

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, April 5, 2021

Regular Meeting

Item Consent1

Council to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Staff Contact: City Council

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The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on March 29, 2021 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 26, 2021, 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 and that anyone attending was encouraged to wear a mask and to respect social distance guidelines. It also stated 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 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 26, 2021. Mayor McKerrigan presided and City Clerk Wright recorded the proceedings. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor McKerrigan welcomed everyone and 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: Jeanne McKerrigan, Nathan Green, Jordan Colwell, and Terry Schaub. Also present were City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt and City Manager Dustin Rief. Absent: Angela Scanlan. Mayor McKerrigan asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There was none. Mayor McKerrigan then 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 was none.

Moved by Council Member Schaub, seconded by Council Member Colwell that,

- a) The minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved, "YEAS," Colwell, Green, Schaub, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan.

Ms. Jada Thompson with Contryman & Associates presented the report for the 2020 Annual Audit via Zoom. She complimented Finance Director Loutzenhiser for preparing an excellent set of financial statements and the work that she and staff have done to assure that the day to day process is running smooth. Ms. Thompson also reported the City received an unqualified opinion which is the best opinion possible. She explained this year they invested more time on LB840 - Economic Development, mainly due to Covid, and found the fund to be pretty active. She commented the impact regarding this on the audit is more on revenue recognition and recording the revenue and determining when credits are earned or not earned. She explained they also looked at utility funds, adding the City of Scottsbluff has healthy utility funds. At the end of discussion, Council Member Schaub moved, seconded by Council Member Green to approve the 2020 Annual Audit Report from Contryman and Associates, "YEAS," Green, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Colwell. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan

City Manager Rief approached Council regarding the City of Scottsbluff Façade Improvement Grants. He explained there are six applications; the Community Redevelopment Authority unanimously recommended all for approval, commenting they all bring positive impacts to the community. Council Member Colwell moved, seconded by Council Member Schaub to approve the six Scottsbluff Façade Improvement Grants for GLT Properties, LLC; Tossed & Found Antiques; Inventive Media; Spady, Inc. d/b/a High Plains Spas and Recreation; Tami Reichert; and R & K Land Company. "YEAS," McKerrigan, Schaub, Colwell, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan.

Mr. Rief presented the License and Management Agreement with Kirk Bernhardt for the Use of Municipal Property for Softball League. He explained we have had interest in restarting the adult softball league and have an opportunity to reallocate resources and turn this over to a private individual to handle the recreation aspect of the league. The City is still responsible for facilities and maintenance.

Mr. Kirk Bernhardt approached Council and explained he will continue to run the concession stand as he has done in the past, but with this Agreement will have full control of the league as far as paying for the umpires and signing up teams. He added he has had a good response from teams, due to the lack of not having a league last year, because of COVID-19.

Council Member Colwell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub to approve the License and Management Agreement with Kirk Bernhardt for the Use of Municipal Property for Softball League and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. "YEAS," Schaub, Colwell, McKerrigan, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan.

Regarding discussion and considering action on approving Change Order No. 1 for the Compost Pad Cover, Mr. Rief explained this change order is for the original contract. The primary change is for wind and snow loads to meet City codes; the amount is \$38,972 and must be completed by year end to meet compliance requirements. Staff is recommending approval. Council Member Schaub moved, seconded by Council Member Colwell to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Compost Pad Cover and authorize the Mayor to sign the Change Order, "YEAS," McKerrigan, Green, Colwell, and Schaub. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan.

Under Council Reports, Council Member Colwell reminded everyone about the new radio system with the communication center. He explained this will be a huge financial undertaking for anyone who has a radio system with Motorola. He gave thanks to both Chief Schingle and Chief Spencer for attending meetings on this subject. Mayor McKerrigan reported on Tri City Active Living Council. They will be introducing themselves to City Manager Rief. They have also reviewed the safety study evaluation with the school, in which they have some suggestions for different areas. Council Member Green also reported on the Heartland Expressway.

Council Member Schaub moved, seconded by Council Member Colwell to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., "YEAS," Colwell, Green, Schaub, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Scanlan.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk