

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE CITY OFFICE, 605 G STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Notice of this special meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four prominent places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Posting on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this special meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Present: Council Members Donnie Fisher, Susan Eisenhauer, Bruce Haughton & Ric Helms in person with Mayor Charlie Hatfield present via phone conference; Tamela S. Curtis/City Clerk. **Absent:** None.

Mayor Hatfield called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. informing all those present of the poster stating the Open Meeting Laws posted on the West City Office room wall accessible to the public. Mayor Hatfield stated he called this Special Meeting to review, discuss and take action on the Pawnee City Fire Hall Project Bids and enter into negotiations with the Contractor AHRS to find value engineering items in an effort to lower the overall project costs. Council reviewed the Bid Summary that JEO Consulting Group had prepared with the bids for the Fire Hall Project coming in as: AHRS - \$855,000; Dicon - \$1,188,000 and Ironhide Construction - \$1,105,000, which were way over JEO's final opinion of cost range of \$640,000-\$736,000. Council also reviewed Nebraska State Statute #17-568.01 stating if the bids received by the City Council contains a price which exceeds the estimated costs, the Mayor and City Council may negotiate a contract in an attempt to complete the proposed enlargement or general improvements at a cost commensurate with the estimate given. City Attorney Emily Sisco was present to answer any questions that Council may have. Council Member Eisenhauer made a motion to Reject all Fire Hall Project Bids received & formally enter into negotiations with the Contractor, AHRS to find value engineering items in an effort to lower the overall project costs. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Clerk Curtis stated that members of the Fire Hall Building Committee had already been working with AHRS to try and trim everything possible off of the project, but it is taking more time than estimated to do that. Clerk Curtis continued that as the owner, the City had a period of 30 days that the Contractors are required to hold their bid prices. That 30-days is up April 3rd, so action needs to be taken today. The Fire Hall Building Committee will be having a meeting next week to discuss the Value Engineering Proposal that AHRS has come up with. Once the committee has finished negotiations with AHRS, they will then get on a City Council agenda to make a recommendation to Council on how to proceed. Council Member Haughton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m..

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor

ATTEST: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk