

## **AUGUST 3, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 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: Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. Absent: Holle, Rhodd. 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 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 Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Consent Agenda deleting #10 under regular business: *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 20, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the agenda for August 3, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Claims for July 2020 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Consent Resolution for August 3, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FALLS CITY FOODS REDVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 404 PACIFIC STREET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:03P.M. to approve the Redevelopment Plan for Falls City Foods as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Bindle then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said plan. EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer spoke. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:06P.M. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the plan. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR FALLS CITY FOODS REDEVELOPMNET PROJECT**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the Redevelopment Agreement for Falls City Foods. EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **2020 EDGE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT**

Executive Director, Beckie Cromer presented the 2020 EDGE 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter Report to the Mayor and City Council. A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the 2020 EDGE 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report. EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **HIRING INCENTIVEE FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Froeschl to approve hiring incentive for two Certified Police Officers annually. Assistant Chief Baker spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **REQUEST FOR A 3<sup>RD</sup> PART-TIME OFFICER**

A motion was made by Council person Froeschl and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> part-time Police Officer. Assistant Chief Baker spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **REQUEST TO INCREASE PART-TIME OFFICER WAGES TO \$23.60**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve a wage of \$23.60 per hour for part time officer. Assistant Chief Baker and Sargent Pat Stamper spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" Froeschl. Motion carried.

### **MASTER POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Council person Merz and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve Master Police Officer Program. Assistant Chief Baker spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" Froeschl. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - CDGB #17 HO-36082 OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION**

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:44P.M. for public comment on grant CDGB #17 HO-36082 Owner Occupied Rehabilitation. Mayor Bindle then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Since no one wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:45PM. No action was taken.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - NDED CDBG GRANT FOR \$547,000 FOR AN OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO REHABILITATE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HOUSING UNITS IN FALLS CITY**

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:45P.M. to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant documents for NDED CDBG Grant for \$547,000. Since no one wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:46P.M. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the resolution. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **ACCEPT AND OFFER BID FOR DEMOLITION OF 1916 MCLEAN STREET**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to accept and approve Frederick Bros bid for \$4950.000 to demo house at 1916 McLean Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RAY LUHRING TO THE MEAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GARY JORN AS ALTERNATE TO THE MEAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Merz to approve the resolution appointing Ray Luhring to the MEAN Board of Directors and Gary Jorn as an alternate. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**RACING AND SPEEDING ON HARLAN STREET – SECOND WARD COUNCIL PERSON KAYLIE RACTLIFFE**

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Ferguson to look into cost of 2 speed radars. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe. “NAY” Wisdom. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO WIDEN DRIVEWAY CURB CUT AT 1109 FULTON STREET**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Froeschl to approve widening the curb cut at 1109 Fulton Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Froeschl, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Wisdom. “NAY” None. Motion carried.

*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:16PM.*

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 August 3, 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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