

MINUTE RECORD

FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 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 John R. Schwab recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Kristen Milton, David Sladek, Jeremy Collier. Absent Shane Stutzman. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

Mayor Knoke lead 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 Collier, seconded by Sladek, to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2021, Regular Meeting, and the October 12, 2021, Special meeting as presented. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, and Milton nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Motion by Collier seconded by Milton to accept the October Treasurers report as presented. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Collier, and Sladek nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Milton. to accept the Hospital Financial Report as presented. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Collier, and Milton nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton, 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 ayes Sladek, Milton, and Collier nays none. Absent Stutzman

The claims approved were as follows: October Payroll, 26633.32; Ameritas, 3253.32; EFTPS, 7843.47; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1288.58; American Legion su 319.06; Baker & Taylor Books, su 31.59; Barco Municipal Products su 624.61; Black Hills Energy, fe 367.70; BCBS of NE, fe 12341.17; Border States Inc, su 79.20; Center Point Large Point su 91.08; Darla Welch, fe 450.00; Diode Comm fe 46.45; Drake Refrigeration, se 1094.50; Gale, su 91.46; Jacob& Johnathan Clouse, fe 450.00; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Matheson Tri-gas Inc, su 25.11; NE Dept of Rev, fe 1288.58; Ne Public health and Environmental Lab, fe 79.00; Norris Public Power District, se 6335.20; Diane Odoski, su 271.94; Kelly Paulsen, fe su 131.92; Potter Repair, fe 1471.41; Sargent Drilling, fe 543.06; Schindler Elev Corp, se 179.10; Taste of South, su 30.00; The Pioneer Woman Magazine, su 20.00; Volzke Corp, su 242.00; Waste Connections, fe 7290.44; White Elec Supply Co, su 390.48; Young's Welding, su 30.08; Total Claims Approved 74045.25

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No comments from the public

Viv Notovy and Steve Parr, of JEO Consulting Group presented information on their services.

Dan Duren of Benefits Management Group presented new rates for the City health insurance. He also, presented different options. Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to renew with BCBS and revisit options in December. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Collier, and Sladek nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Mayor Knoke moved the Fire Dept report up. Chief Brent Milton and Assistant Chief Stan Krause presented the report of the appraisal done for the Firehall. Rebuild cost would be \$537,000.00, valuation \$137,000.00. Discussion was held regarding grants to build new firehall.

Discussion was held concerning the water and sewer rates. Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to increase water and sewer rates recommended by the rate study rate 1 effective Jan 1, 2022. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, and Milton nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Discussion was held concerning comp time for full time employees. It was tabled to a further date pending more information.

Discussion on vendor permit and fees. The Clerk will draft an application document and present next meeting.

The Health Board recommended that 220 W. 3rd St. be declared a nuisance property. The Health Board voted 4-0 in favor of the declaration. Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek that 220 W. 3rd St. be declared a nuisance property. On roll call voting ayes, Sladek, Collier, and Milton nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Discussion regarding utility penalties of reconnect fee and late fees. Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton to add the reconnect fee of \$35 during working hours, and \$50 to after hours or holidays. This would be after the bill is paid in full. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Sladek, and Collier nays none. Absent Stutzman.

Discussion was held regarding the Paulky lot. No action was taken.

Mayor Knoke reported on behalf of the Friend Community Healthcare System. The Mayor reported the updates of the progress being made at the Hospital.

Building Inspector, no report

Officer Grady Smith presented the Police report.

- Work continues on nuisance properties

Pool

- New play equipment is in

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Billy Baugh, Public Works supervisor gave his report. The following items were included:

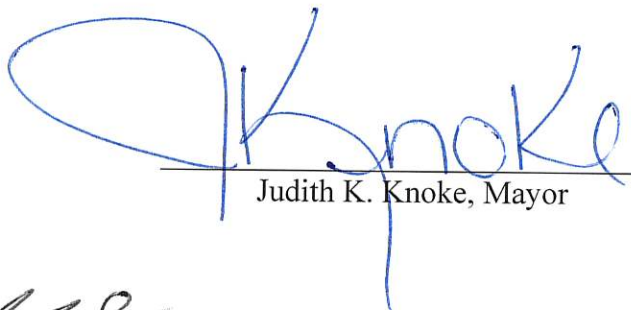
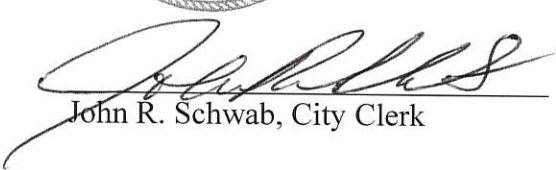
- 18 locates done, 2 emergency locates
- Fall duties are complete
- Rail at 307 Main over culvert was repaired
- Wastewater operators passed their certification
- Stop sign was placed at 5th and Race St
- New hot water heater placed in Gilbert Library
- Placed Park stops along front of Pool
- The Skid Steer was serviced at 500 hours and new tires were installed
- 2 cylinders were taken in for repair for the Maintainer
- Prepping all equipment for snow removal
- Tarring of the worst spots will be done
- Johnson Has 1/3 of the town half done

City Clerk – no report

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier, seconded by Sladek, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none. Absent Stutzman. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



ATTEST


Judith K. Knoke, Mayor
John R. Schwab, 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 November 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, December 5, 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.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk