

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE PAWNEE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 735 8TH STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.**

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Pawnee Republican, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing 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 Susan Eisenhauer (by phone), Vickie Zelenka and Laura Poskochil; Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk. **Absent:** Council Member Donnie Fisher and Foreman Spencer Cumley.

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 Eisenhauer moved to accept the December 27, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Zelenka 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: **1/03/23 Payroll:** 9144.16; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 2581.31; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 373.85; **John Hancock**, retirement 1340.97; **Amazon Capital Services**, binders 45.99; **Capital Business Systems**, Library license maint 139.50; **ACCESS Systems Leasing**, monthly IT hardware contract 209.98; **NPPD**, electric service @ wells & sewer plant 3199.71; **Lincoln WinWater Works**, parts for stock 1649.50; **Nebraska Municipal Power Pool**, Power Manager support plan 5128.00; **Pawnee Co. Rural Water**, pond wtr hydrants 49.50; **Quill Corp.**, office supplies 112.66; **Speers Truck Repair**, repair Ford dump truck 222.39; **SYNC/Amazon**, library materials 42.19; **Windstream**, internet service @ City Office 128.10; **WesTech Engineering**, vertical screen repair 45,740.00; **Coral's Cleaning Service**, Dec. office cleaning 60.00; **Ferebee Law Offices**, Jan atty services 1000.00; **H&H Auto Parts**, motor/fuel cleaner 25.08; **Julie D. Bauman**, annual audit FY 2021-2022 14,550.00; **Lucas Barloon**, reimb shoes & boots 319.94; **Matt Kuhlmann**, Jan zoning 800.00; **Midwest Labs**, swr sample tests 407.00; **Spencer Cumley**, reimb shoes 134.32; **Casey's Bus. Mastercard**, Dec. equip fuel 465.72; **OPPD**, electric @ wells 331.81. Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Review December Treasurer's Report:** Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report prepared by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Curtis. All the funds appear to be in good shape except for the Animal Control Board which paid for dog tickets that were prosecuted FY 2021-2022.

**Update from Sheriff Braden Lang:** Sheriff Lang reported the Pawnee County Sheriff's Department is currently fully staffed with the return of John Samuelson who has moved back to Pawnee City from Atchinson, Kansas. John had been working part-time for the Department

before returning full time. The ROW question will be discussed at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting when everyone including City Atty Betsy Ferebee can be present. Sheriff Lang said they received another complaint about Turnbull Ag trucks blocking the driveway to the Little Brown Jug but by the time an officer was able to respond, a few minutes later, the trucks were gone. Discussion was had about designating a temporary parking space for semi-trucks in front of Casey's so the driver would be able to legally park his truck and purchase items from the store but it may not be legally possible to allow this on the highway. It was also discussed whether to allow 15-minute parking spots for customers to pick up purchases only but this would be difficult to enforce. Sheriff Lang said the drug dog is still in town but was to be returned to the breeder in November, but the breeder is trying to schedule four people to travel to Pawnee City to pick up the dog. The dog has torn up the upholstery inside the Sheriff's truck so he is being kept inside a kennel and pen at a place in town until the breeder can pick him up. Surrounding counties have expressed interest in buying this dog but the contract on the dog will not allow this to happen.

**Pawnee City Fire Dept. has purchased the Harold Chase property located at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> & G streets:** The Fire Dept. purchased this property just East of the new fire station with some of their fundraising money to use for parking and easier access to the East door of the building. The Harold Chase property has stood vacant for many years. Council Member Zelenka moved to approve the Mayor signing the Purchase Agreement to put the property into the City of Pawnee City's name and to add it to the LARM insurance policy. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Zelenka asked if the Fire Dept. would be eligible for demolition funds to tear down the house on this property? Council Member Eisenhauer and Mayor Hatfield explained that this property would be owned by the City, so not eligible. Council Member Poskochil asked if the Fire Dept. could burn down the house as part of a training exercise? Mayor Hatfield explained the fire chief will not allow this because of an experience burning down a house and embers burned shingles on a neighbor's home.

**Review/Approve CORRECTED 2022 Real Estate Tax Statements; Total difference is an additional \$96.46 (Need motion to pay Corrected 2022 Real Estate Tax Statements before due dates):** Council Member Poskochil moved to pay the Corrected 2022 Real Estate Tax Statements before the due dates. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Report and update from Foreman Cumley:** Foreman Cumley was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

**Correspondence:** The City Council reviewed the Carolyn VanHorne Civic Award nomination form received from the Pawnee City Chamber. If you would like to nominate someone, please complete the form and return it to the Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce by March 1, 2023.

Council Member Zelenka moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all in favor of the motion and meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

ATTEST: Kellie A. Wiers, Deputy City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor