

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, September 18, 2017

Regular Meeting

Item Consent1

Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting.

Staff Contact: Cindy Dickinson, City Clerk

The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff. A notice of the meeting had been published on September 1, 2017, in the Star Herald, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodations to attend the Council meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall; provided, the City Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been emailed to each council member, made available to radio stations KNEB, KMOR, KOAQ, and television stations KSTF and NBC Nebraska, and the Star Herald. The notice was also available on the city's website on September 1, 2017.

Mayor Randy Meininger presided and City Clerk Dickinson recorded the proceedings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Meininger welcomed everyone in attendance and encouraged all citizens to participate in the council meeting asking those wishing to speak to come to the microphone and state their name and address for the record. Mayor Meininger informed those in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska open meetings act is posted in the back of the room on the west wall for the public's review. The following Council Members were present: Randy Meininger, Scott Shaver, Raymond Gonzales, Mark McCarthy and Jordan Colwell. Also present was City Manager Johnson and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger asked if there were any changes to the agenda. City Clerk Dickinson informed the Council that Item No. 11a would need to be removed from the agenda. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Gonzales, "to delete item 11a - Council to consider naming Union Bank & Trust and Allen Capital Group, LLC as pension service provider for the General, Police and Fire employee pension plans, and approve the Resolution," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Shaver, McCarthy and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger asked if any citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda wished to include an item providing the City Council determines the item requires emergency action. There were none.

Moved by Council Member McCarthy, seconded Council Member Gonzales that:

1. "The minutes of the August 21, 2017, Regular Meeting be approved,"
2. "A public hearing be set for September 18, 2017, 6:05 p.m., regarding the completion of the Downtown Revitalization Plan project, which was funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development,"
3. "A public hearing be set for September 18, 2017, 6:05 p.m., to consider amending the Parks and Recreation section of the City's Comprehensive Plan,"
4. "A public hearing be set for September 18, 2017, 6:05 p.m., to consider an Ordinance amending paving permit requirements; amending drainage requirements for new subdivisions; providing for a stormwater impact fee; and adding post-construction design standards for stormwater management and pollution control," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None.

Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, "that the following claims be and hereby are approved and should be paid as provided by law out of the respective funds designated in the list of claims dated September 5, 2017, as on file with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Shaver, McCarthy and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

