

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 8th day of September 2021, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Cluskey recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: Leyden. 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 reported the parks looked nice and that it was nice to see Stanton Lake full.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson 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 August 16, 2021, meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for September 8, 2021, is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Claims for August 2021 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for September 8, 2021, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

No action was taken.

SET TAX LEVY AND FINAL TAX REQUEST - 2021-2022 BUDGET

A public hearing opened at 5:11P.M. and closed at 5:54P.M. on September 8, 2021

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Buckminster to approve the Falls City Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the following resolution: *WHEREAS*, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year of purposed of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Falls City passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and *WHEREAS*, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and *WHEREAS*, it is in the best interests of the City of Falls City that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year. *NOW, THEREFORE*, the Governing Body of the City of Falls City, by a majority vote, resolves that: 1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$734,940.00; 2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to October 13, 2021. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION RESOLUTION FOR \$445,000

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:04P.M. to approve \$445,000 CDBG Downtown Revitalization. Liz Cody spoke. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:14P.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 persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REQUEST USE OF LB840 FUNDS – NEW 33RD STREET TO HWY 73 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE – LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Merz and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the use of LB840 Funds as requested by the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. Edge Executive Director Lucas Froeschl spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION FOR PATRIOTISM WEEK – ELK'S LODGE – ROGER LAMPE

A motion was made by Council member Rhodd and seconded by Council member Buckminster to approve the Proclamation for Patriotism Week requested by Elk's Lodge. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR/CHIEF JAMIE BAKER

A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve to create Dispatcher Supervisor position as recommended by Chief Baker. Chief Baker spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB PROGRAM 20-HO-36032

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the Falls City Owner Occupied Rehab Program 20-Ho-36032. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Buckminster to approve the formation of a Housing Study Committee as recommended by Mitch Merz. Council member Merz spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A CURB CUT 2102 HARLAN STREET – STEPHEN RANDALL

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to approve a curb cut at 2102 Harlan Street. Stephen Randall spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" Wisdom. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

2021 LIQUOR CLASS C LICENSE RENEWALS

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Holle to approve the Class C Liquor License renewals for 2021 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as

follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.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 September 8, 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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