Ralston City Council Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2019

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Ralston City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was called with the following present: Mayor Groesser and Council members Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Council member Konwinski was absent. The agenda was available at City Hall for public inspection and posted prior to the meeting. The legal notice for the meeting was published in the Ralston Recorder. Claims listed are approved and part of these minutes.

Pastor Greg Berger, Messiah Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Groesser welcomed the press and guests. Groesser said the meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act is posted at the rear of the Council Chambers.

Groesser indicated that discussion item #4 will be moved to the front of the discussion items.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

- 1. Minutes from the May 7, 2019 regular city council meeting;
- 2. Claims:
- 3. Monthly Financial Report; and
- 4. Department Head and/or Commission Reports.

Fideline moved and Kavanaugh seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Leonardo reported on the April report included in council packets. Ralston Police participated in the Spring Drug Take Back Event at Walgreens and collected 223 pounds of prescription drugs. Five juveniles were arrested after a string of criminal mischief incidents at the Ralston Middle School where they were breaking windows with rocks and pulling the fire alarm.

The police officers conducted special traffic enforcement along Oakwood Street due to a citizen's complaint of speeding vehicles. The preliminary results are: 1,281 minutes logged by officers running radar at different times during the day/night; 44 traffic special enforcements. Over a thousand vehicles were monitored during the month. The cars stopped were traveling 34-45 mph, most vehicle traffic was 33 mph or under. Leonardo has also received complaints of speeding vehicles along Ralston Avenue and Washington Street where other special traffic enforcements have been taking place as well.

Forrest asked Leonardo to explain how residents can file a complaint with regard to speeding vehicles. Leonardo said to file a complaint with City Hall or the Police Department. Police Officers will immediately go to the area of the complaint. They will consistently run radar on both day and evening shifts. Just the physical presence of the Police Officer running radar should be a deterrent.

Halbur reported the Summer Reading Program starts May 28th with the kickoff program, Wildlife Encounters, on May 29th at 1:30 PM. The Kids Cruisin Kitchen lunch truck, sponsored by Food Bank for the Heartland, will begin serving free meals on June 3rd to children 18 years of age and under. Halbur's monthly report is included in the council packet.

Krajewski reported on arena events. Hairball was successful again this year and it will be at the arena next year on May 22nd. Blues artists Buddy Guy and Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band will perform on August 28th and tickets are on sale now. Krajewski is working with the same promoter for a spring R&B show and working with another promoter for a country show in November. The facility audit was sent to him for review. Krajewski is working with the other Midwest buildings that Spectra manages on a routing for multiple shows from country, hip hop and another blues show for next spring and summer. Krajewski is also working with USA Hockey on the 2021 ice hockey national championships.

Forrest reported the Ralston Arena cooling repair project pre-bid meeting is on May 28th and it is expected to open the bids on June 4th. Forrest reported the City of Omaha has sent a letter regarding the left-hand turn signal southbound on 84th Street and Q Street. They have denied the request as they believe it is not warranted at this time.

Groesser opened discussion on mowing of parks. Forrest presented photos to put into context the conversation that will take place on the mowing of parks. There were photos of a few areas in Omaha that are not being used and are mowed continuously at a significant cost. This was one of the issues that was considered when recommending to council that the City not mow in places where people are not using the fields and just concentrate on where the fields are being used. Examples were presented of other parks in the areas where they are letting the grass grow and return to meadow, including Zorinsky Lake Park, Elmwood Park (a green infrastructure project), and Chalco Hills Recreation Area.

Forrest said there is a cost savings part of the decision making as well as an environmental issue. Having a natural meadow environment does provide a habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies and provides nesting for birds and a place of refuge for small animals. There are some good reasons to be pursuing the tall grass policy. Forrest has met with a number of residents, most of whom are not very happy with it. He said that the City is willing to consider what they want to say and make some adjustments.

Groesser introduced Christina Hoyt from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. After her talk, Groesser will open up the discussion for public and council comments. He reminded everyone that this is a discussion item only. There have been only three or four parks identified that have the long grass. The street rights of way and the smaller parks will be

mowed and trimmed. The Park and Tree Commission determined that the parts of the parks that are not frequently used would be planted with flowers and grasses which would eventually start growing. The City of Fort Calhoun has had this program in place for three years. The first year was total weeds, the second year was weeds and some grasses. This year they are getting flowers to grow and it looks very attractive.

