

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Consent1**

**Council to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

**Staff Contact: City Council**

Regular Meeting

April 3, 2023

The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on April 3, 2023 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 31, 2023, 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 30, 2023. Mayor McKerrigan presided and Deputy City Clerk Burbach recorded the proceedings. The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor McKerrigan 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 McKerrigan 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, Angela Scanlan, Matt Salomon and Betsy Vidlak. Also present were City Manager Kevin Spencer and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: Jordan Colwell.

Mayor McKerrigan asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none. Mayor McKerrigan 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 Scanlan, seconded by Council Member Vidlak that,

- a) The minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved,
- b) Approve the bid specifications for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids to be received by April 25, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.,
- c) The Council acknowledges receipt of the sewer claim from Magnet Rentals for property located at 2214 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., and the City Council will withdraw and take no action on the claim,
- d) The following claims be approved and paid as provided by law out of the respective funds designated in the list of claims dated April 3, 2023 as on file with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council "YEAS," Salomon, Vidlak, Scanlan, and McKerrigan, "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell.

CLAIMS

AIRGAS USA, LLC,DEPARTMENTSUPPLIES-SAN,80.52; BEDROCK LLC,GROUND MAINT PARK,3562;BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION LLC,MONTHLY ENERGY BILL,4913.13;BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS,SUPP- HAND CLEANER,590.96;BRUCE MEIER,PER DIEM FOR NEMSA CONFERENCE,126; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.,EQUIP MAINT ADM,160.14; CARR-TRUMBULL LUMBER CO, INC.,DEPT SUP,6.36;CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,CELL PHONES-PD,1751.07; CITIBANK N.A.,DEPT SUPP ADM,826.95;CITY OF SCB,PETTY CASH ADM,43.93; CLARK PRINTING LLC,DEPT SUPPL-PD,1693.75;CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC.,ADA PANELS,830.06;CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES, P.C.,AUDIT SERVICES - FINAL,32400;CRESCENT ELECT. SUPPLY COMP INC,BLASTS FOR MORTON BUILDING,270.99;CROWNE PLAZA,LODGING FOR NPZA CONFERENCE - ZACH,0; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE,MONTHLY LONG DISTANCE,64.57; FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION,POSTAGE-

