

## **APRIL 15, 2024 CC MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, was held in open and public session at 7:00, on Monday, April 15, 2024, at the Fort Calhoun Council Chamber, 110 S 14<sup>th</sup> St, in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, said form of notice being a designated method for giving notice, an affidavit of publication being attached to these minutes.

Advance notice of this meeting was also given to the Mayor and all Council Members. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council Members.

In accordance with Section 84-1412 sub section eight (8) of the Reissue Revised State Statutes of the State of Nebraska 1943, as amended, one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed is available to the public at this meeting for examination and copying.

Mayor Robinson stated persons wishing to address the Governing Body on an agenda item shall wait to be identified by the Presiding Officer; then, after stating their name and address for the record, may proceed to speak. No person, other than the Council and the person having the floor will be permitted to enter any discussion without the permission of the Presiding Officer. Remarks shall be limited to five minutes unless extended or limited and repetitive or cumulative remarks may be limited or excluded by the Presiding Officer.

Please note that the meeting minutes are not approved until the next regular City Council meeting.

On roll call, the following Council Members answered present: Nick Schuler, John Kelly, Bob Prieksat, and Andy Bowser.

Mayor Robinson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Mayor Robinson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With a quorum present, Mayor Robinson presided, and the clerk recorded the proceedings.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the following consent agenda: *March 18, 2024, City Council minutes; Treasures Report for March; April 1, 2024, Planning Commission minutes; April 4, 2024, Park Committee minutes; March 26, 2024 Enhancement Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; March 2024 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Kelly, Schuler, Prieksat, and Bowser voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the March bills. Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the following bills: *ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 318.75 - SER, ACCESS SYTEMS LEASING - 366.84 - SER, AMGL CPAS & ADVISORS - 9950.00 - PROF, BLAIR ACE HARDWARE - 35.98 - SUP, BOMGAARS - 571.94 - SUP, CARQUEST - 22.57 - SUP, 74.45 - SUP, CITY OF BLAIR - 3009.83 - UTL, CONOCO FLEET - 340.36- FUEL, CORNERSTONE SURVEYING LLC - 335.00 - EXP, COX BUSINESS - 525.50 - UTL, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 1852.62 - PROF, 5555.00 - PROF, EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES - 853.00 - EXP, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 62.00 - SER, 146.35 - SER, 9.09 - SER, 54.53 - SER, HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO - 574.78 - EXP, IDEAL PURE WATER - 18.75 - SER, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - 327.95 - EXP, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00 - SER, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 5806.55 - PROF, 498.75 - PROF, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 67.93 - SER, M.U.D. - 215.65 - UTL, MIDWEST EXCAVATING SERVICES LLC - 81865.39 - CAPIMP, NE DEPT REV-LOTTERY TAX - 1229.00 - TAX, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 515.00 - TEST, 15.00 - TEST, NEBR RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION - 445.00 - TRNG, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2519.67 - TAX, O.P.P.D. - 3467.38 - UTL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 38.28 - SER, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 4464.43 - UTL, 757.62 - UTL, POSTMASTER - 200.34 - EXP, 320.00 - EXP, SAND CREEK CONSTRUCTION CO - 17684.87 - CAPIMP, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 840.00 - PROF, VERIZON WIRELESS - 128.64 - EXP, VISA - 1519.93 - EXP, WASHINGTON CO. REG. OF DEEDS - 16.00 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 6493.76 - SER, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER - 3915.87- TAX, Total - 140620.48; with members Schuler, Kelly, Bowser, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.*

Steve Workman, 1721 Clay St, discussed the stop sign on Clay Street. He doesn't think that the stop sign is fixing the speeding issue. Mayor Robinson presented a comparison of the radar from March 2023 to March 2024 (going west on Clay) and speeding has decreased. Mayor Robinson said they will get some thoughts together and come up with a solution for the speeding.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by Kelly to approve Change Order No. 1 for Midwest Excavating for the 2020 Lift Station Flood Protection Improvements project. Lucas Billesbach, City Engineer, explained changes. A materials test failed which resulted in a deduction. Changes that were an addition to the project cost were excavating modifications, repairs to backfill material, and adding concrete pavement and sidewalk. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Bowser voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by Schuler to approve Scope Change No. 3 for JEO Consulting Group for the 2020 Lift Station Flood Protection Improvements project. The change is for \$5,000.00. The project has exceeded their RPR construction observation time because the project has taken longer than expected. With members Kelly, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", Bowser voting "Nay" motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by Prieksat to approve Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$17,684.87 from Sand Creek Construction for the Adams Street Corridor Group B project. With members Kelly, Bowser, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Lucas discussed the Speed Control and Pedestrian Crossing Study. He took the comments from the last meeting to JEO and they coordinated with the state. The 25 MPH speed limit zone on the north end of town cannot be moved further north, but the state is open to a school zone on the north end of town. The state said a marked crossing on the south end of town would be supported as long as we are connecting a trail system. It would be difficult to have a trail on the west side of the south end of town because of the topography. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the Citywide Speed Control & Pedestrian Crossing Study as prepared by JEO Consulting Group. With members Bowser, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion to approve the appointment of Alicia Koziol, Sara Ruthven, Carson Pane, and Sunny Welchert to the Adams Street Plaza Events Committee. Member Schuler seconded the motion. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Kelly, and Bowser voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Kelly made a motion to approve \$15,000 in Keno funds to start an Adams Street Plaza Events Fund. Member Bowser seconded the motion. With members Schuler, Kelly, Bowser, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by Prieksat to approve \$6,500 in Keno funds for the Enhancement Committee Fund. With members Kelly, Bowser, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

The approval of Planning Commissions recommendation to move forward with a Housing Study for Fort Calhoun was tabled.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve Planning Commissions recommendation to move forward with the process of updating the Future Land Use map. With members Bowser, Prieksat, Schuler, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the new city logo.

**Monthly bill review:**

February (Jan bills) - Kelly

March (Feb bills) - Bowser

April (March bills) - Mayor Robinson

May (April bills) - Schuler

After a vote, Mayor Robinson stated for the record, the motion was made, seconded and carried for the council to go into closed session, necessary for the protection of the public interest, to discuss property negotiations at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting in open session at 8:23 p.m. No action was taken.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk