

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. AT FAIRVIEW GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE, 1799 D 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: Vickie Zelenka, Ric Helms, John Dahlgren and Susan Eisenhauer; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer, Spencer Cumley, City Foreman and Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. **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 North meeting room wall accessible to the public.

Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to accept the October 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Helms 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: **10/27/2020 Payroll: 8294.26; Union Bank & Trust, FWH 2363.97; NE Dept. of Rev, SWH 326.40; NW Mutual, retirement 1114.10; Allstate, cancer/accid. Ins. 228.46; Ameritas, vision ins. 116.60; BCBS, health ins. 5768.46; Madison National Life, employee life ins. 48.70; PCDC, August 2020 sales tax 6898.76; Windstream, phone @ swr plant, office & internet 429.69; Casey's Business Mastercard, equip fuel 98.59; Capital Bus Systems, library licensing & maintenance 132.50, 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ new city computers 3431.76; U.S. Cellular, tablet monthly service 53.53; Verizon Wireless, emergency cell phone, home connect & jetpack 95.90; Spectrum, internet & phone @ shop 154.97; Seneca Sanitation, garbage service @ pond Aug/Sept 80.00; Nebr. Public Health Environmental Lab, wtr samples/coliform 15.00; Water Deposit Refunds: PC Thriftway 200, Dirk deKoning 100, Rita Glynn 100, Lyle & June Hess 100, Terry Samson 100; Amazon Capital Services, office supplies, LED lights, flag 423.10; Black Hills Energy, gas service for month 117.87; Gyhra Construction, tube replacement Mike Korber 500.00; Pawnee Co. Abstract, title search 1332 F ST 250.00; Rita Glynn, wtr deposit refund 100.00; Lyle & June Hess, wtr deposit refund 100.00; Terry Samson, wtr deposit refund 100.00; State of Nebr. Dept. of Labor, 3rd qtr unemployment tax 13.01; Cornhusker Press, 2021 dog license tags 133.45; Diversified Drug Testing, drug & alcohol test empl #1009, #600, #680 339.00; Gottula Trenching, repair school crossing lights 986.01; LARM, WC & Liability insurance 61,716.00, ins. adjustments 451.08; Martin Marietta stock pile rock & rock for Dr. Rick Jackson Trail 334.99; Pawnee Co. Clerk, Handi-Bus Agreement 3200.00; Recycling Enterprises of NE, recycle p/u 10/7, 10/21 360.00; Pawnee City Ball Assoc., donation FY 2020/2021 650.00; Pawnee City Fire Dept. appropriations FY 2020/2021 1200.00; Pawnee City Public Schools, fees from tobacco & liquor licenses, dog tickets 1900.00; Pawnee Gun Club, Donation FY 2020/2021 650.00; Remboldt/Ludtke Attorneys at Law, loan closing bond fee 2000.00.**

Council Member Eisenhower made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**DONNA HENSON/SHARE—Discuss ideas on controlling feral cat population in town:**

