

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, April 1, 2019

Regular Meeting

Item Consent1

Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Staff Contact: City Council

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The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on March 18, 2019 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 March 15, 2019, 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 March 15, 2019.

Mayor Gonzales presided and City Clerk Wright recorded the proceedings. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Gonzales asked before proceeding that we keep our friends and family back east that experienced flooding in our thoughts and prayers. He then 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 who they are representing for the record. Mayor Gonzales 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: Raymond Gonzales, Scott Shaver, Jeanne McKerrigan, Nathan Green and Terry Schaub. Also present were City Manager Johnson and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: None.

Mayor Gonzales asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Shaver asked that consent item 7c, approving the bid specs for the Police Tow Service three year contract be moved off of consent agenda. Council Member Shaver made the motion, seconded by Council Member Green "to move item 7c, approving the bid specs for the Police Tow service three year contract" off consent agenda to item 11b on the agenda," "YEAS," McKerrigan, Shaver, Green, Schaub, and Gonzales. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mayor Gonzales 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 Schaub, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan that,

- a) "The minutes of the March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved,"
- b) "A public hearing be set for April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the Redevelopment Plan by 26 Group, LLC," "YEAS," Green, Schaub, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," Shaver. Absent: None.

Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, "that the following claims, be approved and paid as provided by law out of the respective funds designated in the list of claims dated March 18, 2019, as on file with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council," "YEAS," Shaver, Gonzales, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Council Member Schaub asked Legal Counsel Hadenfeldt if he should have abstained due to his individual reimbursement claim being included in the list of claims; Mr. Hadenfeldt stated it is not a conflict for reimbursement according to policy, but we can do that if he would like to declare a conflict. Council Member Green made the motion, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, "to reconsider the claims," "YEAS," McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, Shaver, and Schaub." "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Council Member Schaub declared a conflict of interest regarding the claims and in particular reimbursement to him for expenses related to the League of Municipalities conference. Moved by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Council Member Green “to accept Council Member Schaub’s conflict of interest regarding the claims and excuse him from voting,” “YEAS,” Gonzales, Green, McKerrigan, and Shaver. Abstain: Schaub. “NAYS,” None.

Moved by Council Member Green, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, “to approve all claims provided by law out of the respective funds designated in the list of claims dated March 18, 2018, except for Council Member Schaub’s individual reimbursement for \$273.39 to the League of Municipalities Conference,” “YEAS,” McKerrigan, Shaver, Green, Schaub, and Gonzales.” “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

CLAIMS

16TH EMPIRE,EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DINNER,3218.4;200 SOUTH LINCOLN HOTEL LLC,HOTEL FOR MEETING WITH NEMA- MURPHY,94; AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE,CENTRAL GARAGE- OIL TRANSFER PUMP REPAIRS,199.59;ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC.,EQUIP MAINT-PD,779.76;ADVANCE AUTO PARTS,CENTRAL GARAGE- ROTORS AND PADS,149.19;AIRGAS USA, LLC,WELDING TANK REFILLS,53.4; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC,LOCAL TELEPHONE CHARGES,4674.54;ANDREW KELLEY,STATE FIREFIGHTER 1 PRACTICAL EXAM,76; ANTHONY J MURPHY,NON-NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY ADVANCED PAYMENT REQUEST,468; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO,EMPLOYEE PAID,32.95;AULICK LEASING CORP,GROUND MAINT PARK,1070.4;AUTOZONE STORES, INC,PARKS #319- ALTERNATOR,83.98;B & H INVESTMENTS, INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,239.5;BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY INC.,JAN. SUP.,909.49; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.,CONT. SRVCS.,312.68; CARR- TRUMBULL LUMBER CO, INC.,GROUNDMAINT PARK,154.51;CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,CELL PHONES,263.18;CHRIS REYES,DEPT SUPP,460.62; CITY OF GERING,TRASH AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEB 2019,33002.53;CITY OF TORRINGTON,EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLASS- KELLEY & GILL,600;CLARK PRINTING LLC,DEPT SUPP REC,155.5;CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL PRODUCTS INC,HARNESS FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYER,229.5; COMPUTER CONNECTION INC,CONTRACTUAL-PD,44;CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,178.1;CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC.,SHRINK WRAP FOR SHOP,121.29; CORE & MAIN LP,METERS,519.06;CORNHUSKER MARRIOTT HOTEL,SCHOOL & CONF,660;CREDIT BUREAU OF COUNCIL BLUFFS,FEES - FEB. 2019,50; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.,WAGE ATTACHMENT,412.98;CRESCENT ELECT. SUPPLY COMP INC,BLDG MAINT ADM,458;CRIMINAL ADDICTION INC,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,900; CROELL INC,ECON. DEV. AGREEMENT,750775.76;CYNTHIA GREEN,DET SUPP,180.9;DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING, INC.,MOTOR GRADER FLAT REPAIR,79;DIVE RESCUE, INC,DIVE REGULATOR SET AND SCUBA SETS,6184;DUANE E. WOHLERS,HAULING RECYCLING TO DENVER COLORADO,1600; ENERGY LABORATORIES, INC,SAMPLES,135;FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC,ENGINE 1 OIL SEAL LEAK, COOLANT LEAK REPAIRS,2833.85;FUN EXPRESS, LLC,SPECIAL EVENT,151; FYR-TEK INC,PROTECTIVE HOODS FOR FIREFIGHTING,1475.09; GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC,NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER FOR S. BELT & AVE. I,19450;GRAY TELEVISION GROUP INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,1390; HAWKINS, INC.,CHEMICALS,1911.49;HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD,DEPT SUP,1507.93; HOWTON, WILLIAM,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,178;

HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS INC.,DEPT SUPP PARK,22.5;HYDROTEX PARTNERS, LTD,TRANS STOCK- POWER KLEEN,671.02;IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC.,GROUNDMAINT PARK,1498.66;INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC,BKS.,2228.34; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,WITHHOLDINGS,57204.29;INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION-HR,TESTING MATERIALS - FIRE,193;INTERSTATE INDUSTRIAL SERVICE,CONTRACTUAL SVC,137.79;INTRALINKS, INC,CONTRACT SERVICES - FEB. 2019,3366.49; INVENTIVE WIRELESS OF NE, LLC,CONTRACTUAL,9.95; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,PARKS #397- BALL BEARINGS & WASHER,34.88; KNOW HOW LLC,PARKS #303- BATTERY,1078.62; KRIZ DAVIS,SUPP - BULBS,189.42; LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT,VEH. INS. - 2019 FORD FUSION - POLICE,361.34; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT,CONSULTING-PD,200; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE,INSURANCE,1849.77; MASEK DISTRIBUTING INC,DEPT SUPP,3295; MASSIE ROYCE,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,229; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC,RENT MACHINES,98.74; MENARDS, INC,SCOOP SHOVELS & LIGHT BULBS FOR SHOP,966.18;MIDLANDS NEWSPAPERS, INC,LEGAL PUBLISHING,1030.69; MUNIMETRIX SYSTEMS CORP,IMAGESILO - FEBRUARY 2019,39.99; NE CEMETERY ASSOC.,MEMBERSHIP,40; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER,NE CHILD SUPPORT PYBLE,1350.55; NE DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES,LEGAL FEES-PD,6.6; NE DEPT OF REVENUE,WITHHOLDINGS,18278.75;NELIBRARY ASSOC,MBRSHIP.,280;NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION,SCHOOLS & CONF,375;NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO,REPLACED RELAY ON UNIT 831,557.07; NEBRASKA SALT AND GRAIN CO,1 LOAD ICE SLICER,4419.82; NETWORKFLEET,INC,GPS SERVICE,356.2;NEWMAN, TIMOTHY,TRAVEL FOR TRAINING,385; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC. OF SCOTTSBLUFF,BLDG MAINT PARK,0.09; OCLC ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC,CONT. SRVCS.,364.49; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC,CONTRACTUAL,33.41; PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION,FLEET OTHER FUEL,13745.51; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC,SAMPLES,60; PANHANDLE GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,1000; PLATTE VALLEY BANK,HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT,10139.26;POLYDYNE INC,CHEMICALS,5379.93; POSTMASTER,POSTAGE,832.17;QUILL CORPORATION,DEPT/INVEST SUPPL-PD,444.48; RADA, ZACKARY,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,178;REGIONAL CARE INC,CLAIMS,36936.26; REGIONAL WEST PHYSICIANS CLINIC,CONSULTING-PD,171.75; REGISTER OF DEEDS,LEGAL,20;RON'S TOWING,TOW SERVICE-PD,175; S M E C,EMPOLOYEE DEDUCTION,156.5;SAFARILAND,LLC,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,895;SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC,EQUIP MAINT PARK,555.67; SCB FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 1454,FIRE EE DUES,225; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,POLICE EE DUES,576; SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY, LLC,UNIFORMS-PD,22; SHERIFF'S OFFICE,LEGAL FEES-PD,253.36; SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM, P.C.,CONTRACTUAL,16454.29; SIMON CONTRACTORS,SAND FOR ICE SLICER,128.75; SNELL SERVICES INC.,BLDG. MAIN.,1537.1; SONNY'S TOWING,TOW SERVICE-PD,855; STANDS ALEX,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,178; SUPERIOR SIGNALS, INC,TRANS- STOCK LIGHTS,511.64; TERRY SCHAUB,LEAGUE WINTER CONF. EXPENSE,273.39;TEXAS PNEUDRAULIC INC,ES #812- LOWER LINK, BUSHING AND SHAFT COLLAR,664.98;TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT LLC,TRANS #449- RELAYS AND BLADES,68.63;TWIN CITY AUTO, INC,CUTTING EDGES FOR SNOW PLOWS,1169.56;TYRELL GILL,STATE FIREFIGHTER 1 PRACTICAL EXAM,76;UNION BANK & TRUST,RETIREMENT,37594.79; UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC,CONT. SRVCS.,80.55;

