

APRIL 18, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 18th 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, 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 REPORT

Falls City Community Clean up is scheduled for Friday April 22, 2022(5-7pm) – April 23, 2022(8-10:30am).

Earth Day activities are scheduled at Stanton Lake this Sunday April 24th from 11am – 3pm. There are a lot of activities from a fun run, wild flower see bombs and art project. Falls City Chamber is sponsoring live music and the City Tree Board will be giving out trees.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden 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 April 4, 2022, special and regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the agenda for April 18, 2022, is hereby approved. 3. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* BY the Council that the Police Report 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 18, 2022, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to remove from the table the Treasurer's Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

BID FOR PAINTING FALLS CITY AQUATIC PARK – JEFF STEELE (VIA PHONE)

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the bid in the amount of \$32,831.00 to repaint the Aquatic Park and \$950.00 yearly for 3 years for Steele to open the pool so the paint remains under warranty and fix fiberglass grates. Jeff Steele spoke via phone. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO USE AIRPORT FOR A HOT AIR BALLOON SHOW ON JUNE 17-19, 2022 –
FALLS CITY CHAMBER/MAIN STREET – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMBER HOLLE**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the request to use the Airport for a Hot Air Balloon Show on June 17-19, 2022. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. "ABSTAIN" Holle. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Merz to give favorable comment for the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Stonebridge Vineyard Inc dba Schilling Bridge Winery and Microbrewery for a Hot Air Balloon Festival at Falls City Municipal Airport, Falls City, Nebraska on June 18, 2022, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. "ABSTAIN" Holle. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE POWER DISTRIBUTION CENTER AS PART OF THE
ELECTRIC UPGRADE PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – RAY LUHRING**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Rhodd to advertise for bids to purchase Power Distribution Center as part of the Electric Upgrade Project as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MILLER AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE ENGINEERING OF THE
REPLACEMENT OF 8" FORCED SEWER MAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD
OF PUBLIC WORKS – RAY LUHRING**

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the request for approval of agreement with Miller and Associates for the engineering of the replacement of 8" forced sewer main in the amount of 27,500 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTED WETLAND GROUP (CWG) FOR SERVICES
REGARDING THE SLUDGE PROCESS REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – RAY LUHRING**

A motion was made by Council member Ractliffe and seconded by Council member Buckminster to approve the request for approval of agreement with Constructed Wetland Group (CWG) in the amount of \$80,000 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO BEGIN A SUCCESSION PLAN FOR THE UTILITY
SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – RAY LUHRING**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to begin a succession plan for Utility Superintendent. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO HAVE WEDDING AT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM AND TO SERVE ALCOHOL ON JULY 30, 2022

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a wedding reception on July 30, 2022 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 29, 2022

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:27pm

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 18, 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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MAYOR