**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 3, 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 James Vossler presided, and City Clerk Debbie Gilmer recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Harlan Schrock, Shane Stutzman, Phyllis Ryan, 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 were offered.

Motioned by Krause, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2018 regular meeting, and the March 2018 Treasurer's Report as presented and file same. On roll call voting aye to approve the March 6, 2018 regular meeting minutes, and the March 2018 Treasurer's Report, Stutzman, Schrock, Krause, Ryan. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Stutzman to approve the Friend Community Healthcare System’s financial reports that were submitted for the month of February 2018. 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: March Payroll, 27,208.65; Ameritas, 3673.54; EFTPS, 8600.57; BC/BS, fe 5941.76; Baker & Taylor, su 50.37; Beatrice Hospital, fe 445.00; Beaver Hardware, su 119.84; Black Hills Energy, fe 569.93; Brothers, su 212.68; Bruning Law, fe 1089.00; Center Point Books, su 88.68; Central States, su 12,848.47 & 22,672.77; Keith Clouse, fe 250.00; CRA, 4983.15 & 888.62; Culligan, se 51.00; Danko, su 185.93; Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Discover, su 999.28; Drake, su 24.60; Eakes, su 37.99; EMS, se 145.60; Exeter Lumber, su 6.60; Farmer’s Coop, su 1108.36; Friend Freightways, su 15.85; Gale, su 44.98; Patrick Gates, re 464.42; Kim Goossen, re 111.52; Paul & Gail Gropp, fe 150.00; Johnsons, su 21.67; Johnson Svc, se 13,115.00; Menards, su 244.23, 280.55 & 928.82; Chris Michl, se 436.80; Midwest Labs, se 170.25; Midwest Radar, fe 80.00; NE Neon Sign, fe 1215.60; NE Forest Svc, se 22.80; NE Dept of Rev, SWH 1245.90, sales tax 6144.44, Gaming Comm, fe 288.19; NE Public Health, fe 1018.00; NE Public Power, se 59,006.45; Nick’s, su 222.34; Norris Public Power, se 5593.80; Diane Odoski, su 567.73; One Call, se 8.31; Orkin, se 102.00; Postmaster, su 254.07; Pioneer Publ, su 46.50; Principal Ins, fe 119.33; Ramada, fe 539.70; Mindy Rohrig, re 352.62; Sandry Fire, su 376.98; Schmader Elec, se 1858.00; Seward County Independent, fe 308.02; Marvin Slepicka, fe 1000.00; Speedee Mart, su 71.51; Phyllis Svehla, se 294.00; Verizon, se 421.76; Waste Connections, fe 310.16; Windstream, se 966.22; Young’s, su 18.08. Total Claims Approved $199,685.42.

Lengthy discussion was had relating to the future of the Friend swimming pool. Several individuals in attendance volunteered to be on a committee to further discuss possibilities and to bring recommendations/proposals back to the Council at a future meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Vossler announced that there will be a tree planting ceremony at the Friend pond April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Utilities Superintendent, Patrick Gates, gave his report.

Mark Stutzman, Building Inspector, gave his report.

Mayor Vossler reported that there will be an informational meeting at the hospital Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. relating to the upcoming bond issue that will be on the election ballot in May.

Continued discussion was had relating to the fee that the City is charged by Marvin Slepicka for use of the dump. Motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Schrock, to approve a $2400 year end bonus be paid to Marvin Slepicka contingent upon Council’s approval of Mr. Slepicka’s performance through the year. On roll call voting aye, Krause, Ryan, Schrock, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Keith Clouse attended the meeting on behalf of the Andrew Cemetery board. Mr. Clouse reported to the Mayor and Council on the financial status of the cemetery and requested approval from the Council for a proposed increase to $500 for the price of lots and burials and an increase to $300 for cost of burial of cremation. Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Ryan, to approve the cemetery board’s proposed increase to $500 for the price of lots and regular burials, and an increase to $300 for the cost of burial of cremation. On roll call voting aye, Stutzman, Krause, Ryan, 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, Ryan, Stutzman, Krause, Schrock. Nays, none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 April 3, 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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 Debbie Gilmer, 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, May 1, 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