PD,113;FRANCISCO'S BUMPER TO BUMPER INC,TOW SERVICE-PD,1050;GABIS CHRISTOPHER,PER DIEM FOR FDIC CONFERENCE,225;GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC,FLASHER CABINET & PUSHBUTTON FOR PATHWAY,1951;GERING MULTIPURPOSE SENIORCENTER,CONTRACTUAL,1000;GRAINGER,EQUIPMAINTPD,115.75;GREENINGENTERPRISES INC.,BLACK FIRE HELMET,354.01; GROW NEBRASKA FOUNDATION,MEMEBERSHIP ED,100;HAWKINS, INC.,CHEMICALS,4614.09;HOA SOLUTIONS, INC,EQUIP MAINT,609.69; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS INC.,BLDG MAINT PARK,97;IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC.,JAN. SUP.,273.27;INFO USA MARKETING,DEPT SUPP LIB/PW,720;INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC,COLL.,25.97;INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE,EQUIP MAINT,397.27; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,WITHHOLDINGS,68500.51;INTRALINKS, INC,ANTIVIRUS SERVICE (4/1/23 - 3/31/24),4320;JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,DEPT SUPP CEM,85.82;JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,GROUND MAINT PARK,464.86;JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,EQUIP CEM,30127.17; KRIZ DAVIS,EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE-SAN,245.07;LANDAUER, INC,EQUIP MAINT-PD,189.3;M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES, INC,PROF. SERV. 18TH ST. PLAZA PROJ.,26777.5; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT INC,BEARING FOR SWEEPER,298.03; MARK CHRISMAN TRUCKING INC,18TH ST. PLAZA PROJECT,62666.58;MENARDS, INC,GROUND MAINT PARK,502.84; MICHAEL B KEMBEL,BUILDING MAINTENANCE-SAN,288.67;NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO,EQUIP MAINT,92.67; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPEMENT INC.,BUILDING MAINTENANCE-SAN,475;NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC. OF SCOTTSBLUFF,GROUND MAINT PARK,166.74;PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,312;PANHANDLEHUMANESOCIETY,CONTRACTUAL,5656.07;PAULREEDCONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, INC,GROUND MAINT PARK,418.88; PLATTE VALLEY BANK,HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT,9839.72;PTHOSE AND BEARING,EQUIP MAINT,134.76;QUILL CORPORATION,DEPT SUPPL-PD,236.56;REAMS SPRINKLER SUPPLY CO.,DEPT SUPP CEM,1900.06; REGIONAL CARE INC,HEALTH INS. PREMIUM - APRIL 2023,49460.38;RIVERSIDE ZOOLOGICAL FOUNDATION,CONTRACTUAL,75000;RUSSEL'S AUTOMOTIVE,VEH MAINT-PD,2921.01; S M E C,EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION,101.15;SCHOOL-TECH, INC,EQUIP MAINT-PD,338.5;SCOTTSBLUFF MOTOR CO, INC,HIDTA CAR LEASE,375;SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY, LLC,UNIFORMCLOTHING,279.76;SHERWINWILLIAMS,PAVEMENTMARKTAPE,LEFTARROW, RT. COMBO ARROW,,3802; SIMON CONTRACTORS,GROUND MAINT PARK,238; SNELL SERVICES INC.,BLDG. MAIN.,305;STATE HEALTH LAB,SAMPLES,309; STATE OF NE.,CONTRACTUAL-PD,315; TERRY D SCOTT,VEH MAINT PARK,214.19;THOMPSON GLASS, INC,VEH MAINT PARK,289.25;TITAN MACHINERY, INC.,EQUIP MAINT PARK,640.8; TRANSWEST INC,VEH MAINT PARK,80.08;TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC,MONTHLY BILLING CONSULTING,543.75; U AND U TRUCKING LLC,CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-SAN,2204; UNION BANK & TRUST,RETIREMENT,21037.03;UNITED STATES WELDING,CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-SAN,50.8;US BANK,DS -PANHANDLE CONFERENCE, NPZA, FUEL,487.33;US BANK,DEPT SUPP WW,3025.19;VAN PELT FENCING CO, INC,PANELS & TEMP. STANDS (10),1315; WALMART,PRGRMG.,408.57;WIN INVESTMENTS INC,SCHOOL & CONF CC,929; WRIGHT, KIMBERLEY,SCHOOL & CONF REIMB CC,82;WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY, LLC,DEPT SUPP CEM,71.19;ZM LUMBER CO CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT,GROUND MAINT PARK,799.64; REFUNDS; MARI LEE MERKEL, 13.41; MARY LEE MERKEL, 13.41; BUYERS REALTY, 56.27

Mayor McKerrigan opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. to receive information to add a catering endorsement to the Class C Liquor License held by BR Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hight's Tavern, 20 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff, NE.

Ben Rodriguez, III from BR Entertainment, LLC d/b/a High's Tavern was present and advised the Council that they were requesting the catering endorsement to be used at public events, such as the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

There were no comments from the public. Mayor McKerrigan closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Council Member Scanlon moved to make a positive recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission regarding adding a catering endorsement to the Class C liquor license held by BR Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hight's Tavern. The motion was seconded by Council Member Salomon, "YEAS," Salomon, Vidlak, Scanlan and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell.

Andrea Margheim, Cinco de Mayo Committee member from the Downtown Scottsbluff Association, presented the Community Festival Permit for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Ms. Margheim stated that this will be the third year of the celebration and they are asking that Broadway between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street be closed for a car show, food trucks, bands, dancers and vendors from 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Council Member Scanlan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Salomon to approve the Community Festival Permit for the Downtown Scottsbluff Association on Broadway between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets, including vendors, street closure and noise permit for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 10:00 p.m., "YEAS," Scanlan, McKerrigan, Salomon and Vidlak. "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell.

