

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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 Konwinski, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Council member Fideline 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 Lynette Janssen, Ralston United Church of Christ, 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.

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

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

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

Freshman had no report; however, Konwinski asked him to report on the status of potholes as she has received a number of complaints, especially on 77th Avenue. Freshman said that right now their priority is working on the tall grass and taking out volunteer trees and noxious weeds. They hope to be done with that by the middle of next week and then will resume filling potholes. The plan is to place a barricade on 77th Avenue because it has been a troublesome spot. Forrest indicated turning the attention to the tall grass and weeds was at his direction. Freshman said they rented a tractor and a brush hog and the crews have made very good progress. He is hoping to get back to repairing potholes sooner rather than later. The Public Works crew is probably halfway done with the first round of potholes. They have used over 130 tons of asphalt this year.

Bohling reported the monthly financial report is included in the council packets.

Leonardo reported the June statistical police report is included in the council packets.

Halbur reported the Baright Library Foundation has organized for Joel Satorie to speak at the Library on July 27th at 1:00 PM. Mr. Satorie is presenting his National Geographic photo ark project.

Krajewski reported on the Buddy Guy ticket sales and upcoming arena events: Disney's Dance Upon a Dream and Dancing with the Stars. Krajewski reviewed the Ralston Arena capital expenditure list. These are projects that will be done at the arena with Spectra's capital investment. Krajewski said they are concentrating on items that are either "budget relieving" or "revenue generating". Some of the items on the list are monitors, cameras, etc. These are items that are at the end of their life and they need to be replaced.

The items that are considered "budget relieving" include the loading dock sump pump replacement; pole barn construction; the plexi-glass conversion in the main arena taking the place of glass. Krajewski commented on making changes to become more accessible for concessionaire service. There are also plans to install a service window coming out of the Bullet Lounge into the breezeway.

Also included are the transition costs which were covered by Spectra, estimated at \$65,000. The \$100,000 show fund will be used to incentivize promoters to come to the Ralston Arena. It important to note that the capital investment list is Spectra's contribution, not City money.

Groesser read the proclamation proclaiming August 11, 2019 as Metro Youth Bowler's Day in the City of Ralston.

Groesser opened consideration of the special designated license for Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for a fundraiser at Hillcrest Landing on September 27, 2019, alternate date of October 11, 2019. Amy Roeder, Chamber President, said this is for the sixth annual Ral-Stein Festival. Last year 34 Chamber businesses participated and over 500 people attended the festival.

There being no further discussion, Konwinski moved and Krause seconded to approve the special designated license for Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for a fundraiser at Hillcrest Landing on September 27, 2019, alternate date of October 11, 2019. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Fideline. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of Papillion Sanitation's recycling rate increase. Matt Connell, representing Papillion Sanitation, reviewed First Star Recycling's processing fee increase. As of August 1st, the processing fee charged to haulers will increase by nearly 350 percent from \$30.00 per ton to \$110.00 per ton. Papillion Sanitation will increase the recycling costs per residence from \$.26 a month to \$.97 a month, a \$.71 home increase effective August 1, 2019.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Kavanaugh seconded to approve the Papillion Sanitation recycling rate increase. Konwinski inquired if a home chooses not to recycle if they will still get charged and Connell indicated it is a flat rate in accordance with the agreement. Groesser called for the vote. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Fideline. Motion carried.

Public comment: Dave Shively, 8049 State Street, commented on the tall grass program in the parks and the right of ways. Forrest said if the program cannot be managed properly, it is not going to be done. It is a long-term change in direction.

Shively commented on the First Responders Memorial in Koch Park. He has emailed Mrs. Richards and asked her to have her son finish the project as the Fire Department would like to have a memorial service in Koch Park in October.

Amy Roeder, Chamber President, thanked everyone for the help with the Independence Day celebration.

Council comment: Groesser informed everyone of a special City Council meeting on July 23rd at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing changes to the City's health insurance. Groesser expressed thanks to Leonardo's and Freshman's departments for all the work everyone did for the Independence Day celebration.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Special meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Next regular meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS – 07-16-2019 – A & C Tree Service, 600.00, Tree Removal; AAA Rents, 403.10, Rental; Access Systems Leasing, 2,218.09, Printers/Copiers; Agrivision Equipment Group, 1,425.16, Parts/Repairs; Ameripride Service, Inc., 106.23, Building Maint/Rugs; Asphalt & Concrete Materials, 562.50, Hot Mix; Blue to Gold, LLC, 127.00, Training; Caselle, Inc., 1,151.00, Contract Support; Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, 4,625.00, Former Employee; Cengage Learning, Inc., 68.25, Books; Century Certified Services, 129.00, Pest Management/Control; City of LaVista, 1,767.59, Special Services Bus; CompChoice, 50.00, New Hire Medical Testing; Cox Business Services, 1,020.85, Services; Diamond Laundry Service, Inc., 49.90, Laundry; Diamond Vogel Paint, 615.13, Paint; Dolphens Design & Sign, 450.00, Signs; Eakes Office Solutions, 80.38, Office Supplies; Experian, 27.48, Services; Factory Motor Parts Co., 404.61, Parts; Fleek, Brianna, 60.00, Janitorial; Fontenelle Forest, 150.00, Program; Galls, LLC, 237.00, Equipment; Great Plains Uniforms, LLC, 272.50, Uniforms; Great Western Bank Wealth Management, 10,970.36, Pension; Ingram Library Services, Inc., 3,015.31, Books; Klinker, Mark, 2,167.50, Legal Services; League of NE Municipalities, 445.00, Conference; Lueders Lock & Key, Inc., 117.00, Service Call; Martin Asphalt, 203.50, Supplies; Menards-Ralston, 21.32, Supplies; Metro, 493.00, Service Contract; Metro Landscape Materials, 192.00, Materials; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., 115.52, Document Scanning; Mid-American Benefits,

Inc., 45.00, Cobra Administration; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 1,141.03, Fuel; Omaha Douglas Publ Bldg Comm., 8.75, Parking; Omaha Public Power District, 15,432.18, Utilities; O'Malley, Margaret, 154.00, Janitorial; One Call Concepts, Inc., 58.02, Locate Fee; Papillion Sanitation, 417.76, Trash Collection; Port-A-Johns, Inc., 140.00, Portable Restroom Rental; Purchase Power, 1,393.00, Supplies; Puritan Manufacturing, Inc., 1,475.00, Shop Supplies; Ralston Automotive, 43.56, Supplies; Ralston Public Schools, 2,250.00, Liquor License Fees; Recorded Books, Inc., 47.84, Acorn TV; SAC Museum, 250.00, Demo; Sentrinx Security Solutions, 810.66, Camera Repair; TNT Cleaning, 500.00, Janitorial; Trans Union Risk & Alternative, 50.00, Services; Unique Management Services, Inc., 26.85, Placements; Verizon Wireless, 1,037.95, Cell Phones; Westlake Ace Hardware, 91.01, Supplies.