

MAY 4, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 4th day of May, 2020, 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(via video conference): Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places and (Falls City Utility Facebook and City website), 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 available to the public by video conference. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Holle 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 April 20, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the agenda for May 4, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Claims for April 2020 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Consent Resolution for May 4, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bindle gave an update to the City Council explaining; due to the Covid-19 pandemic the City office and all city owned facilities will remain closed through May 15, 2020. This allows ample time for city staff to put into place safeguards for staff and the public. The City office will open on May 18, 2020 and will return to their regular hours of work from 7am to 5pm.

Online bill paying fees, late charges, disconnect fees will be waived through May 31, 2020.

Utility Customers who have outstanding utility bills need to submit a letter to the utility office stating reasons they have been unable to pay their bill due to COVID-19 and agree to a payment plan.

On May 28, 2020 disconnection of utilities will be **ENFORCED** due to nonpayment.

The Falls City Library and Art Center lobby will remain closed until further notice. The drive through will remain open.

Parks equipment, basketball and volleyball courts will remain closed until further notice.

At this time, the Aquatic Park and Splash Pad do not have a confirmed opening date. We are waiting on further guidance from the Governor through a Directed Health Measure. Discussions are ongoing to see how we can open these facilities with the social distancing rules that are currently in place.

Mayor Bindle finished her report to the City Council by letting them know that Prichard Auditorium will be open for voting on May 12, 2020 from 8am to 8pm. Falls City Second Ward, Falls City Third Ward and Falls City Rural/Ohio precincts.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:10P.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 May 4, 2020; 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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