Donna Henson and Nita Maddocks, from Safe Haven Animal Rescue Effort (SHARE) were present to address the Council about the feral cat population in Pawnee City. Donna explained to the Council that since 2016, SHARE has re-homed 65 dogs, 7 cats and 5 kittens. Currently they have 1 dog, 5 kittens and 1 cat available for adoption. They have two dogs on heartworm treatment and a blind dog that will not be adopted. The group just received a lost husky dog that has not yet been claimed and if the owner doesn't come forward within a week, SHARE will have him neutered and immunized then be ready for adoption. In the last two months, SHARE has received 18 kittens and some mother cats with some of the kittens having to be bottle fed. All of these cats have come from the area around Casey's. It has been their experience that cats don't get adopted in Pawnee County because they are "a dime a dozen." Ray Kappel adopted a cat from SHARE that has feline AIDS and has turned out to be a great cat. Somebody else adopted a cat from SHARE that has feline leukemia. All cats are tested for feline leukemia and if a cat has this disease it cannot be adopted into a home with any other cats because this disease can be spread among other cats. It is not spread to humans or dogs. Six months ago, SHARE gave the newspaper information about feline AIDS and Leukemia in hopes that a story would be written about it but it has never been published, yet. SHARE wanted to let the public know that these diseases are out there and they should protect their cats since these diseases are spread between cats from saliva and blood and there is no cure. Feline leukemia is also passed onto the kittens from their mother. Two kittens died because they were so sick and could not be saved by veterinary care. Vet students from Kansas State University used to go to Beatrice and hold a spay/neuter clinic but this has stopped because of Covid-19. SHARE has taken cats and two dogs to the Beatrice Humane Society to be adopted out but Beatrice will not help cover any veterinary costs associated with each animal because they feel "they are doing SHARE a favor by taking the animals." Deputy Clerk Wiers had contacted a vet student with Iowa State University about holding a spay/neuter clinic in Pawnee City to see if they would maybe help out with the feral cat population but Iowa is not interested at this time because of Covid-19. SHARE would like to see the feral cats spayed or neutered, given immunizations and then have them relocated. Todd Albers was present and commented that when he was at Casey's General Store yesterday, there were four cats trying to get inside the front door. Someone had suggested to Donna Henson to contact Casey's main office about the feral cat problem at Casey's and to also take the cats to the old grain bins by the old Schilling grain elevator on the West side of town. Donna inquired if maybe it might help if people were required to license their cats? Mayor Hatfield explained that if a cat was picked up and the owner identified, they usually will not claim the cat if they had to license it but they will claim dogs. Most people that love cats will keep them in the house if they are spayed or neutered and declawed. These cats stay in the house 24/7. There are other people that like cats and like to have them around but they don't want to take the responsibility of them and these are the cats that are running everywhere. Donna explained to the Council that she cannot have all of these baby kittens in her home but she cannot destroy them either. The kittens have to weigh at least five pounds before they can be spayed or neutered. Donna stated that SHARE paid \$1149.00 in veterinary medical bills in September for the animals that they have rescued and need help paying for these expenses. Donna used Deputy Clerk Wiers' cat Cujo as

an example. Cujo is 16 yrs. old and if he would happen to get outside and be attacked by an infected feral cat, Cujo would probably contract feline leukemia or AIDS. (Please note: Cujo has been neutered, his front paws declawed and is current on his immunizations. He is an inside cat and doesn't leave the house. Clerk Wiers called the Bern Vet office and clarified that if a cat is immunized for feline leukemia and comes into contact with another cat who has the disease, the immunized cat will not contract the disease. Donna asked the Council if they could offer any help or have any ideas for help. SHARE has contacted a person to help them write grants for funds to care for the animals. Nita Maddocks addressed the Council and explained that they use the Baileyville Vet Clinic in Baileyville, Kansas and she gives the group a discount on spaying/neutering and testing. It costs \$27.00 to neuter a cat for SHARE. If SHARE would round up the feral cats and have them spayed or neutered and then released, would the City help pay for the costs? SHARE was recently contacted on social media by a citizen who reported that a mother cat and four kittens showed up at her house and asked SHARE for help but Donna stated she didn't know how to answer this person. Clerk Curtis suggested Donna talk with Susie Just to see if she would have any connection with feline groups in Omaha, such as rescue groups, when she and Dr. Just had their practice there. Mayor Hatfield asked if SHARE had talked with the rescue group in Hiawatha, Kansas. Mayor Hatfield explained that they started from scratch and basically went from "rags to riches." When one of the veterinarians over there retired, he was gracious enough to donate his whole practice to the group. They have dogs, cats and about any animal you can think of. Nita said they work with the Holton animal shelter but they don't take cats. Mayor Hatfield suggested they contact the Hiawatha animal shelter for help or suggestions. One of Hatfield's sons adopted a dog from that shelter. Mayor Hatfield did not feel comfortable giving out the person's name and phone number but instructed Donna to contact the City office tomorrow for that information. Donna commented that TSC in Beatrice used to invite the group up to bring animals up for adoption and donate money but that stopped after Covid-19 came. Deputy Clerk Wiers offered that SHARE might put a link on their website so that the public could donate money to their organization. Donna stated that they have a person who is going to help them with that. Donna also said that SHARE has a year-old pit bull ready for adoption that is very gentle and gets along with children. Council Member Helms stated to the group that he has been an animal lover all of his life. Since the Council donates money to other organizations, has the Council ever donated money to SHARE throughout the year? Deputy Clerk Wiers explained that the City has made donations in the past to SHARE but not lately. Clerk Curtis stated that the Council didn't budget for a donation to SHARE but the Council could take money out of Animal Control and make a donation since a little extra has been budgeted for attorney fees but this money may be used to prosecute dog tickets from the information presented by Deputy Clerk Wiers. Council Member Dahlgren suggested putting this item on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. Donna added that when a person adopts an animal from SHARE, that person has a two week period to see if the dog will work out and if it doesn't work out, that person can return the animal to SHARE and get their money back. Clerk Curtis explained to Donna and Nita that this item will be put back on the agenda and the meeting will be held at the Library. Deputy Clerk Wiers suggested that Donna talk with Ray Kappel and John Sterup from the Pawnee Republican and see if the newspaper would feature "Pet of the Month" and also tell people that they could donate money to SHARE. Ask if this could be run as a story and not as an ad since the last ad SHARE ran for their soup fundraiser cost \$90.00. Council Member Dahlgren suggested writing a "letter to the editor" for the newspaper. Donna explained that SHARE also

