**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**August 1, 2023**

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, & Phyllis Schwab. Absent 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 Schwab to approve the minutes from July 1st meeting. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, and Sladek. Absent Collier. Nays none.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: July Payroll, 36170.66; Ameritas, 3810.26; EFTPS, 9553.36; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1515.54; Aliscia Alley, re 210.95; Aqua-Chem Inc, su 3810.26; Baker & Taylor Books, su 17.57; Black Hills Energy, fe 804.59; Blue Cross Blue Shield, fe 4443.18; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Collaborative Summer Library Program, fe 262.25, DL Millwright Services LLC, fe 1760.00;Diode Communications, fe 46.45; Earhugger Safety Products, su 172.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites, fe 1079.55; Gale, su 94.46; Great Plains Uniforms LLC, su 253.96; Holiday Inn of Kearney, fe 419.85; Hometown Leasing, fe 93.01;Johnson Services, se 1050.00; LaQuinta Inn & Suites, fe 795.66; Rosemarie Markus, se 50.00; Mastiff System, fe 190.00; Midwest Assistance Program Inc, fe 485.00; Midwest Laboratories Inc, se 231.37; Mutual of Omaha fe 517.56; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, fe 60.00; Nebraska Power Review Board, fe 123.12; Diane Odoski, re 132.41;Personnel Concepts, se 483.52; Saline County Aging Services, fe 2551.25; Schindler Elevator Corporation, fe 191.46; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; US Cellular, se 61.49; Vyhnalek Insurance Agency, fe 1900.08; Total Claims Approved: 73474.47

Proposed Ordinance# 23-800 was introduced and read by Mayor Knoke. Second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-800**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 154 ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE WHEN BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AS A PRINCIPLE USE, CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS, SPECIAL TYPES, AND TO REGULATE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS IN B-1 OR B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICTS, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTING OR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Proposed Resolution# 23-04 was introduced and read by Mayor Knoke.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-04**

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2023

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton to adopt Resolution# 23-04. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, and Milton. Absent Collier. Nays none.

Jim Ryan presented the CRA Mid-Year reports.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to approve the financial report and allow the mayor to sign. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Absent Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to approve the fund report and allow the mayor to sign. On roll call voting aye, Schwab, Milton, and Sladek. Absent Collier. Nayes none.

Aaron Bos from Nebraska Class gave his presentation. No action taken.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Sladek to approve the Special Designated License from the American Legion Post # 183. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Schwab, and Sladek. Absent Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to allow the Friend Volunteer Fire Department to donate or trade pieces of ground for further development. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Absent Collier. Nays none.

Friend Neon sign was discussed. It was decided to have an electrician look at it and give a quote to fix. Also, to call Norris and see if they could fix it.

Friend Community Healthcare Systems No Report.

Building Inspector Mark Stutzman, No report

Chief Brent Milton and Asst. Chief Stan Krause discussed options for the new fire hall. No action taken.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton, to allow the Friend Volunteer Fire Department to purchase land from Harlan Schrock for future development. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, and Sladek. Absent Collier. Nays none.

Police Chief Shawn Gray presented his report.

Pool Manager Heather Black reported on the pool.

Public Works Supervisor Billy Baugh presented his report. It was decided to put an ad in the paper for a new maintenance worker.

City Clerk John R. Schwab presented his report.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Sladek to approve the application for fowl by Dan Sandoz. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Sladek, and Schwab. Absent Collier. Nays none

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Schwab, seconded by Sladek, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Schwab, and Milton. Absent Collier. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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 Judith Knoke, Mayor

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John R. Schwab, City Clerk/Treasurer

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 August 1, 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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 City Clerk

**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 September 5, 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