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COUNCIL CHAMBERS-
1111 AVE E, WISNER, NEBRASKA 68791

The City Council of the City of Wisner, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers at the City offices in Wisner, Nebraska, on Tuesday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of March 11, 2020, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were mailed or emailed to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. A true copy of their signed acknowledgement of the receipt of the advance notice of this meeting and the agenda is filed in the office of the Clerk/Treasurer. An agenda for the meeting was kept continuously current, and was available for public inspection at the City offices three days before the meeting date. Agenda subjects were contained at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Chad Dixon presided and the Clerk/Treasurer recorded the proceedings of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the general public.

Mayor Chad Dixon called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the posted Open Meeting Act, pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Terry Soden, Barry Meyer, Chris Liermann, and Mayor Chad Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent and Stephanie James, Clerk/Treasurer.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2020, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD FEBRUARY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Liermann and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A LONG RANGE PLAN FOR THE 1 AND 6 YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN. Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Mayor Dixon then introduced Matthew Smith with Olsson and had him share any information he had with the public and council. Mr. Smith went on to explain that this plan gets submitted to the state each year to show that each city has a plan and is not set in stone. The state has changed the dates so that the plan works better when cities are working on their budgets. Having a 1 and 6 Year Street Plan determines each cities highway allocation funding. With no other comments from the public or council, Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 1 & 6 YEAR STREET PLAN. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the 1 and 6 Year Street Plan as presented in the form of Resolution No. 2020-1. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – LIONS CLUB – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERMISSION TO REMOVE A SECTION OF FENCE LINE AND REPLACE WITH CONCRETE IN THE WISNER RIVER PARK. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated that he has had discussions with Dave Deitloff, member of the Lions Club Rodeo. Mr. Woldt explained that they would like to pour a slab of concrete between the rodeo arena and the camper pads. There is a chain link fence that would have to come out, but Mr. Woldt didn't see a problem with that as Thunder by the River used to use that fence as a boundary for their liquor license but can use the fence line of the rodeo arena. There is a possibility that one tree will have to be removed. They thought that this would be a great benefit such as only having to apply for one liquor license and hoping that people will stay around in the area after the rodeo instead of having to move to another location. Also thought that the concrete slab could also be used for a couple of campers to park on. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Soden to approve the removal of the fence line and replace that with a concrete slab to be used as a beer garden for the Lions Club Rodeo and to also be used by the public as well. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DINKLAGE FOUNDATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WISNER LIONS CLUB GRANT APPLICATION. They are applying for funds to help with the pouring of a concrete slab. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Liermann to approve the Dinklage Grant Application from the Wisner Lions Club and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DINKLAGE FOUNDATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WISNER COMMUNITY ARTS AND REC GRANT APPLICATION. They are applying for funds to help alleviate some of the costs to support the different sports for kids throughout the year. This is a yearly request. Mayor Dixon asked Jason Schweers, board member of the Wisner Rec, that there is no requested dollar amount on the application. Jason Schweers stated that the Dinklage Foundation goes through their budget line by line and gives them a percentage of each sport that they are requesting funds for. Mr. Schweers said that they usually get between \$30,000.00 and \$35,000.00 each year from the Dinklage Foundation. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Soden to approve the Dinklage Grant Application from the Wisner Community Arts and Rec and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DINKLAGE FOUNDATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WISNER SENIOR CENTER GRANT APPLICATION. They are applying for funds to help support their general operating expenses. This is a yearly request. Moved by Liermann and seconded by Gobar to approve the Dinklage Grant Application from the Wisner Senior Center and to forward onto the Dinklage Foundation. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER VFW 5767 CHANGE IN CORPORATE MANAGER. The Wisner VFW will be changing managers from Lori Moeller to Richard Brahmer. This has to have council approval because it is a change on their liquor license. Nothing else will be changed on the license other than the manager. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Liermann to approve the change of corporate manager from Lori Moeller to Richard Brahmer. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SURVEY PROJECT #2019124. Randy Woldt, City Administrator /Utility Superintendent, explained that this lot split is to give eight feet of land to Alber's because their building is over the property line. This came through the Planning Commission on March 2nd with a fourteen-day layover and was unanimously recommended from the Planning Commission that the City of Wisner pass this lot split. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Liermann to approve Resolution No. 2020-2. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SURVEY PROJECT #2019125. Randy Woldt, City Administrator /Utility Superintendent, explained that this lot split is on the west end of the property discussed in Agenda Item No. 9. This is to square off the property using the drainage ditch as the property line for someone to purchase the property to the west of the ditch to possibly develop in the future. This also came through the Planning Commission on March 2nd with a fourteen-day layover and was unanimously recommended from the Planning Commission that the City of Wisner pass this lot split. Moved by Liermann and seconded by Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2020-3. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPLACEMENT FOR THE LATE CLIFF SCHILLING WITH JODY WOLDT. It was recommended by Mayor Dixon to approve Jody Woldt as the replacement for the late Cliff Schilling on the Housing Authority. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the replacement of the late Cliff Schilling with Jody Woldt on the Housing Authority Board. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITIES REPORT – D. Salmen. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, presented the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, state he has one permit at 505 17 Street to do an 8' by 12' addition to the home.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Meyer suggests that they should still meet once a month with the Care Center by conference call since the Care Center is on lock down with Covid-19.
- B. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer stated the City received a couple of letters from the State of Nebraska. The letters are to inform us of the amounts we will be receiving from FEMA and NEMA. The first one is for emergency protective measures. The total amount requested was \$5,620.40. FEMA's share is \$4,215.30 and NEMA's share is \$702.55 which leaves \$702.55 for the City's share. The second letter is for debris removal. Total amount request was \$61,106.66. FEMA's share is \$45,830.00 and NEMA's share is \$7,638.34 which leaves \$7,638.32 for the City's share. Both letters stated to please allow several weeks for the payment to process. We still have four other projects that we are working with FEMA on.
- C. Mayor Dixon asked Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent where we are at on the nuisance inspection letters. Mr. Woldt has talked to Chief Salmen on when he will be available to go on the inspections as well and Mr. Woldt has made contact with one of the home owners to meet at the property. The other property we are still waiting for the ten-day response time to expire.

- D. Mayor Dixon welcomed the students that were in attendance and tonight's meeting and had them introduce themselves.
- E. Carol Duncan, Wisner Public Librarian stated that the Library Commission called all of the libraries and recommended that they close. Wisner Public Library is now closed to the public but Mrs. Duncan will still be at the library. Mrs. Duncan said she would allow someone to stop in to check in/out books if they give her a call. Mrs. Duncan asked if she would be able to get a Do Not Park sign behind the library so she can park in the back instead of taking up a parking spot in the front. Mr. Woldt stated that it would not be a problem to put up a sign but it would have to go on the next City Council agenda to be approved as a resolution. Mrs. Duncan asked if she had to get another building permit if she still needs to finish up some concrete work that was included on her previous permit. Mr. Woldt stated she was fine with not having to apply for another building permit. Mrs. Duncan asked about putting up a fence and the placement of it. Mr. Woldt stated she can be right on the property line but if they need to do any maintenance to the fence that she can't go onto the other property without permission.
- F. Matthew Smith with Olsson gave a brief update on the trails project. Mr. Smith stated that they are still working with environmental stuff and hoping to get bids out by April.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:32 PM moved by Meyer and seconded by Liermann that the City Council adjourn to April 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regular session, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk/Treasurer