

APRIL 4, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 4th day of April 2022, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Interim Clerk Ferris 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 REPORT

Saturday April 9, 2022 bake sale at Sunmart at 9am to support the Arboretum. The Arboretum receives no tax support and is 100% maintained by volunteers.

Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 12pm there will be a cook out for Wayne Allen who is retiring from the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster 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 21, 2022, meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the agenda for April 4, 2022, is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Claims for March 2022 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY* the Council that the Consent Resolution for April 4, 2022, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Merz to table the Treasurer's Report. 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.

2020-2021 AUDIT REPORT – JULIE BAUMAN CPA

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the 2020-2021 Audit Report. Julie Bauman, CPA spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

UPDATED SAVINGS SCHEDULES FOR SERIES 2017 BOND REFINANCE – BRAD SLAUGHTER

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the refinancing of savings schedule Series 2017 Bond. Brad Slaughter of Piper Sandler & Co spoke via phone. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 12, 2022 6:30PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SALES TAX ITEM TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT

A discussion was held. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE 2 SEAT UTV FOR THE CEMETERY AND SPLIT THE COST WITH THE CITY - RECOMMENDED BY THE CEMETERY BOARD - PAUL KIEKHAFER

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve to purchase a UTV from Merz Farm Equipment for the Cemetery for the amount of \$26,233.01 Paul Kiekhafer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. ABSTAIN" Merz. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO USE STREETS FOR A COLOR RUN FOR TANNER SHELBY MERZ FOUNDATION - MAY 1, 2022 1:00PM - DANITRA LENARD

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the use of streets for a color run on May 1, 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.

REQUEST TO USE STREETS AND PARKS FOR EARTH DAY WALK-RUN - APRIL 24, 2022 AT STANTON LAKE - LINDA SANTO

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Wisdom to approve the use of streets and parks for an Earth Day walk-run at Stanton Lake on April 24, 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.

REQUEST FOR BURN PERMIT AT 600-610 REAVIS STREET - RICH LITTLE

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the request for a burn permit at 600-610 Reavis Street. Rich Little spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO OPERATE GOLF CART FROM 14-19TH AND STONE STREET - RICH LITTLE

A discussion was held. Rich Little spoke. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO CHANGE STOP SIGNS FROM EAST TO WEST TO NORTH-SOUTH AT 13TH AND STONE STREET - RICH LITTLE

A discussion was held. Rich Little spoke. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO REPLACE SLIPPER SLIDE AT LEGION PARK - SANDRA FERRIS

A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve to replace the slipper slide at Legion Park. Sandra Ferris 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.

EDGE 1ST QUARTER REPORT FOR 2022 EXECUTIVE EDGE DIRECTOR LUCAS FROESCHL

Executive Director, Lucas Froeschl presented the 2022 EDGE 1st Quarter Report to the Mayor and City Council. A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the 2022 EDGE 1st Quarter Report. 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 LAND ACQUISITIONS FOR 33RD STREET - LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to approve the request for land acquisitions for 33rd Street. 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.

REQUEST FOR 33RD STREET CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER - LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member Rhodd to approve the request for 33rd Street Construction Engineer. 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.

REQUEST TO PURSUE BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 33RD STREET - LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Merz and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve to request to pursue bids for construction of 33rd Street. 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.

REQUEST TO APPLY FOR USDA RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (REPP) GRANT - LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve to request to apply for USDA Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) Grant. 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.

REQUEST TO FORM RURAL ENERGY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (RECP) LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the request to form Rural Energy Community Partnership (RECP). 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-104 TO CREATE STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO 2022-101

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Rhodd to waive the first and second readings of Ordinance 2022-104. 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 then made by Council member Merz and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the final reading of Ordinance 2022-104. 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 7:18pm

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 4, 2022; 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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