Andrea Margheim with Flyover Brewing Company appeared before the City Council regarding a Special Designated Liquor License to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits on the 1600-1900 Blocks of Broadway on May 5, 2023 from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. She explained they will ID and wristband at point of purchase.

Council Member Salomon made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scanlan to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for BDS3C d/b/a Flyover Brewing Company to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5, 2023 at the 1600 – 1900 Blocks of Broadway from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m., "YEAS," Vidlak, McKerrigan, Salomon and Scanlan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell

Ben Rodriguez, III with BR Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hight's Tavern also appeared before the City Council regarding a Special Designated Liquor License to serve beer and distilled spirits on the 1600-1900 Blocks of Broadway on May 5, 2023 from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Council Member Scanlan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Vidlak to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for BR Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Hight's Tavern to serve beer and distilled spirits at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5, 2023 at the 1600 – 1900 Blocks of Broadway from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m., "YEAS," McKerrigan, Scanlan, Vidlak and Salomon. "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell

City Manager, Kevin Spencer presented the amended Pay Resolution for Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. Mr. Spencer stated that the only change was moving the Waterpark Manager from a Grade 10 to a Grade 18, to be in line with other Crew Leaders. Mr. Spencer also commended Vanessa Woolsey, the current Waterpark Manager for her outstanding work at the Waterpark.

Council Member Scanlan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Salomon to approve the Pay Resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 23-04-01, "YEAS," Salomon, Vidlak, Scanlan and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Colwell

RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-01

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:

- That the following Pay Plan for officers and employees of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska employed in Classified Positions be approved April 3, 2023 and effective April 10, 2023.

PAY SCHEDULE - GENERAL EMPLOYEES ONLY  
HOURLY RATES (Based on 40 hour work week)

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	L1	L2
8	\$13.05	\$13.71	\$14.39	\$15.12	\$15.87	\$16.68	\$17.50
9	\$13.71	\$14.39	\$15.12	\$15.87	\$16.68	\$17.50	\$18.38
10	\$14.39	\$15.12	\$15.87	\$16.68	\$17.50	\$18.38	\$19.29
11	\$15.12	\$15.87	\$16.68	\$17.50	\$18.38	\$19.29	\$20.26
12	\$15.87	\$16.68	\$17.50	\$18.38	\$19.29	\$20.26	\$21.28
13	\$16.68	\$17.50	\$18.38	\$19.29	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34
14	\$17.50	\$18.38	\$19.29	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.45
15	\$18.38	\$19.29	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.45	\$24.62
16	\$19.29	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.45	\$24.62	\$25.84
17	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.45	\$24.62	\$25.84	\$27.15
18	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.45	\$24.62	\$25.84	\$27.15	\$28.49
19	\$22.34	\$23.45	\$24.62	\$25.84	\$27.15	\$28.49	\$29.92
20	\$23.45	\$24.62	\$25.84	\$27.15	\$28.49	\$29.92	\$31.42
21	\$24.62	\$25.84	\$27.15	\$28.49	\$29.92	\$31.42	\$32.99

BI-WEEKLY RATES - EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	L1	L2
18	\$1,698.29	\$1,783.22	\$1,872.38	\$1,965.99	\$2,064.30	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89
19	\$1,783.22	\$1,872.38	\$1,965.99	\$2,064.30	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68
20	\$1,872.38	\$1,965.99	\$2,064.30	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16
21	\$1,965.99	\$2,064.30	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62
22	\$2,064.30	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35
23	\$2,167.50	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67
24	\$2,275.89	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90
25	\$2,389.68	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39
26	\$2,509.16	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52
27	\$2,634.62	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62
28	\$2,766.35	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62	\$3,707.17
29	\$2,904.67	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62	\$3,707.17	\$3,892.52
30	\$3,049.90	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62	\$3,707.17	\$3,892.52	\$4,087.15
31	\$3,202.39	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62	\$3,707.17	\$3,892.52	\$4,087.15	\$4,291.51
32	\$3,362.52	\$3,530.62	\$3,707.17	\$3,892.52	\$4,087.15	\$4,291.51	\$4,506.09