Christina Hoyt, Executive Director, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, explained the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum is an organization that works throughout Nebraska helping plant Nebraska's communities for healthy people, vibrant communities and sustainable environment. They provide technical assistance and funding assistance. Their goal is to have healthy and thriving green infrastructure in all of Nebraska's communities. As a whole the green infrastructure cleans the water and air, cools the temperature and creates habitat for insects and wildlife and also gives people a sense of place and respite within their communities.

Currently, there are challenges with clean water, declining tree canopy and imperiled pollinators. It is imperative to employ different management practices that increase environmental benefits while widely using city budgets. The Arboretum has been promoting reduced mowing policies and practices as a viable option for communities to increase environmental resiliency. The result of the reduced mowing is long grass areas. These long grass areas are designated areas made up of existing vegetation, existing turf type tall fescue grass or rye grass. Sometimes these areas are seeded to warm season grasses and wildflowers, which is the direction in which the City of Ralston is moving. The grasses are allowed to grow higher than the typical three inch mowed lawn. Areas that are good candidates for low mow zones are wet areas, underutilized areas of parks and areas that are too steep to mow safely.

There are many reasons to implement low mow zones in the parks and green spaces and one reason is reduced pesticide use. When reducing the pesticide use, the health of the trees is actually increased. This also reduces emission and noise from mowers and improves biodiversity. A study found there was a dramatic increase of pollinators with just mowing less frequently in areas. They concluded that mowing less frequently is practical, economical and a time saving alternative to lawn replacement. The perceived weed species such as clover and dandelion are important nectars and pollens to pollinators. As things are converted more to native grasses, the diversity increases even further.

The other advantage of low mow areas is that more stormwater is able to be captured. As the grasses are allowed to grow, they have longer roots and absorb the stormwater. These areas also have reduced erosion. The less manicured areas are important for the benefit of creative play and exploration by children.

A challenge for the no mow areas is public acceptance of the different aesthetic. Steps can be taken to help this by creating clean, mowed borders and pathways. Educating the public on the no mow zone and management goals for each area is important. It is also important to include the public in identifying the no mow zones.

Hoyt emphasized that long grass zones are not "no maintenance" zones. While weekly mowing is eliminated, some kind of maintenance has to be done. No matter what no mow zone it is, it is a process. Hoyt encouraged the City of Ralston and thanked the City for trying to implement this. She hopes the community works to try to figure out how to support the environmental needs while also meeting the human needs.

Clayton Monical, 8114 Wildewood Drive, expressed displeasure of the concept. The chance of getting ticks will increase because of the tall grass. Wildlife would be drawn to the tall grass and that shorter grasses would deter them. There is also a greater possibility of grass fires due to the tall grass. Monical commented on the photos presented earlier and that those photos were of natural prairie, open areas and not within a city park.

Chris Jorgenson, 6230 S. 74th Street, said some of this makes perfect logical sense to him but he is concerned about the baseball fields. The teams don't always practice on the fields and sometimes they have to practice outside of the fields. Jorgenson said he wasn't sure that Ponderosa Park is the right place to do that. However, some of the areas would actually look pretty nice that way. Ponderosa Park was always a good spot for kids to play. If it gets tall grass, it won't get used for sure.

Rich Shively, 7505 Washington Street, said when this was discussed a number of months ago, he assumed the no mow zone would be north of the arena along Papio Creek and along the walking path. He didn't think it was going to be done in the parks. Shively agreed that Ponderosa Park doesn't get used that much, but there are kids that do use it. This would probably look nice five years from now, but it is going to take time to do it. Shively sees deer, coyotes and foxes even with short grass.

Joseph Distefano, 6312 S. 72nd Avenue, is very proud of Ralston and hopes that if some form of no mow is implemented in some of the parks that it is done in a judicious manner and it is effective and efficient. The City should try to educate the citizens of what it is they are going to do. Distefano hopes that the beauty of the City is maintained and whatever program is implemented is done in an effective and efficient manner.

