

Regular Council Meeting

July 8, 2020

The Wakefield City Council met in a regular meeting on July 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 407 Main Street at 5:30 P.M. with the following present: **Present:** Val Bard, Ross Hansen, Scott Hansen, Larry Soderberg. Also present: Mayor Eaton, City Administrator Litchfield, City Attorney Miner, Utility Foreman Mogus, Administrative Coordinator Decker, and Clerk Dolen.

Mayor Eaton opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Eaton informed those present of the Nebraska Open meetings Law, and where a copy of such was posted in the Council Chambers for review.

Action on the minutes from June 10, 2020 meeting -

Val Bard: Present, Ross Hansen: Present, Scott Hansen: Present, Larry Soderberg: Present.

Council Member Ross Hansen moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting as written. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Action on the minutes from June 17, 2020 Emergency meeting -

Council Member Val Bard moved to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2020 Emergency Council Meeting as written. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: Abstain (With Conflict), Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Action on the June 2020 Treasurer's Report -

Council Member Ross Hansen moved to approve the June 2020 Treasurer's report. Council Member Larry Soderberg seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval of Michener Street Change Order #1: -\$15,634.08 -

Taylor Kube joined the meeting via ZOOM on behalf of Olsson. He said the decrease in price was due to quantity changes of the sub-grade prep work.

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to approve Change Order #1 for Michener Street Paving Project for a decrease of \$15,634.08. Council Member Larry Soderberg seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval Michener Street Pay Request #1 - \$411,035.20 -

Kube stated this Pay Request #1 from Steve Harris Construction included the entire project but 5% retainage to be held back while the contractors worked on a few punch list items. Kube said by the regular meeting in August the project should be completed and closed out.

Council Member Val Bard moved to approve Michener Street Pay Request #1 for CDBG 18-PW-013 to Steve Harris Construction in the amount of \$411,035.20. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approve Change Order #2 for South Main Paving Project: \$6,918.44 -

Kube said Change Order #2 for the South Main Paving Project was a result of replacing extra sections of concrete on the existing Street to the immediate north of the paving project that were broken up and deteriorated.

Council Member Larry Soderberg moved to approve Change Order #2 for South Main Paving Project for an increase of \$6,918.44. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval South Main Pay Request #3 -\$19,460.16 -

Kube stated Pay Request #3 was the final request and would close out the project.

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to approve Pay Request #3 for South Main Paving Project to A-R Construction in the amount of \$19,460.16. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Action on Purchase Agreement with Christensen Well -

Craig Reinsch addressed the council on behalf of Olsson. He said he visited the fourth proposed site currently owned by Christensen Well & Irrigation prior to the meeting and it would likely be sufficient for the new Water Treatment Plant. Reinsch stated that he thought there was room for a driveway approach without having to tube the drainage ditch to the east as previously thought. Attorney Miner stated that a public hearing would have to be held before purchase could take place, but that a resolution could be passed authorizing the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Council Member Larry Soderberg introduced Resolution 13-2020, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for a tract of land from Christensen Well & Irrigation, Inc. for the purpose of providing a suitable location for a new City water treatment facility, and moved for its final passage. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Val Bard then moved to set the public hearing for August 12, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Passage of Ordinance 7-2020 to increase water rates -

Council Member Val Bard moved to amend Section 2 of Ordinance 7-2020 setting the Volume Rate Charge at \$3.00 per thousand gallons of water used to those residing outside of the corporate limits of the City. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 7-2020. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Ross Hansen then moved for final passage of Ordinance 7-2020 as amended, establishing rates to be paid by the users of water services provided by the City of Wakefield to the public; repealing all other rates or ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to establish an effective date. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Passage of Resolution 11-2020 for Sales Tax ballot question -

The council discussed Resolution 11-2020, which would approve the 2020 Sales Tax ballot question. Attorney Theresa Miner stated that the ballot question had to be filed to the county clerk by September 1, 2020. Two town hall meetings are scheduled in July for feedback from that public that will likely change the final version that goes on the ballot. No action was taken.

Request by Balloons N' BBQ committee for street closure -

Megan Weaver addressed the Council on behalf of the Balloons N BBQ committee to request street closure for the festivities planned on September 26, 2020.

Council Member Val Bard moved to approve the street closures on September 26, 2020 as recommended by the Balloons N BBQ committee. Council Member Larry Soderberg seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Passage of Resolution 12-2020 to formally ratify meetings held via ZOOM -

Council Member Val Bard introduced Resolution 12-2020 to ratify all actions taken by the Mayor and Council at meetings held by electronic communications or by telephone from March 17, 2020 through June 30, 2020, and moved for its final passage. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval of New Construction Building Permit #20 -

Council Member Larry Soderberg moved to approve New Construction Building Permit #20-2020 for Lee Foote Construction, LLC. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval of New Construction Building Permit #21 -

Chad Sebade addressed the Council briefly on his plans to build a speculative house at 105 12th Street. He expects the house to be completed by Spring 2021.

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to approve New Construction Building Permit #21 for Sebade Construction, LLC. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approve CAC recommendations for LB840 Loan -

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to approve the LB840 loan as recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approval of CDBG 18-PW-013 DD #13 for \$10,572.60 -

Council Member Val Bard moved to approve CDBG 18-PW-013 Drawdown #13 reimbursement request for \$10,572.60. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Pay for property damage on Michener Street Project -

Council Member Ross Hansen moved to pay \$321.00 for the costs to repair an underground dog fence damaged at 711 Michener Street during the Michener Street Paving Project. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Approve addition to Class C liquor license -

Council Member Ross Hansen moved to approve the application from Oak Street Station LLC for an addition to their existing Class C liquor license. Council Member Larry Soderberg seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Mayor's public comment period -

Leslie Bebee addressed the Council during the Mayor's public comment period.

UTILITY FOREMAN REPORT -

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: -

Sales Tax Update -

Legislative Update -

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM: -

Police Review -

Community Redevelopment Authority -

Planning Commission -

Park Board -

Library Board -

Civic Center Board -

Fire Department -

Citizen Advisory Committee -

Cemetery Board -

Hatchery Board -

Rehab Board -

Tree Board -

CLAIMS -

Council Member Scott Hansen moved to approve the claims. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

ADJOURN -

Council Member Val Bard moved to adjourn at 6:34 P.M. Council Member Scott Hansen seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: aye, Larry Soderberg: aye

Paul Eaton, Mayor

State of Nebraska)
County of Dixon)
City of Wakefield)

I, the undersigned City Clerk of Wakefield, Nebraska, do certify that all the subjects in the attached proceedings, were contained in the agenda for the meeting on July 8, 2020 kept current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours to the meeting, that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Zach Dolen, City Clerk