CLAIMS

3M COMPANY,PAVEMENT MARKING TAPE,5488.35; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC.,DEPT SUPP,55; ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES LLC,UNIFORM LABELS,45; AHLERS BAKING INC,DEPT SUPPL,44.97; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC,LOCAL TELEPHONE CHARGES,4342.09; AMAZON.COM HEADQUARTERS,HP LASERJET PRO PRINTER,285.95; AUTOZONE STORES, INC,EQUIP MTNC,77.47; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC,DEPT SUPPLIES, 369.62; B&C STEEL CORPORATION,EQUIP MTNC,45.5; BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC, SIGNS FOR PED. CROSSWALKS,1492.86; BDS3C, LLC,ECON DEVELOPMENT LOAN,515000; BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION LLC, MONTHLY ENERGY BILL,1988.76; BLAZE PUBLICATIONS INC,FIRE TRUCK AD,22.5; BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY INC.,JAN. SUP., 133.49; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.,CONTRACTUAL,33; CASH WA DISTRIBUTING, CONCESSIONS,316; CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,CELL PHONES,330.85; CHILD SUPPORT,CHILD SUPPORT,12; CITIBANK N.A.,DEPT SUPPL, 164.04; CITY OF SCB, PETTY CASH,17.29; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY,LIFE & ACCIDENT INS,48.7; COMPUTER CONNECTION INC, RENT-MACH,97; CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY, SCHOOLS & CONF, 55.02; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC.,SUPP - EXPANSION JOINT,288.17; CROELL INC,CONCRETE FOR STREET REPAIR,2670.5; CYNTHIA GREEN,DEPT SUPP,117.21; DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT COMPANY,ANNUAL PUMP TESTING ON THREE UNITS,1492.55; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE,MONTHLY LONG DISTANCE, 155.68; DAVID M GLENN JR.,TUITION REIMBURSEMENT,800; DEEVER TYSON, CONTRACTUAL, 54; DIEDRICH JORDAN,SCHOOL & CONF,500; DUANE E. WOHLERS, DISPOSAL FEES, 450; ELECTRIC PUMP INC,EQUIP MAINT, 4238.64; ENERGY LABORATORIES, INC, SAMPLES,135; ENFORCEMENT VIDEO, LLC,EQUIP MAINT, 222; FASTENAL COMPANY,SUPP - NUTS, BOLTS,25.28; FAT BOYS TIRE AND AUTO,EQUIP MTNC, 72; FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION,POSTAGE,145.97; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC,EQUIP MTNC,1316.57; GALLS INC,UNIFORMS,827.21; GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION,DEPT SUPP,265.44; GILBERT CARRIZALES,CONTRACTUAL,72; GREAT LAKES HIGHER EDUCATION GUARANTY CORP,WAGE ATTACHMENT,185.82; H D SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD,METERS,29033.6; HAWKINS, INC.,CHEMICALS,3483.25; HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD,DEPT SUP,141.94; HIGHWAY MOTELS OF NEBRASKA, SCHOOLS & CONF,736.9; HOA SOLUTIONS, INC,EQUIP MAINT,1730.07; HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY,LODGING - LEDRS CONFERENCE,182; HUNSAKER WENDY,PARK SHELTER,25; HYDRONIC WATER MANAGEMENT,EQUIP. MAIN.,984; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC.,JANITORIAL SUPP,604.46; INFINITY CONSTRUCTION, INC.,FACILITY REPAIR,74614.59; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC, BKS.,1 61.9; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WITHHOLDINGS, 60428.43; INT'L INST OF MUNC CLKS,ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - C. DICKINSON,160; INTRALINKS, INC,BATTERY BACKUPS,200.9; INVENTIVE WIRELESS OF NE, LLC,CONTRACTUAL,9.95; J G ELLIOTT CO.INC.,BOND RENEWAL - NATHAN JOHNSON,945; JESSE LAURUHN,LAURUHN CPS TRAVEL EXP,191; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, GROUNDS MAINT,19.95; KIRK BERNHARDT,CONTRACTUAL,90; KNOW HOW LLC,DEPT SUPPLIES,1695.75; LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT,PROPERTY & VEHICLE INSURANCE,56.47; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES,REGISTRATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (COLWELL),391; LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR,SBSCR. RNWL. - LIBRARY,757.31; LOVELESS JEFFERY,TWO DAY INVESTIGATOR CLASS FEES,1200; M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES, INC, ENGINEERING, 4700; MAILFINANCE INC,MONTHLY LEASE,

