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FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING November 7, 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 Milton to approve the minutes from October 3rd regular meeting, and the October 18th special meeting. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: Sep Payroll, 27550.76; EFTPS, 8725.61; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1464.40 ; Ace Industrial Supply, su 589.40; Ameritas life Ins, fe 3640.77; Baker & Taylor Books, su 69.05; Beaver Hardware, su 105.41; Bird's & Blooms, su 15.00 Black Hills Energy, se 322.81; BCBS of Nebr, fe 165.24; BCBS of Nebr, fe 3702.65; Center Point Lrge Print, su 93.48; Chase NYC, fe 106523.75; Jacob & John Clouse, fe 850.00; Culligan Water Service, fe 219.00; Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Eakes Office Solutions, su 623.85; Farmer's Union COOP, su 893.66; Feld Fire, fe 1040.00; Gale, su 92.96; Generations Insurance Group, fe 56068.00; Hometown Leasing, fe 93.01; Intn'l inst of Muni. Clerks., fe 210.00; John R. Schwab, fe 34.98; KBK Creative Designs, su 775.40; Rosemarie Markus, fe 50.00; Mastiff Systems, fe 167.50; Midwest Laboratories, fe 230.12; Mutual of Omaha, fe 521.24; NE Law Enforcmt Train Cntr, fe 175.00; NE Public Health Enviorntral Lab, se 542.00; Nancy Corman-Vossler, re 14.28; Nickel Automotive, fe 322.42; Diane Odoski, re 248.04; Paper Tiger Shredding, fe 30.00; Kelly Paulsen, re 56.86; Power Manager, fe 7295.61; Qwik 6, su 1759.63; Saline County Clerk, fe 298.15; Marvin Slepicka, fe 2000.00; Mark Stutzman, fe 4400.00; US Cellular, fe 728.19; USA

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Blue Book, su 224.32; Waste Connections of NE, fe 5580.41, Waste Connections of NE, 462.00; Young's Welding & Repair, se 4.44. Total Claims Approved: 239165.54

First of 3 readings:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-803

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 98: NUISANCES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF VACANT SEASONAL RESIDENCE; 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 Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve the first reading. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, Sladek, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to accept the bid from Thrashers to repair streets for \$ 59,909.14. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to table the items of Mayors recommendation for Police Officer and Executive Session. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Milton to approve the McMorris Subdivision plat. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to postpone the recommendation by the Planning & Zoning for new construction of Ag building meet with the Planning and Zoning, and the Board of Adjustments. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Schwab, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to have the appreciation dinner at the Legion Hall on Jan 13th or the 20th depending on availability. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to approve renewal of Billy Baugh's water operator license. On roll call voting aye Collier, Schwab, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to postpone the permit fees until the next meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, Sladek, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to change the dental insurance provider to Principal. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Schwab, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to allow the City Clerk to register for clerk's school and book hotel room. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, and Sladek. Nays none. Abstain Schwab.

LB840 – No action taken.

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Jared Chaffin from Warren Memorial Hospital was present to answer questions regarding the request to use funds from the Line of Credit. Motion by Collier, seconded by Milton to approve the request for funds. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to grant the owner of 220 W 3rd St until Dec 5th meeting to secure a purchase agreement. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none.

Friend Community Healthcare Systems- Mayor Knoke reported for the hospital.

Building Inspector- No report

Fire Department – No report

Billy Baugh Public works supervisor gave his report. Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to approve bid from Burton Asphalt to seal 30 blocks of cracks in the street for \$24,000.00 and remit \$6,000.00 for down payment. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

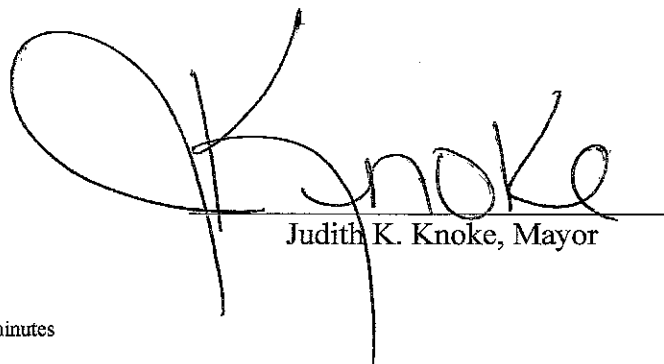
Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier, to allow Brooke Baugh to work during her Christmas break at the wage previously paid. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none. Entered executive session at 8:35 pm.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to exit executive session. On roll call voting aye Milton, Schwab, Sladek, and Collier. Nays none. Exited executive session at 8:52 pm.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Milton to hire Chaz Brown for the position of Police Officer. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays Sladek.

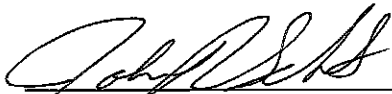
No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Schwab, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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ATTEST


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 November 7, 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.


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, 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