- That the following positions in the Classification Plan are assigned to the following Class Grades:

HOURLY POSITIONS - GENERAL EMPLOYEES ONLY

Grade	Class Titles	Grade	Class Titles
8	Library Technician	18	Waterpark Manager
10	Waterpark Assistant Manager	18	Crew Leader
11	Building & Grounds Custodian	19	Utilities Administrative Coordinator
11	Library Assistant	19	Account Clerk - Finance
14	Record Technician	19	Admin. Assist. - Police Department
15	Administrative Services Assistant	20	Cemetery Supervisor
15	Administrative Records Technician	20	Code Administrator I
15	Administrative Assistant	21	Fire Prevention Officer
15	Maintenance Worker -- Parks, Cemetery	21	Stormwater Specialist
15	Compliance Officer		

**EXEMPT POSITIONS**  
**Professional, Administrative and Executive**

Grade	Class Titles	Grade	Class Titles
19	Librarian	27	Planning Administrator
21	GIS Analyst	27	Deputy Director of Public Works
22	Code Administrator II	27	Director of Economic Development
23	Small Business Outreach PR Coordinator	28	Deputy Director of Finance
24	Water System Supervisor	29	Police Captain
24	Wastewater Plant Supervisor	29	Director of Human Resources
24	Environmental Services Supervisor	30	Director of Public Works
24	Transportation Supervisor	30	Fire Chief
24	Park Supervisor	32	Police Chief
26	City Clerk/Risk Manager	32	Director of Finance
26	Library Director		

3. That the following pay schedule for officers and employees in Unclassified Positions of the City is approved August 29, 2022 and effective September 26, 2022.

**Seasonal and Part-Time Hourly Rates**

Class Title	Hourly Pay Schedule						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
School Crossing Guard	\$15.00						
Library Page	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$13.50
Laborer	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$13.50
Field Mt. Grdskpr	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$13.50	\$14.00
Waterpark Aide	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$13.50
Lifeguard*	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$13.50	\$14.00

\*Lifeguard with Nebraska Certified Pool Operator's License & Assigned to the maintenance of the Waterpark facility will receive an additional \$.30 per hour.

NOTE: Pay Step increase may be given after one year of service from hire date, at the discretion of the Department Head.

4. The Pay Schedule for the positions of Firefighters, Fire Lieutenants and Fire Captains working a 56 hour week shall be the schedule approved in a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council on August 29, 2022 and effective September 26, 2022.

Class Title	Hourly Pay Schedule (56 Hour Week)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Firefighter	\$15.78	\$16.57	\$17.40	\$18.26	\$19.18	\$20.14	\$21.15	\$22.21
Fire Lieutenant	\$18.32	\$19.24	\$20.20	\$21.21	\$22.27	\$23.39	\$24.56	\$25.78
Fire Captain	\$20.85	\$21.89	\$22.98	\$24.13	\$25.34	\$26.60	\$27.93	\$29.33

5. That the Pay Schedule for the position of Patrol Officer, Corporal and Police Sergeant shall be the Schedule approved in a resolution approved by the Mayor and City Council on August 29, 2022 and effective September 26, 2022.

Class Title	Hourly Pay Schedule							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Patrol Officer	\$23.60	\$24.78	\$26.02	\$27.32	\$28.69	\$30.12	\$31.62	\$33.21
Police Detective	\$25.08	\$26.34	\$27.66	\$29.04	\$30.49	\$32.01	\$33.61	\$35.29
Police Corporal	\$25.08	\$26.34	\$27.66	\$29.04	\$30.49	\$32.01	\$33.61	\$35.29
Police Sergeant	\$27.67	\$29.05	\$30.50	\$32.02	\$33.63	\$35.31	\$37.07	\$38.92

6. That the following Pay Schedule for the above listed IBEW eligible positions of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska employed in Classified Positions be approved August 29, 2022 and effective September 26, 2022.

