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FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 7, 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, & 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 November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Collier, Sladek, and Milton nays none.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: October Payroll, 26,417.52; Ameritas, 3210.68; EFTPS, 7615.74; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1268.16; ACE Ind Supply, su 491.60; Alexis Banks, re 150.00; Baker & Taylor Books, su 152.85; Barco Municipal Products su 624.61; Beaver Hardware, su 204.62; Black Hills Energy, fe 747.13; BCBS of NE, fe 11129.90; Brother's Equip, su 74.58; Bruning Law Group, fe 920.00; Center Point Large Point su 91.08; Central States Hyd Services, fe 1184.76; Cooper Girmus, re 150.00; Culligan Water Service, fe 57.75; Darla Welch, fe 450.00; Deb Paulsen, re 135.00; Eakes, su 1323.22; Farmer's Union COOP, su 418.88; Frederic V. Hausman, re 150.00; Gale, su 46.48; H&L Asphalt, fe 7140.00; HD Arms, su 107.69; Mikayla Hausman, re 150.00; Hometown Leasing, fe 276.34; Jamar Tech, se 3537.00; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 450.00; Laura Casper, re 150.00; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Matheson Tri-gas Inc, su 96.88; Matt Friend Truck Equip, su 123.36; Megan Rumery, re 150.00; Midwest Labs, fe 124.05; Midwest Radar & Equip, se 80.00; NDEE- Fiscal Services, fe 7070.90; Ne Municipal Power Pool, fe 5188.00; Ne Public Health and Environmental Lab, fe 205.00; NPPD, se 45061.47; NMC Exchange, se 1883.51; Nebr. Sign, se 471.00; Norris Public Power District, se

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6338.20; Diane Odoski, su 367.38; Principal Mutual Life Ins, fe 21.94; Quick Meds Claims, re 434.44; Qwik 6, su 1675.25; Railroad Management Co, fe 313.34; Shelby Lawver, re 150.00; Stutzman Digging & Excavating, se 720.00; Total Claims Approved 140675.70

No comments from the public

Communications positive comments regarding the Christmas lights.

Mayor Knoke read Ordinance 21-778 by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-778

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY, 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.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton to waive the three readings of the ordinance. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Stutzman nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Stutzman to approve Ordinance 21-778. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Stutzman, Collier, and Sladek nays none.

Mayor Knoke read Resolution 21-07 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek, to approve Resolution 21-07. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Milton, Sladek, and Stutzman nays none.

Alison Monson of Credit Bureau Services presented her presentation of collection services.

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek to higher Credit Services Bureau to retrieve accounts that are due that have left town, other accounts will be on case-by-case basis with council approval. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Stutzman nays none.

Dorothy Hamilton was not present to address the council.

Emergency Item Friend Rescue Squad. Asking to purchase a new rolling cot as the old one has broken down beyond repair. Emergency status was needed as a replacement was found and needed approval immediately for purchase.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek, to allow Rescue Squad to purchase replacement cot up to \$18,000.00. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Collier, Stutzman, and Milton nays none.

Motion made by Milton, seconded by Sladek to approve permit application by American Legion DBA Friend Ford/Banka Post 183 to serve alcohol at 628 11th Street on January 8, 2022. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, and Collier nays none.

Discussion was held regarding the \$6 fee for recycling bins, and the city dump. Those residents that opted out of the city trash service are not currently being billed for these services. \$2.00 is for recycling bins and \$4.00 is for the city dump. Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier, to add this charge to the city utility bills. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Stutzman

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nays none. An amendment to Ordinance 21-774 will be voted on during the special meeting December 20, 2021.

As per request of Council a revised vendor permit application was submitted. Motion by Sladek, and seconded by Collier to approve the permit application, and purchase signs to post that permit are required. On roll call voting ayes, Milton, Stutzman, Collier, and Sladek nays none.

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

Building Inspector, no report

Chief Shawn Gray presented the Police report.

Pool

- New lights are up

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

- 22 locates done
- Cleaned Park and Sewer Plant
- Lights put up and added new rope lighting at Depot
- Water education webinar on the 2nd & 8th for Water license
- Dennis & Doug wastewater test on Dec. 18th
- Trimming trees that hit snowplow
- Donation for Rural Water.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to give a \$350.00 donation to Rural Water for services rendered. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Stutzman, Collier, and Milton nays none.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk

Hiring accountant from AMGL – CPA's & Advisors to help the office consolidate accounts, at a rate of \$80 - \$100 per hour.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek, to hire AMGL- CPA's & Advisors to come look at accounts for maximum of 16 hours. On roll call voting ayes, Stutzman, Collier, Sladek and Milton nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Milton, Sladek, Collier, and Stutzman nays none. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST

A blue ink signature of John R. Schwab, City Clerk, written over a horizontal line.

John R. Schwab, 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 December 7, 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.

A blue ink signature of John R. Schwab, City Clerk, written over a horizontal line.

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, January 4, 2022** 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