Tom Kjar, 6507 Daly Circle, Park and Tree Commission Chair, said when this idea came before the Park and Tree Commission, the Commission heard all the advantages that were brought forward, such as the opportunities to create some diversity with habitat and the advantages that come from that. The Park and Tree Commission considered those advantages as well as the advantage that the City would be able to save a little bit of money along the way. The Park and Tree Commission gave tentative approval to this idea and wanted to see how it would work. It is realized that the areas identified for the no mowing or low mowing may change over time. If there are areas that are more appropriate to be mowed then not, it can be changed. The Park and Tree Commission felt it was worth a test to see how it would look, realizing that the full benefit may not come for several years. At no time did the Park and Tree Commission want to take away from the beauty of our parks. They are very proud of Ralston's parks as some of the best parks in the metro area. Kjar said it is a bit of a change and the Park and Tree Commission felt it was worth a try. If it

is not the right idea for Ralston, Kjar said he will be the first to stand behind the idea of abandoning it. At the same time, he feels it is worth a try.

Zach Perkins, 7517 Drexel Street, has four young kids and Ponderosa Park is the closest park to his neighborhood. He has no strong feelings one way or the other and is really for the environment. However, because the playground is really unkempt, his family really doesn't go to Ponderosa Park much anymore. His hope is that if this is pursued that some of the playground areas would have more attention paid to them. Kjar said these are very good points. The City only has so many man hours to dedicate to maintaining the parks and if there is an advantage to having certain areas that are not mowed, that will free up manpower to attend to other areas.

Ali O'Connor, 5121 S. 77th Avenue, is a proponent of things looking neat, but does think that there are some parks where some natural habitat could be welcomed as long as the areas around them are something that could still be utilized. There are parks that should still be manicured to be safe for the kids to play in. So much of the community is starting to look unkempt as a whole. O'Connor commented on planting wildflowers and native grasses and wondered how invasive species are being managed. Kjar said the plan was to plant wildflowers and tall grass seed in the fall. He commented on an article that was provided to meeting attendees. The ideas of low maintenance areas is most accepted by the community when explanatory signs are posted explaining what it is that is being done. Kjar thinks the City is very willing to modify the areas to mow or not mow to accommodate the needs of the citizens.

Pat Barker, 8117 Wildewood Drive, commented that Ralston residents have a lot of pride in their City. The tall grass doesn't invite families to visit our parks. She and her husband walked through all the parks yesterday. Barker would love to see the outlying areas with wildflowers. She is not completely opposed to the meadow area but Ralston needs the open areas for families to use the parks. Barker commented on the need for maintenance in the parks and the tall grass areas.

Kjar commented that he has been on the Park and Tree Commission for quite a while and the Park and Tree Commission never knew there were so many people that were excited about the parks. He is very pleased that there is such interest taken. The City does want to hear ideas on how this meadow process could be managed better in the future.

Fideline said this was not brought to the City Council to approve as of yet. He doesn't care to see all the dandelions either. Preis indicated this item was a discussion item at a council meeting. At that time, he spoke with Forrest about meeting to discuss maintenance of the west side of Pierson Field but that meeting has not happened as yet. Preis has been contacted by numerous residents and he agrees with them. He does not like the appearance and it does not look good. The City just spent time redesigning the ordinance with regard to the height of grass and he feels the City is contradicting what they are putting on their residents. The City has not allowed fowl in the City limits and there has been a large debate about the feral cat problem in the City, yet the City is inviting wildlife into town. Preis is

opposed to having this policy and thinks people should take a good hard look at it. It is the City Council's job to provide services to the citizens.

Kavanaugh takes a bit of a different opinion on this. In some of the areas he has looked at he can see the vision. One example is the hillside that is to the east of Crown Field between Park Drive and the parking lot. It is a fairly steep hill and that is looking nice and Kavanaugh can see that turning into a meadow and looking very nice. His main concern has been the places that are still being maintained such as the medians and strips by the sidewalks. There are so many dandelions in those areas and that is possibly what is contributing to the unkempt appearance. This is also hurting the chances of this program going forward. If those areas are not looking good, then it just draws attention to everything else. If the City made sure that our margins were maintained well, then the areas that are appropriate for this program will have better support.

