

MINUTE RECORD

FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2021

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 Kim Goossen recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Kristen Milton, Shane Stutzman, Jeremy Collier, and David Sladek. 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.

Motioned by Sladek, seconded by Collier, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting and the February 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented and file same. On roll call voting aye to approve minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting and the February 2021 Treasurer's Report, Stutzman, Milton, Collier, Sladek. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motioned by Collier, seconded by Sladek, to approve the Friend Community Healthcare Systems Financial Reports for January 2021. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Milton, Sladek, Collier. Nays none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Milton, seconded by Stutzman, that payroll and claims be approved after review, 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, Sladek, Collier, Stutzman, Milton. Nays none. Motion carried.

The claims approved were as follows: February Payroll, 31,509.42; Ameritas, 2,961.87; EFTPS, 10,211.97; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1,804.85; 34 Electric, su 858.31; Aqua-Chem, fe 175.00; Baker & Taylor Books, su 66.17; Black Hills Energy, fe 1173.78; Blue360 Media, su 83.75; BCBS of NE, fe 8,395.25; Border States, su 269.16; Brothers Equip, se 11.40; Bruning Law, fe 4503.25; Carrothers Construction, fe 285,764.04; Center Point Large Print, su 88.68; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 450.00; Creative Product Source, su 594.29; Culligan, se 33.00; Dale Lawver Repair, se 202.09; Danko, su 72.92 & 234,872.00; Diode, fe 46.45; Eakes, se 275.00; Farm & Ranch Living, su 25.98; First Wireless, su 132.00; Follett School Solutions, su 870.45; FCHS, fe 128.75; Gale, su 45.73; Goldstar Products, su 2786.10; Graham Tire, su 450.28; Midwest Labs, fe 194.10; NE DHHS, fe 40.00; NE Public Health Environ Lab, se 316.00; NE Public Power, se 71,598.09; Norris Public Power, se 5606.12; Diane Odoski, re 138.34; One Call Concepts, se 9.60; Kelly Paulsen, re 31.00; Potter Repair, se 116.50; Principal Mutual Life, fe 63.12; Saline County Clerk, fe 1996.35; Seward County Independent, fe 114.95; Marvin Slepicka, fe 1250.00; Stryker Sales Corp, su 2737.23; University of NE Omaha, fe 836.00; Waste Connections, se 338.84; Darla Welch, fe 450.00. Total Claims Approved \$674,698.18.

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Proposed Ordinance No. 21-772 was read by title, by Mayor Knoke. Councilman Stutzman moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilwoman Milton seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call, voting on the motion was as follows: Members voting aye, Collier, Sladek, Milton, Stutzman. Members voting nay, none. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by at least three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-772

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-767 REGARDING THE GRANT OF A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 8, BLOCK 2 JJ AINSWORTH'S ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. (A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)

Councilman Stutzman moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 21-772, which motion was seconded by Councilman Collier. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Milton, Collier, Stutzman. Voting nay, none. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred and by a majority of all Members of the City Council, Ordinance No. 21-772 was adopted this 2nd day of March 2021.

Proposed Ordinance No. 21-773 was read by title, by Mayor Knoke.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-773

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 98: NUISANCES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTY; TO COLLECT FEES FOR VACANT PROPERTIES; TO PLAN FOR REHABILITATION OF VACANT PROPERTIES; TO ENCOURAGE OCCUPANCY OF VACANT PROPERTIES; 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. (A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)

Proposed Ordinance No. 21-771 was read by title, by Mayor Knoke.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-771

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 92: PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE SNOW, ICE, AND REFUSE MATTER IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, 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. (A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)

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Proposed Ordinance No. 21-769 was read by title, by Mayor Knoke.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-769

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 97: FIRE REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, 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. (A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)

Councilman Sladek moved for final passage of Ordinance No. 21-769, which motion was seconded by Councilman Collier. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Stutzman, Collier, Sladek. Voting nay, none. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred and by a majority of all Members of the City Council, Ordinance No. 21-769 was adopted this 2nd day of March 2021.

Motion made by Collier, second by Stutzman to approve Marvin Slepicka's request for an increase of the monthly fee at the city dump to \$2,000/month and sign a contract over 10 years. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, Collier. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on single source for garbage collection billed monthly on the city bill. Jeremy stated he had discussed the contract with City Attorney Katie Spohn. She stated there should be an ordinance adopted to authorize Waste Connections as the company to provide the single source collection. During Council discussion, the \$20 fee that will be added on the city bill would include the garbage collection fee, use of the city dump for brush and yard waste, as well as the recycling bins on the west side of town. Katie will work on drafting an ordinance to adopt the contract with Waste Connections as the single source for garbage collection.

Mayor Knoke reported on behalf of Friend Community Healthcare System. Due to an increase in building materials, there will be some changes made to the hospital building plans.

Kristen Milton provided the Council with an update on the pool construction. Milton stated that the slabs on the bath house have been poured; the masonry will be delivered next week. The pool is being sandblasted and walls texturized. Kristen states the project is about 67% complete.

There was no Building Inspector report.

Police Chief, Shawn Gray, reported they are still on par for calls and he will be scheduling a meeting with Alan Michl from Exeter in the next few days to discuss the interlocal agreement.

Billy Baugh reported on behalf of the Public Works department. Items he reported on included the following:

- there were a couple of water meter emergencies due to the cold weather;
- 14 locates;
- trimmed tree that affected the bathhouse;
- maintenance done at city hall and fire barn;
- will be attending Nebraska Rural Water Conference in Kearney, March 14-17;

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-discuss setting a fee for baseball/softball teams to offset expenses for preparing & upkeep at the field;

-Dennis to attend National Certified Pool Operator Course in April.

Motion made by Collier, second by Stutzman to approve a fee of \$150 per team per season and \$150 per tournament for baseball/softball field usage. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, Collier. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stutzman, seconded by Milton to approve the Electronic Meeting Software Agreement (Tier 2) with Sparq Data Solutions. On roll call voting aye, Collier, Sladek, Milton, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to approve the purchase of laptop and tablets for use with the electronic meetings. On roll call voting aye, Stutzman, Milton, Collier, Sladek. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stutzman, second by Collier to approve and allow Mayor Knoke to sign the Smart Print Agreement (SPA) with Eakes Office Solutions. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Milton, Collier, Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on having H&L Asphalt do the parking area at the pool. It was suggested to check with Carrothers and possibly Troyer Concrete to see if either of them would be willing to do this project and what the cost would be.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Collier, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Sladek, Collier, Stutzman. Nays, none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST

Kimberly Goossen, City Clerk

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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 2, 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

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 6, 2021** 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.

Kimberly Goossen, City Clerk