

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, 735 8TH STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.**

Notice of this 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 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:** Mayor Charlie Hatfield; Council Members: Donnie Fisher, Bruce Haughton, Ric Helms and Susan Eisenhauer, via telephone; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer and Foreman Spencer Cumley. **Absent:** None. Mayor Hatfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the Posters stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the West meeting room wall accessible to the public. At this time all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Helms moved to approve the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted the following claims for consideration: **1/04/2022 Payroll:** 10,421.11 **UB&T**, FWH 2900.81; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 431.55; **John Hancock**, retirement 1324.63 **Capital Business Syst**, Libr copier contract 135.50; **Community Ins**, City ½ Fire Pak renewal 2086.50; **Findlay HVAC**, rep Swr heater 42.50; **Hamilton Equip**, Bobcat windshield wiper arm 68.38; **Jerry Graham**, rmb asbestos insp fees 300.00; **Municipal Supply**, water parts/fire hall 3607.77; **NPPD**, elec 2512.12; **Pawnee Co Rural Water**, hydr 94.50; **OPPD**, elec-wells 226.08; **American Legal Publishing**, electronic copy 2022 model ord 25.00; **Emily Sisco**, Jan. atty fee retainer 1000.00; **Matt Kuhlmann**, zoning-Jan 800.00; **OneCall Concepts**, digger locates 22.66; **Windstream**, Libr ph/internet 129.25; **Casey's Business**, equip fuel 641.92; **Pawnee Republican**, publications 241.39; **ET's Lawn & Leisure**, oil chg kit-Polaris ranger 119.97; **Independent Salt Co**, street salt 549.33; **Leading Edge Printing**, 2021 tax forms/frt 176.14; **Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equip**, Swr Jet Trailer 84,703.00; **MidWest Labs**, swr samp-s/h 192.00; **NMC, Inc.** cat loader headlight 175.15; **Stallbaumer Lumber**, silicone roof coating/sup 2940.25. Council Member Haughton moved to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Review Treasurer's Report as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021:** Council reviewed the December 2021 Treasurer's Report.

**Sheriff Braden Lang:** Sheriff Braden Lang reported to Council that there is a State Statute for 72-hour parking, so during his drive around Pawnee City he noticed a couple of vehicles that hadn't been moved in the course of a week after the storm, so he issued two parking tickets. Clerk Curtis reported that one ticket had been paid for already. Council stated they appreciated Sheriff Lang taking care of that in issuing parking tickets. Mayor Hatfield inquired if there were any updates on hiring a new deputy. Sheriff Lang stated he

did not have anything to report on at this point except that Deputy Boldt would be done with the department by March.

**Joe Stehlik and Steve Glenn, Discuss Private Donation to South Park Improvements:**

Joe Stehlik and Steve Glenn met to discuss giving a private donation to the City's South Park. Mr. Glenn first wanted to state that he really liked the Library's meeting room as there was so much space to it compared to the City's old meeting room as he always felt cramped down there for space. Mayor Hatfield stated that once they get the Cornerstone Building finished inside, then the City Council will be meeting there. Mr. Glenn thanked the City for doing the renovations and saving that building as that was a real vision that you took care of that. Mayor Hatfield stated that building is really the community focal point of downtown, so it was important that it was saved. Mr. Glenn stated he knew that the Mayor and Council had to of heard a lot of gruff from spending money to save that building, but it really is a very important part of our town's history. Mr. Glenn stated that of course his family has had a lot to do with being a part of that building in the past dating back to his great grandfather and he has shared pictures of what the City has done with renovating that building to his relatives all over the country and he wanted to thank them for that. Council Member Helms stated that they are working hard to come up with funding to finish the inside of the Cornerstone Building. Steve Glenn stated that may be something that the VanHorne family would also be interested in donating towards as the VanHornes were bankers here for many, many years. Steve Glenn stated that the VanHorne family would like to give a \$50,000 donation to support the maintenance of the South Park. In return they would request the renaming of the South park to the "VanHorne Park." Mr. Glenn inquired if there was a non-profit organization that they could run the \$50,000 payment through with the City being able to ask for so much per year over a 20-year period. Mr. Stehlik and Clerk Curtis both stated the Pawnee City Community Foundation is a 501C-3 non-profit foundation that would work to run the money through. Mr. Glenn also stated that at some point in time they may also be interested in helping add additional facilities or other ideas to the South park. The VanHorne family recalls all of the great times and memories that they have had in the South Park with all of the things they did there as children. Mr. Glenn stated that recently he had his grandkids down there and showed them how to walk underneath that tunnel, so that was a wonderful experience for not only them but also to him. Mr. Glenn continued that they know that it can't be cheap to maintain the South park with mowing and spraying it in addition to keeping the restroom painted, etc. So, in addition to the \$50,000 donation, they would also like to provide paint and supplies needed for the upkeep of that park by picking those items up from our True Value store here in Pawnee City at no charge to the City. Mr. Glenn also mentioned possible future donations for additional projects at that park as he felt that it was kind of a natural place for an amphitheater location if they could figure out a way to put stone around it for people to sit on and enjoy listening to people down there, but he doesn't have anything concrete to propose on that at this time. Mr. Glenn stated they were all thankful for this community and thankful for the park. Their family is extremely interested in helping out wherever they can as they love this community. So right now, the VanHorne family is asking for the Council to consider going through the Community Foundation with the \$50,000 contribution and he would have Joe come up with some sort of an allocation agreement that they put that money in there for the City to use on maintenance of the park with it being a 20-year agreement in return for the City to rename the South park to the VanHorne Park. He is in hopes that they can all mutually come up with other projects to do within the park to help enhance it as we go, which would be in addition to the \$50,000 donation. Mayor Hatfield stated that as the Mayor he would recommend that anything that

the City would like to do in that park, that we get ahold of Mr. Glenn and/or his family to include them in our discussions of future plans and get their input. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that she totally agreed with this recommendation. Mayor Hatfield continued that he played tennis for a long time down there, but tennis seems to be a thing of the past, so he would hate to see the City tear that tennis court out if it can be possibly renovated into something that would be used more, like possibly a basketball court. He just felt that the Council and the VanHorne family should all be on the same page with any future renovations or updates to that park. Mr. Glenn stated that he really appreciated the City wanting their input. His main thing was that when people come to town that they have a nice and safe park to go to that is all mowed up and has a working, clean restroom. If this all meets the Council's approval now, as he wasn't sure how long the legal portion of the agreement would take, but they will be having a big VanHorne family reunion over Memorial Day Weekend, so he is in hopes to have a sign made and put up by that time to do an "unveiling" for his family. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the City accepting the proposal by Steve Glenn for the \$50,000 donation for the maintenance of the South Park from the VanHorne family, to be run through the Pawnee City Community Foundation in agreement for the City to rename the South park to the VanHorne Park. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Mr. Glenn stated he really appreciated the Council accepting his proposal and for everything they have done for the City, saving the Cornerstone Community Building and for the support you have all shown the hardware store here. Mr. Glenn went on to state that they are really glad they can have a good hardware store here in Pawnee City. Council all stated they were all very appreciative that the True Value hardware store was in town. Clerk Curtis stated that at one of the project meetings for the new Fire Station, SENDD had brought up about purchasing things locally due to the City having a CDBG Grant and the contractor AHRS stated that they always find everything that they may need at the True Value store. At this time Mr. Stehlik stated they would work up an agreement and submit it to City Attorney Emily Sisco to look over for the City. Mr. Glenn again thanked everyone for their service to the town and for their leadership in making what Pawnee City is today.

**Review/Act on Pawnee City Development Corporation's (PCDC) Demolition**

**Reimbursement Request at 439 F Street:** Council Member Haughton made the motion to approve Pawnee City Development Corporation's demolition reimbursement request at 439 F Street for a total of \$4000. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**A Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Review/Approve Certificate of***

***Compliance of the Maintenance Agreement No 52 with NDOT:*** Council Member Helms moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance of the Maintenance Agreement No 52 with NDOT. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. ***Discuss Sewer Jet Trailer being delivered:*** Foreman Cumley stated that the Sewer Jet Trailer had been delivered and they all received training on how to use it. They are checking into the digital counter not being accurate. The tools that had been ordered with the trailer are being direct shipped to the City as they forgot to deliver them when they delivered the sewer jet trailer since it had been backordered for so long. ***Discuss Sewer Plant Issues:*** Foreman Cumley stated he had gotten quotes from AHRS on crane prices to remove the vertical screen at the Sewer Plant that needs to be repaired. The small crane price is \$175/hour with a \$350 minimum and \$2/mile one way with the large crane price being \$275/hour with a \$550

minimum and \$2.50/mile one way. AHRS needs to know the weight of the vertical screen in order to know which crane would work best. Foreman Cumley is trying to find that information out but has not had any luck yet. The prices are from the time they leave to the time they get back, so Cumley is figuring it to be an eight (8) hour day that will need to be charged for. The vertical screen is 36' long and 30' of it goes down into the lift station. Foreman Cumley is still waiting to hear back from West Tech on when the seal and brushes that need replaced will be arriving. Foreman Cumley will keep the Council posted on the progress of getting everything lined up to get the repairs done on the vertical screen. Foreman Cumley also reported that the blowers at the sewer plant had all froze up over the last cold spell that they had. The City Crew was able to get them all unthawed, and everything is working all right again.

**Review Private Waterbody Management Authorization Request and Waiver paperwork signed re: elimination of fish at pond at City Well pasture:** Clerk Curtis stated there was nothing that needed to be voted on with this agenda item, it was just to keep the Council updated as to where we were at with all of this with the waiver signed by Mr. Case and the paperwork filled out with Mr. Case to submit it to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Mr. Case assured Clerk Curtis that he will continue to correspond with the City Office on what he hears back and when the pond sterilizing will be taking place. Mayor Hatfield stated the part he liked best on the Waiver that Clerk Curtis wrote was in the very last paragraph where it stated that it “hereby waives any future requests to the City to rid its pond of largemouth bass or any other aquatic species.” It was especially important that “any other aquatic species” was included in that because we don’t want Mr. Case coming back to the City a few years down the road with another species that was killing the fish in his pond needed removed from the City’s well pond. Council Member Eisenhower stated that’s our City Clerk doing her Clerking duties above and beyond.

**Filing Deadlines:** Incumbent – February 15<sup>th</sup>; Non-incumbent – March 1<sup>st</sup> with City Positions up for Re-Election: Mayor Hatfield; Council Members Eisenhower & Helms and Airport Authority Positions up for Re-Election: 2 Yr. Term: B. Willey & J. Schultheiss. Council Member Haughton moved 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 meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor