#### **APRIL 5, 2021**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 5th day of April, 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, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: None. 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**

Mayor Bindle recognized that April is National Volunteer month. Mayor Bindle extended a thank you to the many volunteers who are on committees and boards for the City of Falls City.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ractliffe 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 March 15, 2021 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for April 5, 2021 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for March 2021 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for April 5, 2021 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

# <u>PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR APPLICATION TO REPLACING APPLICATION FOR CLASS C-123508</u> ZECHARIAH D BRAGG DBA THE DEN AT 1800 STONE STREET

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:03P.M. to approve the Liquor Application for Zechariah D Bragg dba The Den for Class C-123508 License. Mayor Bindle then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said license. Since no one wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:03P.M. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to give favorable comment on a Liquor Application by Zechariah D Bragg dba The Den for Class C-123508 License. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

# REQUEST TO TAKE \$1,500,000 FROM CASH RESERVES TO PAY FOR MEAN ELECTRIC BILL FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBZERO TEMPERATURES IN FEBRUARY WHICH THESE COSTS WILL REFLECT IN A FUTURE RATE INCREASE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOAD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Merz to approve paying \$1,453,699 of the MEAN bill from cash reserves as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Utility

Superintendent Ray Luhring and Board of Public Works Chairman Merle Veigel spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

# REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF BARADA STREET FROM 8AM TO 6PM ON APRIL 16, 17 AND 18, 2021 FOR FIREMAN TRAINING WITH LADDER TRUCK

A motion was then made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve blocking off Barada Street between 17th and 17th Streets from 8am to 6pm for Fireman training. First Assistant Jon McQueen spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF AMBER HOLLE TO THE SOUTEAST NEBRASKA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AS RECOMMENDED BY ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to approve the appointment of Amber Holle. 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.

## CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING, LAWN, VEHICLES AND BURNING AT 17<sup>TH</sup> AND FULTON – RONALD KELLEY

Ron Kelley and Mark Galaska spoke. No action taken.

## REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE OF STREET FROM HARLAN TO LANE STREET ON 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET – FIRST WARD COUNCIL PERSON DON FERGUSON

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to approve no parking on the South side of East 26<sup>th</sup> Street between Harlan and the alley. First Ward Council Person Don Ferguson spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:46P.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 April 5, 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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