

MINUTE RECORD

FRIEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2024

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 & 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 Sladek to approve the minutes from March 5, 2024, regular meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, Sladek, and Schwab. Nays none.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: March Payroll, 21692.20; EFTPS, 6524.85; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1094.75 ; Ameritas life Ins, fe 2914.11; Baker& Taylor Books, su 35.75; Barco Munic Products, su 179.00; Beaver Hardware, su 183.32; Black Hills Energy, fe 667.74; BCBS of NE, fe 2221.59; Brother's Equip, su 13.22; Caterpillar Financial Services, fe 362.50; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Comfort Inn, se 359.85; Community Redevelopment Authority, fe 19460.24; Core & main LP, su 2344.33 Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Eakes Office, su 1124.45; Fairfield Inn & Suites, fe 449.85; Gale, su 93.71; Great Plains Uniforms LLC, su 417.95; HD Arms, LLC, su 2583.00; Hometown Leasing, fe 95.61; James Burton, fe 17500.00; John R. Schwab, re 93.80; MacQueen Equip, su 1861.99; Mastiff Systems, se 145.00; Diane Odoski, re 260.57; One Call Concepts, fe 24.72; Paul Johansen, re 100.00; Postmaster, fe 320.00; Qwik 6, fe 1285.55; Marvin Slepika, fe 2000.00; Stutzman Digging & Excavating LLC, fe 10999.20; US Cellular, fe 218.46; USA Blue Book, su .18. Total Claims Approved: 98617.42

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The Mayor introduced and read Resolution 24-02

Resolution 24-02

A resolution of the City of Friend establishing water and sewer rates for the customers of the City of Friend; Providing for repeal of conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions; and providing an effective date of implementation.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve Resolution 24-02. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, Collier, and Sladek. Nays none.

The Mayor moved Norris Public Power up to the next item.

Bruce Vitosh, and Darin Anderson of Norris Public Power District were present to gain feedback on services for the first year of service.

Marvin Slepicka was present to discuss the contract for the City dump. No action taken.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab, to spend up to \$5000.00 for drawings of new firehall to include the meeting room. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Milton, to accept the quote of \$ 3589.00 from Schindler Elevator Corp to repair the elevator at Gilbert Library. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Schwab, and Milton. Nays none.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Sladek to approve the letter for 801 9th St property. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Collier, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Sladek, to approve the Special Designated License for Ford Banka American legion Post # 183. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, Sladek, and Schwab. Nays none.

Jared Chaffin from Friend Community Healthcare System presented a report of the Hospital.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to allow the Board and Mayor to sign letter of support for the Hospital. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, Schwab, and Sladek. Nays none.

Mark Stutzman, Building Inspector, gave his report.

Shawn Gray, Chief of Police, gave his report.

Heather Black, Pool Manager, gave her report.

Motin by Collier, seconded by Milton to hire the current list of lifeguard applications. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to get new labels for the Pool door. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Billy Baugh, Public Works Supervisor, gave his report.

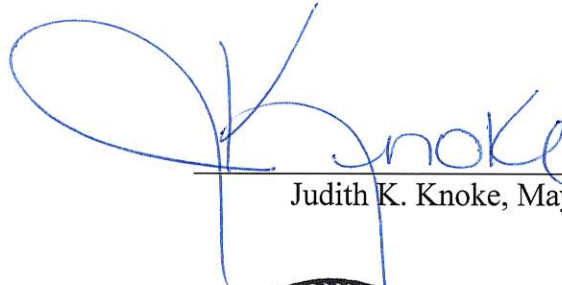
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John R. Schwab, City clerk/Treasurer, gave his report.

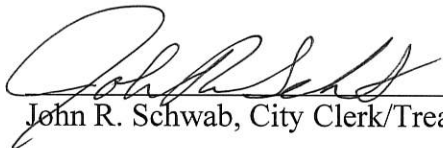
Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to get bids to hire a firm to assist with updating planning and zoning regulations. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Milton to allow the City clerk to register for the Accounting and Finance conference when it opens. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier, seconded by Schwab, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.


Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

ATTEST


John R. Schwab, City Clerk/Treasurer



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 April 2, 2024; 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

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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 May 7, 2024**, 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/Treasurer