UNITED STATES WELDING,WELD. SUPP - OXYGEN,95.89; WESTERN NE COMMUNITY COLLEGE,DEPT SUP,102; WESTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,2019 HR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION,80;WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS, INC,RANDOM SCREENINGS - FEB. 2019,209;WESTERN TRAVEL TERMINAL, LLC,VEH MAINT-PD,300; WOODS & AITKEN LLP,PROF.SERVICES - IBEW LOCAL NO. 1597,383.5; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT,CHILD SUPPORT,738.08; YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NE,YMCA,753; REFUNDS; JESSI OJEDA, 13.65; DIANA AGUILAR, 19.90; TARA CARTER, 25.36; CINNDY L PLUMMER, 139.80; RON STRACHAN, 11.24.

Moved by Council Member Green, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, "to approve Council Member Schaub's individual item of reimbursement for expenses to the League of Municipalities conference," "YEAS," Shaver, Gonzales, McKerrigan, and Green. "NAYS," None. Abstain: Schaub.

Regarding refunding payment in error to Black Hills Energy in the amount of \$135,839.98, City Manager Johnson explained this is due to the franchise fee being doubled; for auditing purposes the City is refunding the entire payment and asking Black Hills Energy to resubmit. Staff is recommending approval of refunding this payment. Council Member Schaub made the motion, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "to refund payment in error to Black Hills Energy in the amount of \$135,839.98," "YEAS," Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, and Shaver. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson presented the February 2019 financial report noting that NPPD Lease Payments are monthly at this point, police patrol cars, which are budgeted CIP items, have been purchased, and we are continuing to work with Baker & Associates regarding the 23 Club. He also commented we are coming up to the halfway point of the fiscal year at the end of March. Council Member Shaver asked why the police patrol cars were not put out for bid, with Mr. Johnson explaining they fall under the bid threshold.

Ms. Susan Wiedeman, with Panhandle Cooperative Association, was present to answer questions regarding the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License they are applying for involving a donor reception to be held at the Scottsbluff Lied Public Library on May 9, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Wiedeman explained the event hours on the license are listed as 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., but will be more along the lines of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., stating the difference in hours is due to setting and cleaning up. Council Member Shaver asked if any minors would be at the event. Ms. Wiedeman stated not at the donor reception, but if there is a question they will ask for identification. Police Chief Spencer also stated he has no concerns, as Panhandle Coop has catered numerous receptions without incident. Council Member Schaub made the motion seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "to approve the issuance of a special designated liquor license for Panhandle Cooperative Association and Scottsbluff Lied Public Library to serve wine and beer at a Library Foundation reception on May 9, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.," "YEAS," Gonzales, Green, McKerrigan, Shaver, and Schaub, "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Regarding the bids for the compact backhoe/loader-tool carrier, Mr. Johnson explained the budgeted amount for this equipment from the cemetery fund was \$60,000.00 and with the amount being over the bid threshold had to go out for bids. Two companies' submitted bids - Ron's Equipment Company for \$59,845.00 and Murphy Tractor for \$77,500.00. Staff reviewed the bids, recommending Ron's Equipment Company. Council Member McKerrigan made the motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, "to award the bid for the compact backhoe/loader-tool carrier to Ron's Equipment Company for \$59,845.00," "YEAS," McKerrigan, Shaver, Green, Schaub, and Gonzales. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson explained we did not receive any bids for the Police Tow Service Contract and because of this are trying to solicit bids by the end of the month; reviewing by April 1st since that is when the current contract expires. Council Member Shaver explained, by moving this item from consent agenda, he was just trying to clarify since we had just done this previously. Council Member Shaver made the motion, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "to approve the bid specifications for the police Tow Service three year contract and authorize the city clerk to advertise for bids to be received until filled," "YEAS," Green, Schaub, Shaver, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Regarding the agenda item to discuss the dog park, City Manager Johnson informed Council that this was at the request of Council Member Shaver and turned discussion over to him. Council Member Shaver explained his reason to have it on the agenda is because we have a dog park and a leash law in the City of Scottsbluff, but there are no signs guiding people to the park or that we have a leash law. He questioned the location of the dog park, asking if we should have another one located centrally in town to be more accessible to the public, also stating the current location contains gravel and sand and is hard to get to sometimes because of mud.