Krause thinks this is a great idea and feels the parks can be beautified to be even more attractive than they are today. He visits the parks quite often with his grandchildren. The Parks Department is shorthanded and that may be the problem with the maintenance in some of the parks. There is a lot of space mowed in Ponderosa Park that just isn't getting used. Krause would like to see Ponderosa Park be as neat as Oak Park and Wildewood Park with the valley and the animals. The right of ways are taken care of by the Street Department and they have been very busy with repairing the potholes that they haven't been able to mow like they like to. Krause explained that Jon Speichinger is a horticulturist and he has the talent to make the City a lot more effective with the parks. It is going to take a couple of years for this to work and Krause hopes it is looked practically. He doesn't see this saving the City much money but it will make Ralston's parks much better and more beautiful in the long run. This is an idea that he personally supports and would like to see the City give it a try.

Sanchez commented that this item requires more discussion. The intent is to improve the eco-system, improve the look and potentially have some economic benefits as well. However, the City cannot do those things at the expense of people's safety or at the expense of the visual appeal of the City. The discussion should be continued and it is only going to be effective if the dialog is continued and the City continues to get feedback. The Park and Tree Commission and the City Council are open to modifications. Sanchez said nothing that is being discussed today is permanent. If it doesn't work, the City will mow it. Some of the things he heard in this meeting were legitimate, some of the things he heard were completely off topic and some were personal preference. He commented on objectivity versus subjectivity when having this discussion.

Groesser commented on the Parks Department being shorthanded and the City is in the process of hiring one to two more individuals for the Parks Department. When that happens, the appropriate mowing will be taken care of.

Groesser opened discussion on the current status and future potential of Ralston Geographic Information System. Michael Frates, GIS Manager, JEO Consulting Group, provided a background of GIS being location intelligence. It is a way for people to gather

data, map that data, and answer questions with the authoritative data. JEO has built a promotional GIS system for the City of Ralston. This is something that the City of Ralston currently owns. There were some efforts in the past to build something like this however, at the time, the technology was not as advanced as it is. It required some coordination between Douglas County and Ralston Public Works. It was a little too expensive at the time and Ralston did not have the staff or capacity to do it. Frates is acting on behalf of the City of Ralston as the GIS technician in this case. This is a site that is promotional at this point but the City of Ralston does own it and JEO has been putting data into it.

Groesser said a lot of time was put into gathering data a number of years ago. Frates said he was able to go to the Public Works Department and get the data from them. The true value of doing all that work comes to light as part of a map. He commented on the ability to track progress on where work has been done. Forrest said the City started this years ago and couldn't follow through for whatever reason. The reason it is being brought to council tonight is to determine if it is something council wants to pursue. Costs can be put together for the budget process and figure out how to move this forward.

Sanchez said it seems like it would be a worthwhile pursuit but would like to receive input from Freshman on this.

Travis Klasna, JEO Consulting Group, commented that the amount of investment that the City put into getting the data on the infrastructure is pretty immense. There is all the sanitary sewer information and a lot of the storm sewer information. It is important to get the data out so everyone can interact with it. There are a lot of different assets that can be tracked and a lot of workflows that can be implemented to run efficiently. It is important to capture institutional knowledge.

Fideline inquired about the flow of fire hydrants and Frates said he believes that data is included.

Groesser opened discussion on the noise ordinance. Krause thinks the ordinance is fine but the City might want to look at the times listed in the ordinance. Leonardo has reviewed the ordinance and indicated there are many different categories in the ordinance. The ordinance needs to be clarified further. Leonardo doesn't have an issue with lowering the lawn mowing time to 9:00 PM, but any lower than that he wouldn't agree with. Groesser suggested Leonardo, Forrest and Ficenec meet and present recommendations to the City Council.

Groesser opened discussion on the creation of a Ralston Arena Advisory Board. There was no discussion.

