

## OCTOBER 7, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: 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 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 reminded the city council and those in attendance that on October 19, 2019 from 11a.m. to 2p.m. Community Medical Center will be hosting a centennial celebration at their location, with a program at 1p.m. The Mayor went on to say that Falls City made national news on September 24, 2019 in the USA Top 50 for announcing the city council would be passing a proclamation that name Falls City as a "City of the Art".

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: *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 September 17, 2019 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the agenda for October 7, 2019 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Claims for September 2019 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Consent Resolution for October 7, 2019 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AS "CITY OF ART"

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve a proclamation to proclaim the City of Falls City as "City of Art". Christina Wertenberger spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion approved.

### REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FOR A FUNDRAISER AND TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED - NOVEMBER 22, 2019

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a fundraiser on November 22, 2019 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO USE STREETS AND PARKS FOR "SPOOKS ON STONE" ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 FROM 3PM-7PM – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHAMBER AND MAIN STREET AMBER HOLLE**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Merz to approve the request to use streets and parks for Spooks on Stone Event on October 31, 2019 Executive Director Amber Holle spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Merz, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Holle, Ractliffe. Motion approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF BEN HULLMAN TO THE FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – RECOMMENDED BY FIRE CHIEF MATT BEER**

A motion was made by Council member Froeschl and seconded by Council member Holle to approve the appointment of Ben Hullman to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Chief Matt Beer. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR BINDLE TO SIGN MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2019**

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the resolution to authorize Mayor Bindle to sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2019. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**CWA UNION CONTRACT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve CWA Union Contract for October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**2019 EDGE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REPORT**

Executive Director, Beckie Cromer presented the 2019 Edge 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report to the City Council. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the 2019 Edge 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT – NICKOLAS AITKEN TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER – RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR BINDLE**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the appointment of Nickolas Aitken to the position of police officer as recommended by Mayor Bindle. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REPLAT OF INDUSTRIAL TRACT 2 AND 7**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Holle to table the replat of Industrial Tract 2 and 7. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

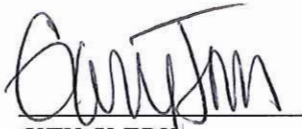
A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Wisdom to recess from regular

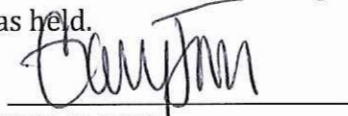
session and convene to Executive Session at 6:18 P.M. to discuss strategy regarding employee wages and benefits for bargaining with Administrative and Part-time personnel. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Froeschl to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 6:56 P.M. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

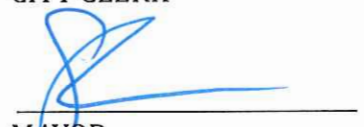
*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:56P.M.*

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 October 7, 2019; 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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