Mr. Stacey Fischer and Mr. Kevin Strauch, President and Vice President of Common Grounds Dog Park Committee approached Council to address these issues. They would like the opportunity to help with another park, as Council deems necessary, stating the current dog park gets used a great deal, but it does have concerns such as fencing issues, a small entrance, and gravel not being good for the dog's paws. They agreed having two locations adds more options, especially if the current park has flooding issues.

Council Member Shaver suggested portioning off one of the City's parks, which is not utilized, to use as a possible location because it has grass, commenting there could be other locations and options as well; he would just like to see the area fenced and signs directing people to it. After discussion, Mr. Johnson stated we could have staff work with the dog park committee and come back at budget workshop with Council Member Shaver asking to have a couple options to discuss as well.

Concerning removing from the table the bid specifications for a new or demo refuse truck, Council Member Shaver questioned this item, adding he does not know what we are going to do with the landfill or other options, stating this is premature. City Manager Johnson explained this was brought forward because we did not replace a truck last year and we have fleet that is breaking down; staff needs to be safe and have reliable equipment.

Council Member Green commented we would have bids out there that we would not have any intention of doing anything with, comparing it to the privatization. Mayor Gonzales stated that Council needs to remove from the table before discussing this item and made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, "to remove from the table approving bid specifications for a new or demo refuse truck," "YEAS," Shaver, Gonzales, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson explained to Council that the new or demo refuse truck is a budgeted CIP item for \$240,000.00 through the Environmental Services Fund, replacing an obsolete truck. The last time we replaced a truck was two years ago and the oldest truck (1996) would be replaced because it is used for parts only and is not operational. Mr. Mark Bohl, Public Works Director, explained we do not have a truck for back up and if a truck broke down the route could not be done; by purchasing the new truck it would move the next oldest truck to become the back up if needed. Council Member Schaub made the motion, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "to approve bid specifications for a new or demo refuse truck and authorize the city clerk to advertise for bids to be received by April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.," "YEAS," Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, and Shaver. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Fire Chief Tom Schingle, approached Council and shared the Annual Fire Report, briefly going over the statutory requirement for fire reporting which includes; the number of calls, number of personnel, and category of calls. The report also includes the core values and mission statement, the

history and also states the fire department is one hundred percent career firefighters with no volunteers. Council Member Shaver asked if that is the direction the Fire Department is going by not having volunteers. Fire Chief Schingle stated at this time they have not had discussion of bringing the volunteers back, but are thinking about different options such as an intern program or part timers.

Mr. Schingle went on to state they have a very good response time of less than five minutes for most calls and have a good partnership with surrounding departments. Property losses are fairly minimal with a good fire loss to save ratio. The Public Protection Classification rating is 3 and their goal is to get that lower to help with insurance rates.

Council Member Green asked if there is any area of town that has more calls and if we can do more public awareness. Mr. Schingle stated they currently have public education with more than 1000 people coming to the fire department since the month of October and are doing public service announcements. As far as a certain part of town seeing more activity, there is no pattern for a particular area.

Council Member Green also asked about aging equipment, with Mr. Schingle acknowledging there is equipment that needs to be replaced. Mr. Johnson added one of the goals brought forth for Mr. Schingle was to come up with a CIP budget that broadcasts out not only short term goals, but long term as well.

Council Member Shaver asked what our role is in EMS. Mr. Schingle stated the Fire Department's role is to be the first there to start patient care; helping with the transition to the ambulance, offering basic life-support if needed.

Dr. Thomas Perkins, Chairman with the Civil Service Commission informed Council that the Commission is very impressed with Fire Chief Schingle and the Fire Department, commenting the work they do is very dangerous as they protect the lives of this community; stating is he is very proud of the Police and Fire Departments we have.

Regarding the Administrative and Operational Administrative Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response Services, Fire Chief Schingle explained to Council it has undergone some changes, the most notable being the refresher training hours. The changed agreement states the forty hours of training can now be accumulated in a five year period and the changes require the agreement to be resigned and also to be looked at again in September of this year. Council Member Schaub, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan made the motion, "to approve the Administrative and Operational Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response Services between the State of Nebraska, Acting by and through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Scottsbluff Fire Department and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement," "YEAS," Gonzales, Green, McKerrigan, Shaver, and Schaub. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Ms. Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director went over the 11 applications received for the East Overland Façade Improvement Program. Ms. Lehl explained the total grant requests amount to \$70,691.24 and the matching amount the property owners are adding is \$174,876.00; stating we are getting a huge return on our investment. She stated the applications were taken to the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) on March 6th, with all applicants being interviewed and all were approved unanimously.

Council Member Shaver asked if we could use tax money to give to a nonprofit, with Legal Counsel Hadenfeldt stating that is not a problem. He also questioned if one person could get \$20,000.00 for two properties. Mr. Johnson stated it is not written in the policy and the CRA did not have a problem concerning this, with Council Member McKerrigan stating it is two different projects. Council Member Green questioned whether property values exceed the grant matches. Ms. Joanne Phillips, Vice Chairman of the CRA stated the property owners are investing more than we are giving and because of this are making their façades more pleasing.

Council Member Shaver questioned if the work could be used for internal expenses. Mr. Robert Franco, CRA member, commented they can use the funding for internal improvements to help increase the value; stating they are exceeding what they are given and we are seeing much improvement to that area. Mr. Johnson, clarified by reading the guidelines of the program approved on January 22, 2019; it

states the matching funds can be spent on the exterior or interior of the property. Council Member McKerrigan made the motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, “to approve the East Overland Façade Improvement Program Applications,” “YEAS,” Green, Schaub, Shaver, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Mayor Gonzales reminded Council last year he asked about getting a sign installed on Broadway at 14th Street to direct people to East Overland. Mr. Johnson stated if it is the will of Council it would not be a problem to do this. Council Member Schaub asked if the street department could make the sign, with Public Works Director Mark Bohl stating yes, it can be done. Mayor Gonzales made the motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, “to direct the City Manager and staff to put up signage directing traffic to East Overland,” “YEAS,” Shaver, Gonzales, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Green. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Regarding the remaining budget allocation for East Overland, Economic Development Director Starr Lehl informed Council there is a little over \$29,000.00 left and the CRA has unanimously voted to open up applications again for the East Overland Façade Improvement Program, to end on April 1, 2019. Ms. Lehl stated the reason for doing this is after the deadline for the applications, she received four phone calls asking if they could still apply. Council Member Green asked if we could use the remaining money as a way to stimulate business on East Overland; using it in a different way than what we are doing currently, suggesting we could entice businesses to come to our community by offering incentives to them. Ms. Lehl stated East Overland is in an Opportunity Zone and because of this hopes a developer will come forward to redevelop housing or business. Council Member McKerrigan made the motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, “to extend the deadline for the East Overland Façade Improvement allocation until April 1, 2019,” “YEAS,” Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, and Green. “NAYS,” Shaver. Absent: None.

Under public comments, Ms. Joanne Phillips asked about recycling comments made at the last council meeting. She addressed Council Member Shaver with questions, but he could not answer due to this being only for public comments. She commented that we not stop the recycling program because the investment is worth the return.

Under Council Reports, Mayor Gonzales stated that PADD and the Regional Governance meetings were cancelled due to the storm and are being rescheduled. Council Member Shaver added the 911 committee meeting is Tuesday and a possible PAWS meeting will be on Thursday. Council Member McKerrigan stated the Senior Center met last week and they are grateful their lot is getting cleaned. The Tri Active Living Committee met Monday and are getting their bike stations set up; they are preparing for the Tour De Nebraska Race this summer, with the Senior Center selling pies at one of the pit stops for a fund raiser. Council Member Schaub gave kudos to City staff for their efforts cleaning snow.

Council Member Schaub, seconded by Mayor Gonzales made the motion,” to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.,” “YEAS,” Gonzales, Green, McKerrigan, Shaver, and Schaub. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk
“SEAL”