Groesser opened consideration of the special designated license for Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for Ribfest on June 15, 2019. Amy Roeder, Chamber President, said this is the fourth year for Restore Chiropractic and the Ralston Chamber to hold the ribfest. The fundraiser for this year is for Angels Among Us. This is a great community event. There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve the special

designated license for Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for Ribfest on June 15, 2019. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the Library Automation Service Agreement between Omaha Public Library and Ralston Baright Library. Halbur said this is a new agreement. There was previously a seven year agreement that was extended until June 2019. The new agreement is for five years from July 2019 through June 2024. There is a savings of approximately \$2,000 annually by having this agreement. Baright Library shares software with Omaha Public Library which allows access to content and subscriptions that Baright Library would not be able to afford on their own.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Kavanaugh seconded to approve the Library Automation Service Agreement renewal between the Omaha Public Library and Ralston Baright Library. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Groesser opened the public hearing at 6:54 PM to consider Resolution 2019-06 to purchase property at Lot 2, TMS Addition, an addition to the City of Ralston, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska. This gives the City the ability to purchase property. The City will purchase the property and be reimbursed by the foundation. There being no further discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:54 PM.

Krause moved and Sanchez seconded to approve the following resolution and give Mayor Groesser authority to sign the purchase agreement between the City of Ralston and Keystone, LLC for the purchase of Lot 2, TMS Addition.

| RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING |) | |
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| THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY |) | |
| FROM KEYSTONE, LLC |) | RESOLUTION 2019-6 |

WHEREAS the City of Ralston is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, being a City of the First Class as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. $\S16 - 101$; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a comprehensive plan; one feature of the comprehensive plan is a major redevelopment referred to in the comprehensive plan as "the Hinge"; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken the Hinge project; and

WHEREAS, certain real estate within the area of the Hinge project is available for purchase and is vitally important to the Hinge project; the Mayor and City Staff have negotiated for the purchase and sale by the owner subject to statutory procedures and subject to the approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, the legal description of said real estate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of May, 2019, the City Council held a public hearing on the approval of the purchase of said real estate in conformity with Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1755 pursuant to notice published in the Ralston Recorder on May 15, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the City has received an appraisal of the property proposed to be purchased in conformity with Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-403.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ralston that the actions of the Mayor are hereby ratified and that the Mayor and City staff are authorized to perform the purchase agreement as presented to the Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of May, 2019.

CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA BY: /s/Donald A. Groesser, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

Approved as to form: /s/Mark A. Klinker, City Attorney

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Groesser opened the public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 1233, an Ordinance granting Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, a Delaware corporation, its lessees, successors and assigns, a natural gas franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain, and extend a natural gas distribution plan and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits of the City of Ralston, Nebraska at 6:56 PM.

Don Nordell, Senior Operations Manager, and Brandy Johnson, Community Affairs Manager, representing Black Hills Energy were present. Black Hills Energy has been proud to serve the City of Ralston for many years providing safe, reliable natural gas to the community. Ordinance 1233 is Black Hills Energy operating agreement with the City of Ralston. The ordinance is basically the rules and responsibilities for the City and for Black Hills Energy and how they operate within the City's right of ways. It is a 25 year franchise agreement.

Krause said the City did look at MUD to see if they might be a feasible energy provider. The conclusion was that the City should continue with Black Hills Energy. There being no further discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:58 PM. Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve Ordinance 1233 on first reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Krause introduced Ordinance No. 1234. Russell read Ordinance No. 1234 by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE ON BLACK HILLS/NEBRASKA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, A NATURAL GAS COMPANY

OPERATING IN THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Groesser opened the public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 1234 at 6:59 PM. Brandy Johnson, Community Affairs Manager, provided additional information on the franchise fee. There are many communities in the State of Nebraska that have franchise fees. The franchise fee is included as a line item on the customer's bill. It is collected on behalf of the City and then remitted back to the City. With the five percent annual franchise fee, the average residential customer's bill will increase about \$35.00 annually. The average commercial customer's bill will increase about \$77.00 annually. It is estimated the City may collect in revenue on an annual basis of \$93,000.00.

There being no further discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 7:01 PM. Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve Ordinance 1234 on first reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of a wage increase for the Library Director. Forrest said Bailey Halbur was hired last year as Library Director. Her employment agreement provided for moving her salary up over a period of three years to the median of Library Directors in similar libraries throughout the Omaha area. This would be step one from \$26.44 to \$28.80 an hour.

