**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**July 5, 2022**

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, Shane Stutzman & Jeremy Collier. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

Mayor Knoke led 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 Stutzman to approve the minutes from the June 7 meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Collier, and Stutzman. Nays none. Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Milton to approve the minutes from the June 20 meeting. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Stutzman, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to approve the June Treasurer report. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Milton, Sladek, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Stutzman to approve the Hospital financial report. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Sladek to approve the claims and payroll. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Collier, Milton, and Sladek. Nay none.

The claims approved were as follows: June Payroll, 38161.68; Ameritas, 3436.85; EFTPS, 63.62; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 766.27; AT&T Mobility, se 194.22; Aqua-Chem Inc, su 1860.78; Baker & Taylor Books, 68.49; Black Hills Energy, se 2335.30; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebr., fe 7753.22; BOKF, 134510.00;Center Point Large Print, su 91.08; Chase NYC, fe 5735.00; Diode Communications, se 46.45; Eakes Office Solutions, su 641.31; First Wireless Inc, fe 194.35; Friend Sentinel, fe 32.00; Gale 44.98; Heather Black, re 373.22; Hometown Leasing, fe 90.75; John R. Schwab, re 153.73; Julie Lampe, re 100.00; Junior Library Guild, fe 1818.00; KBK Creative Design, se 126.00; LINPEPCO, se 478.30; Mariah Beck, re 50.00; Mastiff Systems, se 685.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, se 27.79; Chris Michl, fe 420.00; Modern Marketing, su 73.46;,Ne Public Health Environmental Lab, fe 488.00;Ne Public Power Dist., fe 74747.78; Nebraska Generator Service, se 3559.43; Nebraska.Gov, fe 340.00; Nick’s Farm Store, fe 5112.45; Norris Public Power, fe 6235.05; Diane Odoski, re 17.35; One Call Concepts, se 11.92; Kevin Paulsen, fe 420.00; Phyllis Schwab, re 130.56; Railroad Management Co., fe 313.34; Reminisce, su 10.00; Ray Rohrig, re 215.50; Romans, Wiemer, & Associates, fe 7000.00; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Total Claims Approved 38161.68

Discussion held on the Friend Pond. Tony Ryan commented that since the pond was put in flooding has happened more frequently. The decision was made to contact Pankoke Construction to clean the silt pond, and contact city engineer to look at pond for solutions.

Update on Building next to Pour House. No report

Dorothy Hamilton, and Kim Moore presented information on parking on 5th Street. No action taken.

Discussion on Dog Park. Gather more information and take a possible survey.

Bid to repair Neon sign. Motion by Milton, seconded by Sladek to approve bid for repairs to Neon sign. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Stutzman, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek, to approve the hiring of lifeguard by Heather Black pool manager. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, Sladek, and Stutzman. Nays none.

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Collier to approve offering AFLAC to the full-time employees. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Stutzman, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier seconded by Milton, to approve the proposal for Long & Short-term disability insurance through Principal. On roll call voting aye, Stutzman, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none.

Mayor Knoke reported on the Friend Community Healthcare Systems. Fire Inspector inspection passed. Waiting on DHHS inspection.

Building Inspector – No report

Fire Department – No report

Chief Shawn Gray gave his report. No issues over the July 4th weekend.

President Milton, and Pool Manger Heather Black reported on the pool.

Billy Baugh public Works Supervisor presented his report.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton, to repair well #77-1. On roll call voting aye Collier, Stutzman, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Milton, seconded by Sladek, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Stutzman, Collier, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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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 July 5, 2022; 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.

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**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, August 2, 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