148.76; MARIO SOLORZANO III, CONTRACTUAL, 90; MENARDS, INC, DEPT SUPP, 500.44; MIDWEST AUTO SUPPLY INC, VEH MAINT, 20; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER, NE CHILD SUPPORT PYBLE, 1878.43; NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, SCHOOLS & CONF, 870; NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO, REPAIR MOTOR GRADER TRANS., 32617.36; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, ELECTRIC, 28785.57; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC. OF SCOTTSBLUFF, GROUND MAINT, 26.77; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC, LOCATES, 203.76; OREGON TRAIL PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING INC, DEPT SUPP, 350; PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, GASOLINE, 3477.37; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC, CONTRACTUAL SVC, 234.5; PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL INC, UNDERGROUD TANK CLOSURE - 19TH & BDWY, 2428.11; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY, CONTRACTUAL, 5023.88; PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, INC, DEPT SUP, 221.34; PLATTE VALLEY BANK, HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT, 14587.24; POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 770.55; POWERPLAN, EQUIP MTNC, 4593.13; QUILL CORPORATION, OFFICE SUPPLIES, 366.1; REGIONAL CARE INC, HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM, 81668.27; RICHARD P CASTILLO, CONTRACTUAL, 72; ROBERT GOMEZ, CONTRACTUAL, 72; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, ELECTRIC PWR, 2342.17; RR DONNELLEY, DEPT SUPPL, 246.58; RYAN FELTES, RYAN FELTES - CPS TRAVEL EXP, 111; S M E C, EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION, 188.5; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC, EQUIP MAINT, 54.26; SCB FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 1454, FIRE EE DUES, 225; SCOTTIES POTTIES INC, CONTRACTUAL, 1100; SCOTTSBLUFF BODY & PAINT, VEH MAINT, 158.4; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, POLICE EE DUES, 552; SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SAFETY SIGNAGE FOR SHS - 50% COST SHARE, 4110; SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY, LLC, DEPT SUPP, 120; SIMON CONTRACTORS, BLOCKS FOR SWEEPER PAD, 5013.72; SMITH HARLEY, CAMPGROUND REFUND, 62.5; SNELL SERVICES INC, EQUIP. MAIN., 1830; STARR LEHL, ECON DEVEL SUPPLIES, 252.58; STATE HEALTH LAB, SAMPLES, 230; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF HEALTH, SCHOOLS & CONF, 298; SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC, DEPT SUPP, 413; TEXAS PNEUDRAULIC INC, EQUIP MTNC, 355.42; THOMPSON NOELLE, TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, 1400; TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT LLC, EQUIP MTNC, 4220.78; TRI-TECH FORENSICS INC, DEPT SUPPL, 44.5; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC, UB ONLINE FEES 9/1/17 - 9/30/17, 348; US BANK, UAL STARR CC, 1067.45; VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-300793, DEF COMP, 1920.38; VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS-705437, ROTH IRA, 516; VOGEL WEST, INC, SUPP - TSL FLUID, 7.1; WASSON, BRIAN, SCHOOLS & CONF, 48; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., RETIREMENT, 30799.21; WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT OFF, PAWS FEASIBILITY STUDY, 6679.88; REFUNDS: TONI KNIGHT 12.80; NATHAN PAINTER 12.46; AMBER GARNER 3.00.

Mayor Meininger recognized the following three employees for recent achievements:

1. Annie Folck, Planner - Excellence in Planning by a Professional from the Nebraska State Planning and Zoning Organization.
2. Jordan Diedrich, Deputy Public Works Director – Completion of his Public Works Superintendent Certification, passing his test the first time.
3. Tyler Webber, Police Officer – Completion of the 16 week Police Academy.

Donna Thompson, Executive Director of West Nebraska Art Center, gave the Council an update of their variety of galleries and special events. Ms. Thompson also informed the Council that the funds provided by the City of Scottsbluff help with continual maintenance and improvements to the building which is almost 100 years old. The Art Center building is owned by the City of Scottsbluff. West Nebraska Art Center is sustained by a number of donors, sponsors, and their membership.

Katie Bradshaw, Development Director, Midwest Theater, presented a Promotional Event application to hold a Zombie Walk downtown on October 21, 2017. They are partnering with other organizations and planning activities at the 18th Street Plaza to include music, dancing and a Zombie Walk. No alcohol will be served; it is a family friendly event. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "to approve the Business Promotional Event Permit for the Midwest Theater for a Downtown Zombie Walk, October 21, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the 18th Street Plaza," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, Shaver, McCarthy and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Ms. Bradshaw gave the Council a report on the many educational programs held at the theater throughout the year, providing over 8,000 educational contacts. They have a large network of partners in the community. The Theater is primarily supported by memberships, grants and volunteers.

Mayor Meininger opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m., regarding the completion of the East Overland Corridor Revitalization Plan project, which was funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Jeff Kelly, Executive Director of Panhandle Area Development District, gave the following summary of the grant activities: The City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska received \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for this project. The CDBG funds were used for the development and completion of the East Overland Corridor Revitalization Plan. A total of \$9,000 in matching funds from the City of Scottsbluff was also included in the project as matching funds. This public hearing will be held to gather public input on the completion of the City of Scottsbluff East Overland Corridor Revitalization Plan.

