Matt Friend Truck Equipment, su 620.00; Chris Michl, se 95.36; Amy Milton, re 300.00; Modern Marketing, su 409.97; Municipal Supply Inc of Omaha, se 779.85; NE Municipal Power Pool, fe 5392.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, fe 80.00; NE Rural Water Assoc, fe 300.00; Nickel Automotive, se 917.90; Norris Public Power Dist, fe 86.00; Norris Public Power Dist, se 5795.35; Diane Odoski, se 220.41; One Billing Solutions, fe 509.62; Penners, se 342.65; Principal Mutal Life Ins, fe 734.26; Romans, Wiemer & Associates, fe 50.00; Salt Creek Software, Inc., fe 2300.50; Sandry Fire Supply, su 3316.80; Sensus USA Inc, fe 1949.94; Seward County Independent, fe 122.10; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Southern Lady, su 49.98; Southern Living, su 18.00; Sparq Data Solutions, se 4100.00; Sports Express, su 1006.87; ; US Cellular, se 215.90; Visa, su 1728.44; White Electric Supply Co., su 184.00; Total Claims Approved: 121941.70

Discussion of hiring Pool help. Posting manager, assistant manager positions February 1, close March 1. Post lifeguards March 1. Approval for management at March meeting. No action taken.

Discussion of replacing neon sign. Request quote for LED version. No action taken.

Discussion of installing security camera system. Other priorities considered. No action taken.

Discussion of Cd renewal. Milton made a motion to approve 13 months at rate of 4.05% APY. Seconded by Sladek. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none. Absent Collier.

Friend Community Healthcare Systems- No report

Building Inspector – No report

Fire Department – No report

Police Chief Shawn Gray gave his report. Letters will be distributed to vacant properties regarding ordinances.

Billy Baugh Public Works Supervisor gave his report.

Motion was made by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to approve city workers attendance at the Snowball Conference. On roll call voting aye Milton, Schwab, and Sladek. Nays None. Absent Collier.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Milton, seconded by Schwab, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none. Absent Collier. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 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 January 3, 2023; 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 7, 2023,** 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