has a foster program where a person would care for an animal but SHARE would pay for all of the food and medical care but the dog would need to be in a fenced yard.

**Review/Discuss Hay Ground Lease with Gary Droge Jr.:** Gary Droge Jr. (Junior) was present to discuss the hay ground lease at the sewer plant. Junior said that everything went well and he would like to renew the lease. Council Member Helms made a motion to renew the farm lease for the hay ground at the Sewer Plant to Gary Droge, Jr. for \$20.00/bale for one half of the hay crop for 2021. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Review/Discuss Well Farm Pasture Lease with Todd Albers:** Todd Albers was present to discuss the well farm pasture lease. Mr. Albers explained the fence along the west road and the south half of the east fence needs replaced but Albers had used some T posts to fix it since some of the wooden posts are old and rotted off. The pond is good and not leaking into the neighbor's pond. The lease mentions a \$1000 payment from CRP and Todd said he didn't think there was any money coming from that anymore and he had not received a check from it. Clerk Curtis said she will contact the FSA office to verify if there is money coming from the CRP ground. A question was asked about the rate. Mr. Albers explained to the Council that it was good pasture and the cattle always do well on there. The cattle didn't get out but the fence does need repaired. Albers explained that there used to be a big pile of used T posts by the south well when that other part of CRP came out and former Foreman Clint Johnson took that fence out. There were over a 100 T posts in that pile but the pile is gone now and Albers was going to use some of them to repair the fence. The old hedge posts are still there but probably not any good. Albers said there is still a small spot in the southeast corner that is fenced off but he is not sure if it is still in the CRP program. Council Member Helms asked Todd Albers if he was agreeable to the same rate and Albers agreed. Council Member Eisenhauer made a motion to approve the lease to Todd Albers pending clarification on the CRP; if the CRP no longer exists, continue the same rate on the balance. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Helms: aye; Dahlgren: abstain; Eisenhauer: aye; Zelenka: aye; whereupon motion carried.

