

MINUTE RECORD

FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-SPECIAL WORKING SESSION February 9, 2021

Mayor Knoke called the special working session meeting of the City Council to order at 6:40 p.m. at the City Hall. Councilmembers present: Jeremy Collier, Kristen Milton, David Sladek, and Shane Stutzman.

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.

Discussion was had on purchasing the Nickel Building for public works and officing the police department. Billy stated the interest in this building would be to replace two of their current buildings that are in bad shape. In discussion, Dave Sladek asked about the possibility to add on to the current shop located north of the tracks. Billy will investigate the cost and what options are available in adding on to the current shop.

Council also discussed steps that could improve the effectiveness of the nuisance property policy. Ideas included having a verbal, then written warning, and if the nuisance is still not taken care of, a fine would be assessed to property owner. Kristen will continue discussion on this with Katie.

Chief Gray reported on attending the Village of Exeter Board meeting to continue discussion regarding the interlocal agreement for police services. There was no decision made at this time.

Discussion was had on utilizing Sparq Data for electronic meetings. It was recommended by Council for the City Clerk to pursue contact with Nicole at Sparq Data regarding a contract for further discussion and approval at the next meeting. Council also discussed the option of purchasing tablets for members to use during the meetings if they so choose. The tablets would also serve Council when approving invoices through docMgt. City Clerk will research costs and bring to the March meeting.

Council discussed the City Dump and Marv Slepicka's request for an increase in his monthly fee. It was the recommendation of the Council for Jeremy Collier to continue discussion with Marv on cost options that would be beneficial to both parties. Collier will bring this information back to Council table at the next regular meeting.

Discussion was held on having a single source for garbage collection. It was recommended by Council to continue research with both garbage services and determine the best rate for single source collection.

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No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier, seconded by Stutzman, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Sladek, Stutzman, Collier. Nays none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST

Kimberly S. Goossen, 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 February 9, 2021; 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