

## DECEMBER 21, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 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. 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

The City of Falls City is comprised of 17 boards that assist in overseeing various moving parts of the City. One of our most active boards is the Board of Public Works. The persons who serve on this board have a unique and often challenging job of making recommendations to the City Council for all utilities owned by the city. For 17 years, the City of Falls City has been very fortunate to have Brad Albu serve on the BOPW. He has been a very dedicated member, often allowing the board to lean on his expertise without a second thought. Without that expertise, Falls City utilities might not be where it is today, or where it will be in the future. On behalf of myself, the Mayor, the City Council, City of Falls City and its citizens, I would like to go on record as expressing our appreciation to Brad Albu for the foresight, steadfast devotion and leadership he has provided while serving on the Board of Public Works. Mr Albu was presented with his utility meter lamp by Merle Viegel during last BOPW meeting in December. Enjoy time with your family, and again thank you for all you've done!

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Wisdom 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 December 7, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for December 21, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Police Report for November 2020 is hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for November 2020 is hereby approved. 5. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for December 21, 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. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

### WECSPLORE TOOL & HAND ON TRAINING FOR POWER PLANT STAFF BY WARTSILA FOR \$21,510.98 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Leyden to remove from the table WECSplore purchase of tools and hands on training for Power Plant staff. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the WECSplore purchase of \$21,150. Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**CITY AND EDGE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RENEWAL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM – EDGE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECKIE CROMER**

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve a MOU between the City and EDGE. EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT PUMPS FOR \$86,281 FROM ALLIED SYSTEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

A motion was made by Council member Froeschl and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve bid to replace influent pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None "ABSTAIN" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried

**REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AND TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED – SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a wedding reception on September 18, 2021 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AND TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED – MAY 8, 2021**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a wedding reception on May 8, 2021 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AND TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED – JULY 24, 2021**

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a wedding reception on July 24, 2021 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AND TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED – MAY 22, 2021**

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Holle to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a wedding reception on May 2, 2021 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN STARK LICENSE NUMBER S-1534 CLASS A FROM OLSSON AS STREET SUPERINTTENDENT FOR 2021**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve Justin Stark as Street Superintendent for 2021. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA"

Ferguson, Holle, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**SET NEW COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED DATES THAT ARE ON A HOLIDAY -  
FEBRUARY 15, JULY 5 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 2021**

A motion was made by Council member Froeschl and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to set regular meeting dates to February 16, July 7 and September 8, 2021. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF 221 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

A motion was made by Council member Wisdom and seconded by Council member Ferguson to advertise sale of property at 221 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" Froeschl, Leyden. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF 1613 ABBOTT STREET**

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to advertise sale of property at 1613 Abbott Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

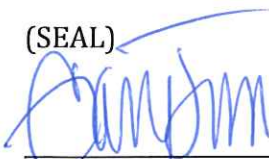
**COMMUNITY CONCERNS - MARK AND ROSE GALASKA**

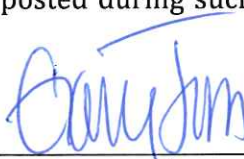

Mark Galaska spoke to the Mayor and City Council about use of ultra-violet lights at City owned properties. No motion was made.

*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30PM.*

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 December 21, 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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