**Pay Schedule - IBEW Eligible Employees Only Hourly Rates (Based on 40 hour work week)**

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	L1	L2	L3
1	16.15	16.95	17.81	18.69	19.63	20.61	21.64	22.72
2	16.95	17.81	18.69	19.63	20.61	21.64	22.72	23.87
3	17.81	18.69	19.63	20.61	21.64	22.72	23.87	25.05
4	18.69	19.63	20.61	21.64	22.72	23.87	25.05	26.31
5	19.63	20.61	21.64	22.72	23.87	25.05	26.31	27.62
6	20.61	21.64	22.72	23.87	25.05	26.31	27.62	29.00
7	21.64	22.72	23.87	25.05	26.31	27.62	29.00	30.46
8	22.72	23.87	25.05	26.31	27.62	29.00	30.46	31.98
9	23.87	25.05	26.31	27.62	29.00	30.46	31.98	33.58
10	25.05	26.31	27.62	29.00	30.46	31.98	33.58	35.26

7. That the following IBEW positions in the Classification Plan are assigned to the following Class Grades:

**HOURLY POSITIONS - IBEW EMPLOYEES ONLY**

Grade	Class Titles	Grade	Class Titles
3	Maintenance Worker – Compost Facility	5	Water System Operator I
3	Motor Equipment Operator	6	Compost Facility Operator II
3	Wastewater Plant - Maintenance Worker	7	Wastewater Plant Operator II
4	Environmental Services Solid Waste Operator	7	Mechanic-Environmental Services
4	Heavy Equipment Operator	7	Mechanic-Transportation
4	Water System Maintenance Worker	7	Water System Operator II
5	Traffic Control Tech	7	Construction Locator Specialist
5	Wastewater Plant Operator I		

8. Resolution No. 22-09-01 and all other resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of April, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

City Manager, Kevin Spencer presented the TV and Digital Public Service Announcement Contracts for KNEB and NBC Nebraska for Stormwater Public Education /Outreach and requested the City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the contracts. He explained that these costs are shared with Gering and Terrytown.

Council Member Salomon made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scanlan to approve the TV and Digital Public Service Announcement Contracts for Stormwater Public Education/Outreach with KNEB and NBC Nebraska and authorize the Mayor to execute the contracts, “YEAS,” Salomon, Vidlak, Scanlan and McKerrigan. “NAYS,” None. Absent: Colwell

City Attorney, Kent Hadenfeldt informed the City Council that there was revised language in paragraph 8 in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Scotts Bluff County in regards to the bridge structure, noting that the City will agree to assume the duty to repair and maintain. He asked the City Council to approve and ratify the revised language. Mark Bohl, Public Works Director, stated that the bridge was inspected and would be fine and the language change was to make clear the City responsibility for maintenance and repair.

Council Member Scanlan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Vidlak to approve and ratify the revised language of paragraph 8 in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Scotts Bluff County,

“YEAS,” Scanlan, McKerrigan, Salomon and Vidlak. “NAYS,” None. Absent: Colwell

Under Council Reports, Council Member Salomon gave an update on the zoo. He met with Desiree Davison the interim director and she stated that the AZA accreditation has been turned in and the zoo is expecting an inspection in approximately a couple months. They will be having a volunteer clean-up day on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to help clean up the zoo in anticipation for the inspection. Becky Jaspers is the new Level 3 zoo keeper who arrived this month and they are expecting two more zoo keepers from the University of Wyoming and also Colorado to join the zoo staff soon. There will be Easter Egg Hunts coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. The zoo is taking bids for some cement work in the bear exhibit as Smoky the bear is burrowing and they are trying to stop him from undermining the structure.

Tom Schingle, Fire Chief informed the Council that a 911 advisory committee meeting was held two weeks ago and they officially started dispatching for Box Butte County Sheriff’s department on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and that is going well.

Council Member Salomon moved, seconded by Council Member Scanlan to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m., “YEAS,” Vidlak, McKerrigan, Salomon and Scanlan. “NAYS,” None. Absent: Colwell

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Mayor

Attest:

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Deputy City Clerk

“SEAL”