

## **March 4, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. Absent: 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 Harkendorff 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 member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Leyden 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 21, 2024 regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for March 4, 2024 is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the February 17 through March 1, 2024 Claims, is hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for March 4, 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION – DISCUSS POSSIBLE RENOVATION OF PRICHARD AUDITORIUM – ROBIN ANKROM**

A discussion was held with Robin Ankrom, no action taken.

### **REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AUDIT – JULIE D. BAUMAN, CPA**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ferguson to postpone this item until the March 18, 2024 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried.

### **UPDATE ON MID-AMERICA RAIL CAMPUS AND REVIEW OF LB977 GRANT OPPORTUNITY TOTALING \$15MM FOR A TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPANDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM CAPACITIES AND ENHANCING REDUNDANCY AND RESILIENCY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – FALLS CITY UTILITY AND FALLS CITY EDGE**

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to move into closed session at 6:51pm to support compliance with FERC Standards of Conduct and to protect price sensitive information regarding a transmission project. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Ferguson to end the executive session at 7:59pm and return to public session. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to

approve a directive to complete an MOU with OPPD regarding a wholesale agreement for the LB977 Grant Application as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried.

**REGULAR APPROVAL OF A BURN PERMIT FOR THE NORTH WATER RETENTION BASIN AT STANTONS LAKE – MIKE HUPPERT – PARKS CARETAKER**

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Wisdom. Motion carried.

*THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:01pm*

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 Harkendorff and Council on March 4, 2024; 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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