

MINUTES-July 18, 2022
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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 Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of July 14, 2022, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places which are the Wisner Post Office, Wisner Public Library, and the Wisner City Office. 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 City 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 Dixon presided and the City 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 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. Mayor Dixon also announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Terry Soden, Barry Meyer, Jay Meyer, and Mayor Dixon. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent and Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, Doug Salmen, Wisner Police Chief, and Officer Tiffany McLean, Wisner Police Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD JUNE 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT, SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – COW TOWN CAR CLUB – AUGUST 27, 2022 – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM – 10:00 AM TO 11:30 PM – FUNDRAISER, SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – THUNDER BY THE RIVER – 08/18, 19, & 20/2022 – WISNER RIVER PARK – 4:00 PM TO 2:00 AM THURSDAY & 3:00 PM TO 2:00 AM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY – TRACTOR PULL, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – BRU’S PACKAGE AND LOUNGE – AUGUST 6, 2022 – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM – 10:00 AM TO 12:30 AM – WEDDING RECEPTION. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to change the time for the SDL for Thunder by the River from 2:00 AM to 1:00 AM on all three nights. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TERMINATION AND ADOPTING OF A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CUMING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. David Branch was at tonight’s meeting to answer any questions the mayor and council may have regarding the new interlocal agreement. Mr. Branch stated that instead of having a three- or five-year interlocal agreement, it was suggested to him that a yearly agreement be proposed. This will give the councils a chance to look at what is going on and look over the proposed budget each year. Councilman Barry asked if Wisner could get a little more of the pie. Councilman Barry was at a

board meeting and noticed that Wisner received the least of the four communities in Cuming County. There are some circumstances that people have to apply for some funding and there were not any applications from Wisner. Councilwoman Gobar asked what they do for Wisner. Mr. Branch stated a few projects that were done in Wisner. There were some houses rehabbed by funding from the Cuming County Economic Development. Mr. Branch stated that he is working on daycare in Wisner and the potential addition of a splash pad. Mayor Dixon feels that the supporting the Cuming County Economic Development is very important and recommends the approval of the interlocal agreement. Moved by Barry and seconded by Soden to approve the termination of the current interlocal agreement and to approve the new interlocal agreement with Cuming County Economic Development. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELIGIBILITY OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to go into closed session at 7:16 PM for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney a claim for overtime back pay for Wisner Police Officers which is clearly necessary for the protection of the public's interest. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Jay and seconded by Terry to adjourn closed session at 8:20 PM. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Soden Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Dixon stated in concerns with closed session, is there any motions at this time from the council? Moved by Gobar to not compensation the police officers for overtime pay in the past or in the future per the city attorney's recommendation and seconded by Barry. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: Soden. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-7 – LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT (LARM) INSURANCE RENEWAL. Mayor Dixon recommends to go with the three-year commitment with a five percent discount. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve Resolution No. 2022-7 with a three-year commitment and a five percent discount. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1171 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RAISING OF AMBULANCE RATES. The ambulance rates were last raised in 2014. Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2022-1171, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA; TO ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY AMBULANCES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE CITY OF WISNER AND WISNER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS; TO PROVIDE FOR WAITING TIME COMPENSATION OF AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS; TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECOND PORTION OF A SERVICE CALL; TO PROVIDE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1093 AND REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE, and move that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Soden second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rule was adopted by the Council and the statutory

rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No 2022-1171 was then read by title. Mayor Dixon then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2022-1171 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Barry moved for final passage and Councilman Jay second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Soden, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2022-1171 adopted and in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct, and complete copy of said ordinance is as follows: Copy attached hereto becomes part of these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he had no permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Stephanie James brought up about switching billing service for the ambulance. Mrs. James talked to the rural board and they were fine with switching companies. Mayor Dixon wants it on the next city council agenda.
- B. Mr. Woldt said that the city has received an administrative order on the water. We have a couple of years to fix the high nitrate issue or shut the well down. We will have to continue to report to the state. The city can shut down the well when the demand for water is not so high and just use the one well. Mr. Woldt stated we are a year ahead of the game as we have started the process of looking into a water treatment plant. Mayor Dixon asked about how the scoreboards are with the state tournament coming up next week. Mr. Woldt said they are working on them and waiting on a cardboard cylinder to set the beam in. Mr. Woldt said he is not sure if the bathroom partitions will make it in time to be replaced. The new ones have not come in yet. Mayor Dixon asked about an update on the water tower. Mr. Woldt said they are still painting and the first coat is about done. Soon they will be asking what direction to face the lettering for Wisner. Mr. Woldt has not heard anything from the plumbing crew. Olsson is trying to reach out to them.
- C. Mayor Dixon wanted to say that he truly appreciates what the Police Department is doing for our town and that the council is appreciative of the hard work and long hours that they do. It is not an easy job by any stretch of the imagination but we do appreciate what they do. Mayor Dixon wished they would have been here to hear me convey that.
- D. Councilwoman Gobar asked about the old slide down at the River Park and feels that it is very dangerous. Councilwoman Gobar just wanted to bring it up that maybe it should be discussed about being removed. Councilwoman Gobar stated that they had their first pool study meeting and could not really find anything wrong with the pool other than it not being wheelchair accessible. The biggest problem with the wheelchair accessibility is that the pool is on a hill. The condition of the pool is not a dire need of a new pool. Ms. Gobar went on to say since we are doing this pool study, we need to give ideas if we are wanting a new pool. Ms. Gobar stated that we have a lot on our plate right now and that it is not in a state of being closed down. A lot of the issues that the pool had have been fixed. The diving boards should be

replaced with stainless steel sometime down the road. The flooring in the bath house should be replaced also in the near future since some of the concrete is uneven. Mr. Woldt said that the state inspector came in and we didn't get dinged on anything with them.

- E. Dusty with the Wisner News Chronicle said that they have some readers asking about the Grandview Addition if there are any updates. Mr. Woldt said that the sewer and water guys have called in locates and hope to be starting next week. The easement is still in the works.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022, AT 7:00 PM. At 8:38 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on August 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Soden, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer