

# MINUTE RECORD

---

## FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2019

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, Debbie Gilmer recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Harlan Schrock, Shane Stutzman, Phyllis Ryan, 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 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.

Mayor Knoke announced that public comments would be accepted at this time.

Motioned by Krause, seconded by Stutzman, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2019 regular meeting, and the February 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented and file same. On roll call voting aye to approve the February 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes, and the February 2019 Treasurer's Report, Ryan, Stutzman, Schrock, Krause. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Friend Community Healthcare System financial statements submitted for the month of January 2019. On roll call voting aye, Krause, Schrock, Ryan, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Stutzman, that claims, and payroll 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, Krause, Ryan, Stutzman, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows: February Payroll, 25,968.14; Ameritas, 3306.82; EFTPS, 9011.75; Baker & Taylor, su 16.40; Barco, su 977.60; Eric Bardell, re 20.00; Beaver Hardware, su 286.13; Black Hills Energy, fe 985.42; Brothers, su 14.81; Bruning Law, fe 760.50; Center Point, su 88.68; Center States, su 9866.89; Jake Clouse, re 20.00; Keith Clouse, fe 250.00; Coast to Coast, su 2923.11; CRA, fe 11,795.02 & 2073.70; Crete Ace Hardware, su 14.58; Danko, su 58.73; Cole Dickinson, re 20.00; Diode, se 46.45; Discover, su 58.18; Eakes, su 150.92; Eldon Eklund, re 20.00; EMS, fe 282.52; Farmers Coop, se & su 2843.48; First Wireless, su 21.00; Follett School Solutions, se 870.45; FCHS, se 337.53; GT Dist, su 101.75; Gale, su 45.73; Galls, su 1885.49; Patrick Gates, re 406.57; Debbie Gilmer, re 40.60; Kim Goossen, re 20.00; Shawn Gray, re 132.68; Paul Gropp, fe 225.00; HD Arms, su 144.32; Debra Hulse, re 20.00; IALEFI, fe 375.00; Johnsons, su 75.61; Judith Knoke, re 20.00; Seth Knoke, re 20.00; Menards, su 386.93; NHHS, fe 40.00; NE Public Health, se 85.00; NE Public Power, fe 71,710.09; NEMSA, fe 330.00; Midwest Labs, se 183.05; Natl Arbor Day, fe 15.00; NE Dept of Rev, SWH 1442.77 & ST 6741.73; Norris Public Power, se 5525.32; Diane Odoski, re 406.25; Office Cash, su 83.80; One Call, se 2.69; Orkin, fe 55.85; PC Nuts, su 60.00; Kelly Paulsen, re 20.00; Principal Mutual, fe 119.33; Austin Rohrig, re 20.00; Mindy Rohrig, re 230.00; Ray Rohrig, re 40.00; Saline Co. Treas, fe 2054.00; Sandry Fire, su 910.13; Harlan Schrock, re 121.72; Scholl Ent, se 233.11; Seward Independent, fe 246.37; Shaffer Comm, su 128.41; Sid Dillon, se 39.46; Marvin Slepicka, fe 1250.00; Phyllis Svehla, se 78.75; Verizon, se 427.96; Waste Connections, se 310.16; Spencer Wessels, re 20.00; White Electric, su 2491.58; Windstream, se 1039.73. Total Claims Approved \$173,450.75.

Mayor Knoke shared with the Council a card of thanks sent by Ted Hamilton expressing his appreciation for the quick response and assistance that he recently received from Patrick Gates and the city crew. The Mayor also shared with the Council that she has received many great comments about the job that Patrick and the city crew have done handling the vast amount of snow we've received in the last few weeks.

# MINUTE RECORD

---

Patrick Gates, Utilities Superintendent, gave his report. Mr. Gates reported that, along with dealing with the recent snow, the city has experienced a major water main break on Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of hiring someone to mow city lots, including the Andrew Cemetery.

Police Chief, Shawn Gray reported on behalf of the Friend Police Department. Gray requested council's approval to exchange/trade weapons that the department currently has for new weapons. Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Ryan to approve Chief Gray proceed with exchanging weapons that the Friend Police Department currently has for new weapons. On roll call voting aye, Stutzman, Krause, Ryan, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of relocating the office of the Friend Police Department. After discussion, council approved Chief Gray pursue checking into locations that may be suitable for a new office location.

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

Jen Stutzman, President of Friend Community Healthcare System, attended the meeting to report on behalf of FCHS.

Kristen Milton, Eric Bresson, and Julie Ricenbaw attended the meeting to report on the results of the recent community-wide survey. Kristen reported that the pool renovation/replacement committee will meet again prior to the next City Council meeting and plan to have proposals/bids to the council for their review and consideration at their April 2, 2019 council meeting.

Continued discussion was had regarding a request received from citizen, Rodney Brejcha, to release a parking ban that is currently in effect on the west side of Pine Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. After consideration, motion was made by Krause, seconded by Stutzman, to retain the parking ban that is currently in place on the west side of Pine Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. On roll call voting aye, Ryan, Schrock, Stutzman, Krause. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Ryan, to accept a proposal for professional surveying services/annexation services as submitted by Kirkham Michael to provide a plat map and legal description for expanding the existing corporate limit to reflect areas included in recently proposed annexation project. On roll call voting aye, Krause, Stutzman, Ryan, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

Agenda item relating to acquisition of property located on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, between Chestnut and Maple Streets was discussed. No action was taken at this time.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Stutzman, to approve the 2018 Annual Report for Gilbert Library, as prepared and presented by Librarian, Diane Odoski. On roll call voting aye, Ryan, Krause, Stutzman, Schrock. Nays none. Motion carried.

Mayor Knoke recommended appointment of Jim Vossler to the Community Redevelopment Authority, to replace Jim Ryan. Motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Ryan, to accept Mayor Knoke's recommended appointment of Jim Vossler to the Community Redevelopment Authority to complete Jim Ryan's term, which expires in 2021. On roll call voting aye, Schrock, Krause, Ryan, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Krause, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Ryan, Schrock, Krause, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

---

Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST

# MINUTE RECORD

---

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 March 5, 2019; 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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, April 2, 2019** 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