**Review PCAL Minutes & Treasurer's Report:** PCAL Board member Bruce Haughton was present to answer questions. Mayor Hatfield commented he liked the new style of the financial report because it was easier to understand and more complete. Clerk Curtis explained to the Council that USDA had taken the \$80,107.50 for the deferred payment out of the PCAL account when it had been approved to be deferred. Clerk Curtis had been out of the office that day so Deputy Clerk Wiers contacted Curtis about the situation. Deputy Clerk Wiers had received a phone call from Candi Sanders with NFIT informing Wiers that the account was overdrawn. Wiers forwarded the deferment confirmation email to Candi Sanders that the payment had been deferred so that the charge could be credited back to the account. Mr. Haughton explained that the assisted living now has 16 residents and 1 more resident will be arriving.

**Review Email from Crystal Dunekacke/SEND; Discuss options for Demolition of 1332 F Street Property (Fire Station Project) as the City did NOT receive any RFP Bids on the Demolition Process:** Crystal Dunekacke was present by phone. Mike Habegger and Fire Chief Dave Glynn were also present. Since the City didn't receive any bids on the demolition of the house, Crystal has been doing research to see what options the City would have. Clerk Curtis

talked with Foreman Cumley about the possibility of the city crew tackling this project since the City wouldn't have all the necessary equipment. Mike Habegger asked the group if Pawnee County would have the necessary equipment and could the City enter into an agreement with the County? Would this be permissible? Crystal asked if the County was able to do it, would they want to be paid or would they donate some of their time? If the County would charge for some of the work or use of their equipment then the City would need to track those expenses and these expenses could be used as part of the match as well. Dave Glynn mentioned this could be a liability problem for the County. Council Member Helms asked if this would mean that the City is the General Contractor? Crystal explained this would not make the City a General Contractor but it would make this a Force Account where it is a forced labor account so basically it is just outside the realm of Davis Bacon so you don't have to worry about paying Davis Bacon wages or payroll documentation or anything like that. Helms asked if the City could hire a local contractor to complete the demolition and Crystal replied the City could do this but they can't count it towards the match. This is why the City was required to put the demolition out for bids with the 19 page Davis Bacon requirements. Mike Habegger asked Foreman Cumley if the city crew would want to do it and could they complete the demolition if they rented the equipment. Foreman Cumley said he felt the crew could complete the demolition. Foreman Cumley said they could tear down the house and haul out the debris but would not be able to tear out the foundation without an excavator. Clerk Curtis suggested they contact Seneca Sanitation and see if the City could rent a roll-off dumpster and have them haul it off instead of the City worrying about hauling it off to an approved landfill. Gyhra's have a side dump truck. Council Member Dahlgren asked if anyone knew what Randy Gyhra would charge to rent it but nobody at the meeting knew this information. Mike Habegger said that he had talked with Randy Gyhra and he was interested but he was concerned with some of the Davis Bacon requirements. The City can accept the concrete from the foundation and stockpile it down at the sewer plant. Clerk Curtis explained that the City could accept the concrete and brick. Habegger said that when he talked with Randy, Randy said he wasn't sure if taking the concrete to the sewer plant would be an approved place because if it had to be hauled to Beatrice that would be a lot of trips and would affect the bid. The other issue was the fencing in the bid because they would not fill in the hole from the foundation. Mike explained from his experience with the State of Nebraska, they can install an orange snow fence with posts to mark off an area and the contractor would only be liable for it at one time and then the liability would fall back on the owner which would be the City. Clerk Curtis had talked with the City's insurance agent Clint Simmons about this situation and Clint said the City is liable anyway because they own the property and the City would cover the liability because the quitclaim deed has been filed with the City as the owner. Mike Habegger asked the City Council what would they prefer for demolition? A contractor or the City crew complete the work? Council Member Dahlgren stated if Foreman Cumley thinks they can do it then the City can do it. Mayor Hatfield said in the past, the City has torn down houses and got in trouble because that wasn't their normal business but nobody bid on the job, so if a person has a complaint about this then that person should have bid on the job. This would probably be a good time of the year to complete this job unless we get more snow, since Summer is over and they would have more time to complete this project. So, Mayor Hatfield thinks it would be a great idea if the crew thinks they can do it. Mike Habegger explained that with the State of Nebraska, they keep track of their hours, equipment rental and other expenses related to the project. Crystal explained that Aaron Bucher emailed her back and said to track who worked on the demolition, the hours worked and what they were paid. Also, keep track of your rental expenses and any

