

JULY 19, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 19th day of July 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: Holle, Leyden. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. 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. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bindle, during her mayor's report, recognized Tom Bartek for his 17 years of service to the Board of Public Works. Mayor Bindle then told the Council that she hopes to have an appointment for the new City Administrator at the August 2, 2021 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: *WHEREAS*, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and *WHEREAS*, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED* BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the minutes from the July 7, 2021 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for July 19, 2021 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Police Report for June 2021 is hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for June 2021 is hereby approved. 5. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for July 19, 2021 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

SET LEVY FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY AT .029482 AS REQUESTED - 2021-2022

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the Airport Authority request for a tax levy of .029482 for the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO APPLY FOR USDA GRANT FOR POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT - ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE PAT STAMPER

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve request by the Police Department to apply for a USDA Grant and authorize Mayor Bindle and City Administrator to sign documents. Assistant Chief Pat Stamper spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TRACY A. BURNS - DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the appointment of Tracy A. Burns to Deputy City Attorney. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND USDI FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR GAS MAIN AND SERVICE LINE
REPLACEMENT FOR \$31,400 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the contract with USDI for \$31,400.00 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH JEO ENGINEERING FOR THE PROPOSED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION
UPGRADE - UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT RAY LUHRING**

A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve negotiating with JEO Engineering for electrical upgrades to the distribution system. Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF LUKE KELLER - POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the appointment of Luke Keller as Police Officer as recommended by Mayor Bindle. Chief Jamie Baker spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

CARES ACT PRESUMPTIVE WAGES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES - CITY ADMINISTRATOR GARY JORN

No motion was made. City Administrator will propose a premium pay for Police Department employees to the City Council at the August 2, 2021 meeting.

MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to give favorable comment on Manager Liquor License Application for Casey's Retail Company. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Holle, Leyden. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on July 19, 2021; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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MAYOR