Mr. Robert Franco, East Overland Steering Committee Member, voiced his appreciation to City Planner Annie Folck, City Manager Nathan Johnson, and City Staff for starting this project to improve the East Overland Corridor. This area has a lot of history and he would like to see the steering committee and the city work together to complete some of the projects.

Mr. Rich Schank, East Overland Business Owner, asked about the final determination of the plan. Mr. Johnson explained that the results of Phase I of this grant determined that business façade improvement was the top priority as the development moves forward. He explained that the City has created an in-house grant program so we can be more flexible with this development. The details of this plan have been reviewed by the East Overland Steering Committee, it will be reviewed by the Community Redevelopment Authority next week, and back to the City Council on September 18, 2017 for approval.

Ms. Folck added that the main focus is the outside façade of businesses, which will require a match from the property owner; renovations to the inside of the business could be used as the required match. We want to make sure that the grant aligns with the needs of the business corridor. This information will be disbursed to the business owners once it is finalized.

There were no further comments from the public. Mayor Meininger closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Meininger opened the public hearing at 6:30 to to consider a Zone Change for 1202 11th Ave. from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-1A, Single Family. City Manager Johnson explained that this property was previously a head start building. The new owners would like to change the zoning from C-3 to R-1a which conforms to the surrounding neighborhood. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Meininger closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Meininger introduced Ordinance No. 4220 which was read by title on first reading: **AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH ZONING, AMENDING SECTION 25-1-4 BY UPDATING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO SHOW THAT 1202 11th AVENUE, ALSO KNOWN**

AS LOT 7, BLOCK 3, HARVARD PLACE ADDITION, CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ZONED AS C-3 HEAVY COMMERCIAL, WILL NOW BE INCLUDED IN R-1A SINGLE FAMILY, AND REPEALING PRIOR SECTION 25-1-4.

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "that the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance to be read by title on three different days be suspended," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Gonzales, "NAYS", Shaver. Absent: None.

The motion carried having been approved by three-fourths of the Council Members. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, "that Ordinance No. 4220 be adopted," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Gonzales, "NAYS", Shaver. Absent: None.

Council introduced the Ordinance adopting the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill for FY 2017-2018 which was read by title on second reading: **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council introduced the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Bond Series 2018 for improvements to 42nd Street which was read by title on second reading: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2018, OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,870,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN STREETS OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING OF OTHER DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

City Manager Johnson explained that there was a water main break at the intersection of East 23rd Street and 2nd Avenue which required emergency repairs due to the close proximity to schools. City crews repaired portions of the water main; however, we needed to hire Infinity Construction to complete the street repairs due to the complexity of the work. M.C. Schaff and Associates prepared an engineer's estimate to make sure the cost of the repair is reasonable. The estimate was \$77,875.00; the bid from Infinity Construction was \$74,614.59. The emergency exists because the broken water main and impassable intersection creates an immediate threat to public safety.

City Attorney Hadenfeldt explained that we have an Ordinance which allows the City Manager to have the work completed in the case of an emergency, and then bring an Emergency Ordinance before the Council to be considered retroactively.

Mayor Meininger introduced Ordinance No. 4221 which was read by title on first reading: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$74,614.59 FROM THE WATER CONTINGENCY FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "that the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance to be read by title on three different days be suspended," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

The motion carried having been approved by three-fourths of the Council Members. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, "that Ordinance No. 4221 be adopted," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Moved by Council Member McCarthy, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve the claim to Infinity Construction in the amount of \$74,614.59 from the Water Department contingency fund for emergency repairs at East 23rd Street and 2nd Ave.," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson explained that on August 7, 2017, Council approved the Amended Pay Resolution, therefore, we need to amend the Fire Contract to reflect the new wage rate for Fire Department employees. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "to approve the amended Fire Contract, Article VIII Wages," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson presented the amended Police Contract as a result of the approved Pay Resolution. Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, "to approve the amended Police Contract Article XXII Wages," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson, explained that the original contract with United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the hydraulic modeling and flood inundation mapping of the North Platte River was to be completed by September 30, 2017. Staff is recommending a yearlong extension to assure we have the adequate mapping documents.

