**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**May 2, 2023**

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, Jeremy Collier, David Sladek, & Phyllis Schwab. 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 Schwab, seconded by Collier to approve the minutes from April 4 regular meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

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

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to approve the claims and payroll with the correction. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Milton to approve Hospital Finances for April. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Schwab, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

The claims approved were as follows: April Payroll, 25593.83; Ameritas, 2169.53; EFTPS, 3804.03; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 618.63; BNSF Railway Company, fe 1239.64; Baker & Taylor Books, su 86.06; Barco Municipal Products Inc, su 1370.69; Beatrice Concrete Co, su 4270.62; Beaver Hardware, su 195.98; Black Hills Energy, fe 610.99; Blue Cross Blue Shield, fe 4490.76; Brothers Equipment, su 7.02; Brandenburg Hauling, se 864.61; Cartridge Center, su 55.00; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Culligan Water Service, su 154.00; Danko Emergency Equip Co, su 2407.64;Demco Supplies, su 490.40; Depository Trust Co, fe 6543.75; Diode Communications, fe 46.45; Exeter Lumber Co, su 679.02; First Wireless, su 1434.90; Gale, su 93.71; Hometown Leasing, fe 93.01;KBK Creative Designs, su 516.00; Kari Klement, re 50.00; Rosemarie Markus, se 50.00; Mastiff Systems, fe 100.00; Mutual of Omaha fe 517.56; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, fe 478.00; NDEQ, fe 7090.90; Nickel Automotive, se 458.53; Diane Odoski, re 229.43; On Call Concepts, Inc. se 45.94; Paper Tiger Shredding, se 30.00; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Southeast Library System, fe 25.00; US Cellular, se 547.52; Waste Connections of Nebraska, fe 11744.00; Young’s Welding, se 6.96 Total Claims Approved: 82198.22

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to postpone discussion of the city dump until city attorney attends the meeting. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Milton to postpone discussion on maps update and to call Kirkham Michael. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Schwab, and Milton. Nays none.

Item for consideration for Building ordinance – No action taken.

Friend Community Healthcare Systems- No report

Building Inspector – Place reminder for permits on the Facebook page.

Fire Department – No report

Police Chief Shawn Gray gave his report. More cases handled last month than in the previous months. 10 property letters sent out for the Health Board. Health Board meeting May 15th at 10:00 am.

President Kristen Milton reported on the pool. Discussion held about vendor for concessions, temperature of pool.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to purchase and install a lock box for the thermostat for the pool heater. On rollcall voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

Billy Baugh Public Works Supervisor gave his report. Ask to hire a part-time seasonal person.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to hire a part-time seasonal person at $12 hourly, must be 18 years old. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

City Clerk John R. Schwab gave his report.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to pay the bill from Vyhnalek Insurance for the fire and rescue department. On roll call voting aye Collier, Schwab, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Schwab, seconded by Collier, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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 May 2, 2023; 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 June 6, 2023,** 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