other costs such as the asbestos inspection, abatement, supplies and all of those costs for match as well. Mike added this would also include employee benefits such as sick leave, vacation, etc. Council Member Eisenhower asked how the basement would be removed? Foreman Cumley explained that the City would have to rent an excavator. Council Member Helms asked if this job would have to be silt fenced? Habegger explained that when the basement is removed, the peripheral area is still all grass so you are not going to have to dump anything out so you should just shape your slopes down into the bottom so if it does rain, all the water will run into the grass and this would act as a natural barrier, so you would be okay on that from an environmental standpoint. Mike explained he deals with this everyday with his job with the State of Nebraska. Foreman Cumley explained that the cement blocks from the foundation can be hauled down to the sewer plant and the wood from the house can be loaded into dumpsters and hauled off. Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to approve the City Crew to complete demolition of the house at 1332 F Street. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Crystal explained the question they were still asking is if the City did need to hire someone to haul off the materials, would that have to fall under Davis Bacon and if after the trees are removed and hauled off and we needed someone to grind off the stumps, would that have to be under Davis Bacon? Crystal hasn't heard back from Aaron Bucher on those questions yet. Clerk Curtis explained that if the City got a dumpster from Seneca Sanitation, it would be considered a rental of a dumpster and they would haul it off so should not fall under Davis Bacon and also, if we had to borrow Gyhra's side dump and hauled the debris to Beatrice. Crystal explained that if the City rented roll-offs it would just be considered doing normal business. Foreman Cumley suggested using an excavator to pull out the trees and then haul them away to the tree dump. Mike Habegger asked if he could cut down a walnut tree on the property for firewood and he would pay to have it removed. The Council was in agreement to give Mike Habegger permission to do this. Clerk Curtis said she would contact Seneca Sanitation tomorrow and see what they will need from the City. She also explained that Crystal had received information from the 3<sup>rd</sup> company in regards to asbestos abatement so the City may actually meet the criteria to receive the 50% grant money back from NDEQ on the abatement and the RFPs are due Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Dave Glynn asked if someone could fill in the hole from the foundation and tamp it if that would be approved. Mike Habegger explained that would have had to been written into the grant and the soil would have to be tested in case something cracked or broke. Clerk Curtis explained that a GeoTech company has been approved but they won't come in and take the soil samples until the building and trees have been removed. She reminded the group that there are a lot of steps that have to be taken in this process.

**Review Email from Crystal Dunekacke/SEND D re: no funding available for CCCFF Grants (inside of Cornerstone Building) for the year 2021, possibly funding back available again in 2022:** Crystal Dunekacke explained she received notice this week that they are only awarding planning grants for the 2020/2021 cycle due to COVID basically, part of where that money comes from is paid by concert goers and since all the concerts have been cancelled, there are not as many funds available to disperse. Hopefully, by 2022 things will go back as they were. Clerk Curtis explained she is checking on other grants to obtain money to finish the inside of the Cornerstone Building and hopefully, know something by the next meeting.

**Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Review/Discuss quotes on purchasing a Tamper;*** Foreman Cumley researched several places to obtain bids to purchase a tamper which were listed in the agenda packet. All the specs are pretty much the same but the one from Home Depot is \$100 cheaper, has a Honda motor and looks just like the one the City rented from Mead Lumber in Beatrice. Cumley said he has purchased items from Northern Tool and never had any problems with them. The tamper from Northern Tool also has a Honda motor and costs \$1799.99. The other bids are a lot higher and he doesn't recommend paying that much for a tamper. The tamper from Home Depot is a 3 horsepower while the one from Northern Tool is 4 horse power but the compaction is the same. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that the one from Home Depot only received 1 star so that isn't very good. Cumley explained that the crew could continue the current practice of filling in holes and then let them set a year and then concrete them after they have settled or buy a tamper. Council Member Helms stated that he thinks the City should purchase a tamper. Council Member Dahlgren explained there is a city ordinance that states holes are supposed to be packed and that is why we came up with this idea of purchasing a tamper. Deputy Clerk Wiers suggested that the Northern Tool store in Omaha might have this tamper in stock. Council Member Helms made a motion to purchase the NorthStar 4 HP tamper from Northern Tool & Equipment for \$1799.99. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. ***Review Warranty & Lease Purchase Financing on Sewer Jet Trailer from Mid-Iowa;*** Chad Spencer from Mid-Iowa emailed lease information on a new sewer jet trailer with 55% taken off the cost of \$84,703.00 with figures on a lease of 3 to 7 years and an extended warranty on the water pump. Council Member Dahlgren asked Clerk Curtis what she thought about this purchase. Clerk Curtis explained that the City may have to wait and see how the sewer plant holds up this year and if there are any major repairs. If the sewer plant has a good year, she recommends going with the 4 yr. lease and paying a little over \$10,000/yr for the next four years. Seven years is too far. CM Helms stated it is similar with streets if there is a problem with a street. Foreman Cumley explained that if there is a problem, you can close a street but you can't close the sewer plant! Clerk Curtis continued to explain that if you have a six-year warranty, you don't really want to drag payments out past six years. Cumley explained that Falls City trades in their jet trailer every ten years and usually only spends \$10,500 out of pocket on a \$74,000 trailer after keeping it for ten years so there is a pretty good turn around on them. Clerk Curtis explained that would be trading in the jet trailer before it broke down. Curtis suggested paying for the trailer within four years, have another couple years warranty that gets us up to six years then we would have four years to be on our own. Cumley suggested something that would help make the payment would be if Burchard or another small community needed our help, the City could go out and jet a sewer line for somebody and that would help cover some of the cost. Council Member Eisenhauer stated this would be a good deal and this is something to make them aware of. Council Member Helms suggested trading it in after the warranty expires in six years versus waiting until the ten years was up and get more on trade in. Council Member Dahlgren suggested going with a five year warranty and then we would have more money for slip lining. Clerk Curtis explained she is still working on the USDA grant for the jet trailer so we can't really commit to purchasing it at this time but at least we have options. Foreman Cumley explained the proposal from Mid-Iowa should be good until the end of the year. ***Slip Lining Project – E Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed by Johnson Service Co.;*** Foreman Cumley explained this project was completed last week. ***HOA calibrated sensors at Sewer Plant;*** The sensors are working now and this should hopefully, save on the electric bill

since the blowers are not running as often. Council Member Dahlgren asked if they said anything about replacing the sensors but Cumley explained not at this time. The sensors are supposed to be calibrated every six months. Council Member Dahlgren asked if employees will be completing a sewer test certification and Cumley explained that Sean and Junior are currently working on an online class and are about a third completed. It is a very thorough class. They have to watch videos, listen to lectures, use flash cards, take quizzes, complete summary reviews and it takes almost a whole day to complete one chapter.

***Report and update from Mayor Hatfield: Review/Approve Recommendation of ReUse Committee deferring ReUse Loan Payments to June 30, 2021 and shall be 0% interest loans from September 30, 2020 until July 1, 2021;*** Mayor Hatfield stated the reason the ReUse