This contract with the USGS authorized the City to contribute \$101,000 towards the flood inundation mapping portion of this project, which is the only cash match that the City will be providing, and will be paid in full the end of this fiscal year, so there is no budget impact of this extension.

City Planner Annie Folck explained that USGS is waiting for the Corp of Engineers to complete the hydraulic study to convert to actual maps and complete an updated floodplain study for the City of Scottsbluff. This process has been delayed; however, they are still under contract to complete the project. Moved by Council McCarthy, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to extend the contract with USGS for the hydraulic modeling and flood inundation mapping of the North Platte River at Scottsbluff and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

City Manager Johnson informed the Council that he received an offer from the North Platte River LLC to purchase approximately 78 acres which they currently lease from the City. The City owns 107 acres east of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The only way to access the land is through the treatment facility or through the adjacent property which is owned by North Platte River LLC. They have presented an offer of \$42,500 to purchase the 78 acres. This property takes a lot of City staff time to maintain and staff does not see any reason to retain the property. The City currently leases this property for a minimal amount to the North Platte River LLC.

Council Member Shaver suggested that Council adjourn to closed session to discuss the potential of selling this property. Moved by Mayor Meininger, "to adjourn to closed session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of developing a negotiation strategy regarding the potential sale of approximately 78 acres east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to include the City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Shaver, "NAYS", Gonzales. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger announced that the City Council will adjourn to closed session for the purpose of developing strategy regarding the potential sale of approximately 78 acres east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to North Platte River LLC.

Council reconvened out of closed session at 7:00 p.m. as stated on the record. The following Council Members were present: Randy Meininger, Scott Shaver, Raymond Gonzales, Mark McCarthy and Jordan Colwell. Also present was City Manager Johnson and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: None.

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "to direct staff to get an appraisal on the 78 acres located east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and not proceed with the sale of the property to the North Platte River LLC at this time; and allow staff to work on negotiations of this proposal," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Shaver, “to adjourn to closed session at 7:01 p.m. to develop a negotiation strategy regarding the potential purchase of property for the purpose of developing a landfill site with the City of Gering, to include the City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Mayor Meininger announced that the City Council will adjourn to closed session for the purpose of developing strategy regarding the potential purchase of a landfill site with the City of Gering.

Council reconvened out of closed session at 7:25 p.m. as stated on the record. The following Council Members were present: Randy Meininger, Scott Shaver, Raymond Gonzales, Mark McCarthy and Jordan Colwell. Also present was City Manager Johnson and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: None.

Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member McCarthy, “to direct staff to continue working with the City of Gering as a 50-50 partner and work on negotiations with potential landowners,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Gonzales, “NAYS”, Shaver. Absent: None.

Under public comment, Mr. Spike Jordan, Star Herald Reporter, announced that he would be changing positions at the Star Herald and would no longer be covering City Council Meetings. Mr. Jerry Purvis will likely be the new reporter covering the council meetings.

Mr. Nathan Clark, Meadowlark Hearth, asked the City Council to please work well with the potential neighbors of the landfill site.

Under Council Reports, Public Works Director Mark Bohl gave the Council an update on the Broadway water main project and the downtown bulb-out project. Mayor Meininger received a note of appreciation regarding the City’s walkability plan. Council Member Shaver reported on Scottsbluff High School youth activities including Homecoming events. Mayor Meininger expressed his appreciation to city staff for the work on the eclipse events and the current movie filming with the Coen Brothers.

Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member Colwell, “to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.,” “YEAS”, Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Gonzales, “NAYS”, None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk
“SEAL”

