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FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 4, 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, 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 December 7, 2021, Regular Meeting and Special Meeting December 20, 2021. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Stutzman, Collier, and Milton nays none.

Motion by Stutzman seconded by Sladek, to accept the December 2021 Treasurers report as presented. On roll call voting ayes Stutzman, Collier, Milton, and Sladek nays none.

No report available for the Friend Community Hospital financials.

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

The claims approved were as follows: December Payroll, 27,000.20; Ameritas, 3246.99; EFTPS, 7762.49; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1246.52; Aqua-Chem Inc, su 2250.14; Baker & Taylor Books, su 51.54; Black Hills Energy, fe 1065.93; BCBS of NE, fe 3376.68; Border States Ind, su 1045.59 Brother's Equip, su 12.20; Center Point Large Print, su 91.08; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 450.00; Credit Bureau Services, fe 50.00; Diode Communications, fe 46.45; Dollar General, su 5.90; EFTPS, fe 7762.49; Eric Riley Electric Inc, su 99.50; Friend Country Club, fe 1425.00; Gale, su 45.73; Hometown Leasing, fe 88.78; Johnson Pharmacy, su 17.36; Kirkham Michael, fe 15000; Rosemarie Markus, se 50.00; Matt Friend Truck Equipment, fe 499.00; Chris Michl, se 453.60; Midwest Laboratories, se 356.90; Ne Dept Revenue, fe 1246.52; Ne Public Health Enviro lab, fe 78.00; Ne Rural Water Assoc, 175.00; Norris Public Power Dist, fe 6354.20; Diane Odoski, re 150.45; One Call Concepts, se 5.77; Mindy Rohrig, re 235.00; Salt Creek Software, fe 2000.00; Marvin Slapicka, fe 2000.00; Mark Stutzman, fe 2350.00; Verizon Wireless, se 566.88; White Elertric Supply Co, su 10.54; Total Claims Approved 66163.42

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Dave Michl was present to give opposing view to the \$6 fee for recycling, and city dump.

Communications – Thank you note from Rural water for donation.

Mayor Knoke read Resolution 22-01.

RESOLUTION 22-01 APPLICATION TO BECOME DEPOSITORY

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Stutzman to approve Resolution 22-01. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Sladek, Stutzman, and Collier nays none.

Dorothy and Ted Hamilton were present to discuss the issue of parking in front of their driveway Council stated they will have Chief Gray talk with the Hamilton's to discuss the issue. Also, the Hamilton's discussed the issue of the drainage ditch in their yard and how after big storm trash is left and they pick it up to keep yard looking nice. Public Works Supervisor stated he will meet with the Hamilton's to address the issue.

Mayor Knoke presented her recommendations for the committee appointments for 2022. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Milton to approve the recommendations presented by the Mayor. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Stutzman, Collier, and Milton nays none.

Discussion was held for the purchase of a server at city hall. Item was tabled pending more information.

Discussion on changing the address of 602 Chestnut St. to 701 6th St. Mark Stutzman owner of 602 Chestnut St. stated he wants the change as the front door faces 6th street and not Chestnut St. Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to change the address of 602 Chestnut St to 701 6th St. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Milton, and Sladek. Abstain Stutzman nay 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.

Mark Stutzman Building Inspector reported on a structure being built around a camper located on 5th Street.

Police Report- None

President Milton reported that need to start advertising the pool positions for hire for the 2022 season.

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

- 7 locates done
- All lights and decorations taken down
- Sewer issues and power outage Monday night, Transformer bad and replaced
- Put new LED lights in depot
- Railroad used water. Charged for water and time and insured backflow device was installed. Used 51,000 gal. Charged \$5 per 1,000 and \$14.35 for wells kicking on for \$269.35
- Issue with heaters at shop, put new temp gauges and put them on separate lines.

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- Dennis and Doug to attend the "Snowball" Conference Jan 26/27 at \$95.00 apiece

Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Sladek to pay for the "Snowball" Conference fees at \$95.00 apiece. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Collier, Sladek, and Stutzman nays none.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk gave report

- Completed the required 8 hours of continuing education for Treasurer
- Setting an annual salary for the Building inspector

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Milton to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues inviting Public Works Supervisor Billy Baugh. On roll call voting ayes Stutzman, Sladek, Milton and Collier nays none. Entered executive session at 8:06 p.m.

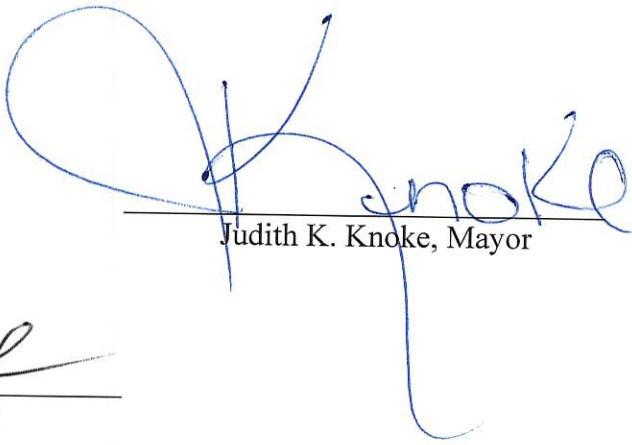
Motion by Stutzman, seconded by Milton to exit executive session. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Sladek, Stutzman, and Milton nays none. Exited executive session at 8:50 p.m.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Sladek, Stutzman, Milton, and Collier nays none. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



ATTEST


John R. Schwab, City Clerk


Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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 January 4, 2022; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting,

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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, February 1, 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