

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 CC MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, was held in open and public session at 7:01, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the Fort Calhoun Council Chamber, 110 S 14th 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: Andy Bowser, John Kelly, Bob Prieksat. Member Nick Schuler was absent.

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 treasurer recorded the proceedings.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the following consent agenda items: *January 23, 2023 City Council minutes; Treasures Report for January; February 6, 2023 Planning Commission minutes; February 2, 2023 Park Committee minutes; Maintenance Report; January 2023 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics.* With members Schuler, Bowser, Kelly, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the bills. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Kelly to approve the following bills: ABE'S PORTABLES - 125.00, ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 318.75, ACCESS SYSTEMS - 67.48, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 445.60, 343.17, AFLAC - 118.95, 16.25, BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3185.33, BOMGAARS - 275.68, CARQUEST - 173.33, CENTRAL TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - 120.00, CHASE BANK - 155.00, CITY OF BLAIR - 2755.92, CLINE WILLIAMS - 372.50, 786.00, CONOCO FLEET - 697.34, CORE & MAIN - 503.24, 950.01, 1603.60, 400.90, CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE - 377.01, EFTPS - 1419.54, 332.02, 835.24, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 5100.00, 2173.75, EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES - 48544.00, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 63.00, 7.21, 293.97, 106.20, 28.35, FASTWYRE BROADBAND - 468.43, GWORKS - 568.00, IDEAL PURE WATER - 17.75, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 2869.91, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. - 1120.00, 1745.00, 360.00, JOHNDEERE FINANCIAL - 898.01, KAMB & C ENTERPRISES - 65.00, LEAGUE OF NEBR. MUNICIPALITIES - 395.00, LIBERTY MUTUAL - 800.00, M.U.D. - 743.03, MULHALL'S LANDSCAPE - 3867.50, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC./NE - 248.18, MUTUAL OF OMAHA - 72.00, 18.00, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 263.00, 252.00, NEBR RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION - 350.00, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 375.85, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2164.74, 2173.96, O.P.P.D. - 3232.10, ODEY'S INC. - 764.95, 5125.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 11.92, POSTMASTER - 203.52, QUILL CORPORATION - 20.98, 59.28, 25.59, 29.84, STARNET TECHNOLOGIES - 240.00, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 175.00, THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1742.02, VERIZON WIRELESS - 128.34, VERNON MANUFACTURING - 127.50, VISA - 1717.13, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF - 6493.76, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER - 600.00, Total - 113226.63; with members Prieksat, Schuler, Bowser, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Randy with NeRWA discussed the water/sewer rate study. The rate increases are based off what it would take to meet the last two years budgets. He looked at the gain and loss for the city to come up with the rates. He provided the council examples of other community's rates that have a similar population and system. Randy recommends looking at the rates every two years. The rate increase will be adopted by ordinance in April.

Lucas Billesbach, Embris Group, gave an update on the 2022 Lift Station Flood Protection project. NEMA gave extension on completion of project. Zach, with JEO, moved bid date three weeks out, which is set for February 28th.

Jeff Ray, JEO Planner, presented the 2023 Strategic Plan. He discussed the priorities laid out in the plan and acknowledged the projects completed since the 2015 Strategic Plan. Based off survey results and the stakeholder committee workshop, the top priorities of the 2023 Strategic Plan include: Downtown Business District (Tier 1), Housing (Tier 1); Economic Devel (Tier 2), Recreation (Tier 2), Tourism (Tier 2); Community Growth (Tier 3). The Strategic Plan should be considered when the council is creating new policies and making decisions for the community. It is also important for creating the Capital Improvement Plan and when applying for grants.

Member Schuler introduced **Resolution 2023-1 2023 Strategic Plan** and moved for its passage and adoption. Member Prieksat seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted "Aye": Kelly, Prieksat, Schuler, and Bowser. The passage and adoption of said Resolution having been concurred by most of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution adopted and, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Resolution and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, THE City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska has committed to the development of the 2023 Fort Calhoun Strategic Plan for the City of Fort Calhoun; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort Calhoun Strategic Planning Committee participated in the formulation of the plan, and is in support of the City of Fort Calhoun adopting said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, herewith adopts said plan, incorporating stakeholders' comments and recommendations.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of February 2023.

THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA
Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:
Alicia Koziol, City Clerk

Member Kelly made a motion seconded by member Bowser to approve the mayor to authorize an agreement, and hold off on the guaranteed maximum price (GMP), with Sand Creek Construction Company of Wahoo, NE to act as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Adams Street Plaza Group B project. Council would like to see a breakdown of costs with the GMP before approving it. With members Schuler, Bowser, Kelly, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the Water Supply Contract between the City of Fort Calhoun and Desoto Park Estates, Inc. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Bowser, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

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 land purchase at 7:48 p.m. Community Coordinator, Deb Sutherland, was invited to attend.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting in open session at 8:15 p.m. Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Schuler to approve the mayor to negotiate land purchase. With members Kelly, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", member Bowser voting "Nay", motion carried.

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk