

## **MARCH 20, 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 7:00, on Monday, March 20, 2023, 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: Andy Bowser, John Kelly, Bob Prieksat, and Nick Schuler.

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 Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Bowser to approve the following consent agenda items: *February 21, 2023 City Council minutes; Treasures Report for February; Maintenance Report; February 2023 Washington County Sheriff's Statistics*. With members Schuler, Bowser, Kelly, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

The Park Committee minutes for Thursday, March 2, 2023 were discussed. Member Boswer questioned why the Park Committee opened an account with the Washington County Community Foundation. It was explained the reason was so that the committee could be a part of a 501C-3 and receive donations to be made for Fort Calhoun Parks. Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by member Kelly. With members Prieksat, Schuler, Bowser, and Kelly voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mayor Robinson presented the bills. Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Bowser to approve the following bills: ABE'S PORTABLES - 125.00, ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC. - 318.75, ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING - 343.17, AFLAC - 118.95, 16.25, ALICIA KOZIOL - 254.14, BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE - 3185.33, BOBCAT OF OMAHA - 441.82, BOMGAARS - 106.37, CHASE BANK - 4995.00, CITY OF BLAIR - 2779.14, CLINE WILLIAMS -2000.00, CONOCO FLEET - 429.05, EFTPS - 1343.54, 314.22, 753.55, EMBRIS GROUP, LLC - 2081.25, 1275.00, ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP - 674.26, 10.35, FASTWYRE BROADBAND - 468.16, JDW MIDWEST, LLC - 275.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC. -1445.00, 2880.00, JM ONLINE - 767.40, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL - 21.88, JOHNSON CONTROLS -427.00, M.U.D. - 458.65, MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRY SUPPLY - 896.22, 1863.26, MUTUAL OF OMAHA- 18.00, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB - 15.00, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - 339.70, NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERK INSTITUTE - 393.00, NEBRASKA SALES TAX - 2447.97, O.P.P.D. - 1735.56, 3270.36, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC - 10.78, PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER N. R. D. - 2824.75, 3207.99, POSTMASTER - 196.32, ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS INC- 902.50, SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS - 1949.94, TALBOT LAW OFFICE - 756.35, , THE AMERICAN FUNDS GROUP - 1680.55, VERIZON WIRELESS - 128.34, VISA - 1010.23, WOODHOUSE FORD CHRY - 96.72, Total – 52051.77; with members Kelly, Prieksat, Schuler, and Bowser voting "Aye", motion carried.

The public hearing relating to APPROVAL OF THE 2023 FIREWORKS LICENSES: MY INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS & INDEPENDENCE PYRO COMPANY (ON BEHALF OF FCYSO) opened at 7:07 p.m. There were no written or public comments. The public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by Schuler to approve the 2023 Fireworks License: My Independence Day Fireworks. With members Bowser, Kelly, Prieksat, and Schuler voting "Aye", motion carried.

Member Prieksat made a motion seconded by Schuler to approve the 2023 Fireworks License: Independence Pyro Company. With members Schuler, Bowser, Kelly, and Prieksat voting "Aye", motion carried.

Mitch Strong, Outreach Coordinator –Habitat for Humanity, discussed the Rock the Block in Fort Calhoun on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is the first year they are doing the event in Fort Calhoun. They are teaming up with OPPD to put on the event and volunteers from the community are encouraged to join. There is a QR code to sign up to volunteer or to sign up to have your house worked on. It is all outside work which can include landscaping clean-up, light painting, brush removal, minor exterior repairs, etc. Ken Mar, Area Director – Habitat for Humanity, discussed programs they bring in. One of the main programs they offer is a 0% interest Home Repair Program. It covers homes that need HVAC and water heaters. They also do siding, roofing, and repair sidewalks. Deb and Alicia will begin going out and knocking on doors to see who wants work done at their house.

Member Schuler made a motion seconded by member Prieksat to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Adams Street Corridor Group B project as presented from Sand Creek Construction in the total of \$503,000.00 and authorize the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Lucas explained that this would be the max price as long as we don't change scope (adding things to the project). Deb Sutherland has been working on getting grants and donations for the project. The city received a \$50,000 grant from an anonymous foundation as well as a \$50,000 NRD grant. With members Schuler, Kelly, Prieksat voting "Aye", Bowser voting "Nay", motion carried.

Lucas Billesbach, Embris Group, presented the bid tab for the Lift Station Flood Protection Improvements project and discussed funding implications. The bids came in much higher than JEO estimated but the bids represent what the actual cost of the project should be. Project is funded through FEMA with a 75% grant and a 25% local share. For the local share of the project, the state SRF program is giving the city a 0% loan. There are two funding options (with FEMA overage assistance and without). There will be a special meeting on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to approve the bid.

Member Prieksat to introduce **Ordinance 799** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA, RATIFYING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2023, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$180,000, AND ORDINANCE NO. 798 OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Member Prieksat made a motion to waive the three readings. Member Bowser seconded the motion. With members voting Prieksat, Bowser, and Kelly "Aye", and Schuler abstaining, motion carried. Member Prieksat made a motion for final approval of Ordinance 799 and member Kelly seconded. With members Kelly, Prieksat, and Bowser voting "Aye", Schuler abstaining, motion carried.

Council discussed vacant buildings on main street/the highway. Downtown Business District was a main priority in the Strategic Plan. The mayor explained they are looking into different options for the vacant buildings. They will discuss them in more detail next month and come up with a process and plan to handle them.

Dates for Annual Spring Clean-Up, providing dumpsters at the City Shop: Friday, March 31st through Sunday, April 30th  
*\*Note, FCFD Fire Chief Dan Mallory will allow Open Burning with a BURN PERMIT during this time*

Following a motion and vote, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mitch Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST: Alicia Koziol, City Clerk