

## FEBRUARY 16, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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: Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. Absent: Merz, Wisdom. 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

For the Mayor's report, Mayor Bindle asked City Administrator Jorn to update the City Council on the request from OPPD to generate electricity for Falls City's service area. Administrator Jorn told the Mayor and City Council that OPPD had requested the city to supplement them on February 15, 2021 by generating as much electricity as we could to support Falls City's electrical load. When I spoke to the Power Plant, I was told that by 10 or 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 we would go back onto the electrical grid with 100% supported by OPPD. Instead, OPPD informed us on February 16, 2021 that they were going to drop us from the electrical grid as soon as we could ramp up our generators to cover our current load. Office staff got busy and started contacting industries and businesses to see if they would shut down for the day to lessen our electrical and gas load for the day. The whole SPP footprint which spans over 14 states were experiencing extremely cold subzero weather. This was putting a strain on the electrical and gas systems by overloading them. We had several businesses comply and shut down for the day and residential customer also did their part to conserve energy. We did experience some problems with getting enough diesel fuel from our storage tanks to the day tanks from which we operated our generator. Between OPPD putting us back on the grid and the generation we were able to produce. We did not have to force rolling black outs. The city had to operate their dual fuel generators on diesel only because Southern Star would not support any gas use for generation from the gas pipeline. Their pipeline was being taxed to the maximum with demands of gas and there was no room for natural gas to operate generation. Gas and electrical prices soared to unreasonable costs. Lastly, City Administrator Jorn told the Mayor and City Council that they were planning on meeting with department heads later in the week to debrief on what when well and what did not.

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson 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 February 1, 2021 meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for February 16, 2021 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Police Report for January 2021 is hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for January 2021 is hereby approved. 5. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for February 16, 2021 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Merz, Wisdom. Motion carried.

**2021 LIQUOR LICENSE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL**

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Froeschl to approve the 2021 Liquor License Automatic Renewals with the exception of Northvue. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Merz, Wisdom. Motion carried.

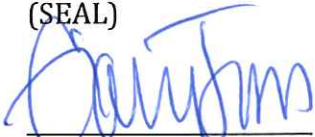
**REQUEST TO HIRE 2021 SUMMERTIME HELP**

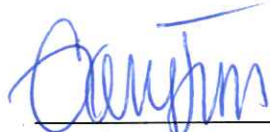

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to authorize the advertisement of summertime help. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Merz, Wisdom. Motion carried.

*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:12P.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 February 16, 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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