There being no further discussion, Kavanaugh moved and Krause seconded to approve the wage increase for Library Director Bailey Halbur from \$26.44 to \$28.80 an hour. Kavanaugh reported Halbur reached a benchmark as receiving the Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Designation of Gold". On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of his appointment of Timothy Bohling as Finance Director. Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Timothy Bohling as Finance Director. Groesser indicated Bohling had the opportunity to return to Ralston. Preis said he is glad Bohling is back but he hopes that people don't take employment with the City of Ralston as a revolving door where they can come and go as they please. This should be the exception, not the norm. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Konwinski. Motion carried.

Public comment: Amy Roeder, Chamber President, reported on the Chamber golf outing yesterday and the membership luncheon held today. Tunes in Town Square and the Bike Rodeo will be on Thursday.

Rich Shively, 7505 Washington Street, commented on a resident wanting to start a community garden. Tom Kjar, Park and Tree Commission Chair, said there was an individual who approached the Park and Tree Commission about the community garden. The Commission had a lot of questions for her to answer before presenting to the City Council. This project is on hold until next spring.

Leonardo reported he attended a luncheon in Lincoln where Officer Luke Brown received the MADD Hero Award.

Council comment: Fideline said he had not heard anything about the garden. Krause said the Park and Tree Commission met on that and there was not anything to bring forward to the council. Kavanaugh welcomed Bohling back. Sanchez enjoys meetings such as this and would love to hear more from the community more often.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk
Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS – 05-21-2019 – Above & Beyond, 1,500.00, Tree Removal; Access Systems Leasing, 2,218.09, Printers/Copiers; Action Batteries, Inc., 16.95, Battery; Agrivision Equipment Group, 694.27, Parts; Airgas USA, LLC, 111.06, Supplies; All American Publishing Invoices, 225.00, Advertisement; Ameripride Services, Inc., 101.03, Building Maint/Rugs; Asphalt & Concrete Materials, 1,179.48, Supplies; Brown, Dennis, 844.51, Direct Deposit Replacement; Center Point Large Print, 89.28, Books; Century Certified Services, 129.00, Pest Management/Control; City of Omaha Cashier, 60,361.20, Sewer Billing; CompChoice, 74.00, DOT Testing; Consolidated Management Co., 85.43, Training; Cornerstone Staffing, Inc., 6,152.30, Temporary Staffing; Coverall North America, Inc., 775.00, Carpet Cleaning; Cox Business Services, 599.64, Cable/Phone; Cutchall Management, 5,843.00, Sales Commissions; Eakes Office Solutions, 130.25, Supplies; Echo Group, Inc., 59.20, Parts; Elm USA Inc., 92.75, Parts; First American Title, 410,000.00, Purchase of Property; Fleek, Brianna, 60.00, Janitorial; Gale/Cengage Learning, 23.25, Books; Great Western Bank-Visa, 3,851.76, Miscellaneous Supplies/Purchases; Groesser, Donald, 556.40, Reimbursement; Ingram Library Services, 2,190.48, Books; Integrated Solutions, Inc., 3,651.00, Computer Support/Services; J & M Displays, Inc., 25,000.00, Fireworks; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, 831.88, Equipment; JDW Midwest, LLC, 3,370.00, Professional Services; Klinker, 4,740.00, Legal Services; Law Enforcement Seminars, LLC, 350.00, Training; Menards-Ralston, 46.43, Supplies; Mid-American Benefits, Inc., 50.00, Participant Fees; Motion Picture Licensing, 118.65, License; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 863.41, Fuel; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training, 400.00, Training; OCLC, Inc., 352.01, Cataloging & Metadata; Omaha World Herald, 689.92, Advertising & Legal Publications; O'Malley, Margaret, 299.75, Janitorial; One Call Concepts, Inc., 62.58, Locate Fees; Papillion Sanitation, 50.91, Services; Port-A-Johns, Inc., 140.00, Bathroom Rental; Quality Tire, Inc., 452.00, Tires; R & S Press, Inc., 385.00, Supplies; Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce, 45.00, Luncheon; Ralston Automotive, 1,226.19, Supplies; Ralston-Byers Insurance Agency, 225.00, Official's Bond; Recorded Books, Inc., 167.13, Books; Schemmer Associates, 3,800.00, Mill & Overlay Project; The Marpa Group, 280.00, Seminar; Trans Union Risk & Alternative, 50.00, Services; Wex Bank/Shell, 66.50, Fuel/Fee.