Committee did this is because the committee didn't want to defer the payments because they were hoping the businesses who were able to make their payments would continue to make their payments but we weren't going to charge them interest. There was no legal way to specifically mention it that way. Joe Stehlik was afraid that if he tried to write it that it would not be taken the correct way and subject to interpretation. That is why it is stated as deferred but people who are able to make their payments can still make their payments but it would be interest free and all of the payment could be applied to the principal. The Committee agreed to do this for all the businesses but one, Transportation Tech, because they have continued to make their payments during the first deferment but by law, they are out of compliance because they are no longer in the county. That is why the committee didn't offer them 0% interest. By rights, we should be calling in their loan but since they are making timely, full payments, we feel that is better than trying to collect it in all one lump sum because they are not going to be able to pay that. Mayor Hatfield said the committee had received an initial request from one of the ReUse loan recipients to write off \$8000 of the loan because their business had been slow and they didn't have the money to make full payments on time. Mayor Hatfield stated at the committee meeting that if you are going to write off \$8000 to one then you are going to have to do it for all. Plus, if Hatfield was a current business owner in Pawnee City, making payments to the bank, the bank would not offer to take \$8000 off his loan. He would still have to pay it. Hatfield understands that there are businesses in Pawnee City that are doing well but could use the assistance that we are giving to the ReUse loan recipients but there are a lot of proud people out there and happy with what they have. The ReUse program has been viewed as the "last hope" to get loan money to start up a business when you are not able to get a bank loan. Therefore, the committee decided to not write off the \$8000 and decided to offer 0% interest instead. The ReUse Committee is hoping that the borrowers will go ahead and make their payments. Clerk Curtis explained if the recommendation is approved, the ReUse payments received in October will have to be reposted so that the full payment is applied to principal only. This would also help the borrowers finish paying off their loan sooner. Mayor Hatfield summarized that when the deferment was originally approved, the newspaper was left out because the committee decided that eating and entertainment businesses should get a break but if the restaurants aren't getting business then they aren't putting ads in the newspaper and so it will make it harder on the newspaper, so this time the newspaper was included. Council Member Eisenhauer explained that with economic hardship, people are usually looking at their disposable income and limiting expenses, a subscription to the newspaper would certainly be something to consider cutting. Council Member Eisenhauer made the motion to approve the recommendation of the ReUse Committee to defer ReUse Loan Payments to June 30, 2021 and shall be 0% interest loans from September

30, 2020 until July 1, 2021. 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 Deputy Clerk Wiers; Review/Discuss “Last Chance Letter” sent out to citizens who had not licensed their dogs yet:** Deputy Clerk Wiers explained that she was sending out a “last chance” letter to the dog owners who have not licensed their dogs for 2020. Citizens had until October 26, 2020 to license their dogs and make arrangements to pay their fines or they will have to appear in court since City Atty Emily Sisco had already sent them a letter warning them to get their dogs licensed or appear in court. Two dog owners assured Deputy Clerk Wiers that they would be in today to license their dogs but never showed up or called. One owner could not find her dog’s rabies certificate and the other owner had to take their dog to the vet to get a rabies shot. He claimed that he hadn’t taken the dog to the vet yet, because the vet was too busy. Council Member Helms asked how much it costs to license a dog. Deputy Clerk Wiers explained it depends upon whether the dog is intact, spayed or neutered and if an owner is 55 yrs old or older, they get a \$5.00 discount. Also, the City offers a \$5.00 discount if you license your dog in November for the following year. Mayor Hatfield, who is also a member of the Animal Control Board, explained that if you cannot find the rabies certificate, you can contact your vet and get another copy. Clerk Curtis explained that the vet will also fax it to the office. Deputy Clerk Wiers will turn the updated list into City Atty Sisco tomorrow morning. The Animal Control Board had sponsored a rabies clinic last June and these owners did not take advantage of it. Mayor Hatfield had also paid for some rabies shots if the owner had difficulty paying for it. Mayor Hatfield, Council Member Eisenhauer and Deputy Clerk Wiers have all helped people pay to license dogs. The City will start the November dog licensing special next week so 2020 needs to be wrapped up.

The City Council reviewed correspondence from August 2020 Total Sales Tax of \$22,881.70 with ½% Street Repairs Sales Tax totaling \$4,599.18 and \$4,485.00 being Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. Council reviewed letter from County Clerk regarding Tax Levies.

Council Member Dahlgren made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all in favor of the motion and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Kellie A. Wiers, Deputy City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor