**Minute Record**

**HOLDREGE CITY COUNCIL January 2, 2024**

Holdrege City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 502 East Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska, with Mayor James Liffrig presiding. Councilmembers Corey Wiese, Lola Tiller, Larry Gibbons, Dale Herrington, Trent Fuecker and Ben Johnson were present. Councilmembers Staci Wolfe and Nicholas Smith were absent. City staff in attendance were Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, Kim Parsons, Brian Brinkman, Martin McIntire, Dane Jensen and Chris Rector. Media was represented by Tunney Price of the Holdrege Daily Citizen.

Reasonable advance notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the city's designated method for giving notice, broadcast by radio station KUVR, posted on the city's bulletin board, and the Holdrege TownCloud website. The Mayor and Council received advanced electronic delivery of the agenda.

Mayor Liffrig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Clerk Dane Jensen announced, "State Law requires this body to announce at this time that a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the room where it is accessible to the public" and took roll. The mayor began the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Liffrig introduced, and Councilmember Tiller motioned to **approve the Consent Agenda, including:**

* 1. **this agenda and**
  2. **the payment of claims as submitted.**

Councilmember Gibbons seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson, Wiese and Tiller. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

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| **Claims: January 2, 2024** | | | |
| **Acct** | **Fund** |  | **$ Claim** |
| 11.01 | General Administration |  | 2,259.92 |
| 11.02 | Fire |  | 725.43 |
| 11.03 | Health & Sanitation |  | 22.05 |
| 11.04 | Community Development & Promotion |  | 57,483.53 |
| 11.05 | Public Buildings |  | 5,614.58 |
| 11.06 | Auditorium |  | 2,646.44 |
| 11.07 | Park |  | 4,669.50 |
| 11.08 | Pool |  | 62.88 |
| 11.09 | Library |  | 0 |
| 11.10 | Emergency Communications |  | 54,970.00 |
| 11.11 | Police |  | 15,897.89 |
| 11.12 | Street |  | 26,595.83 |
| 11.13 | Bond Fund |  | 0 |
| 11.14 | Equipment Maintenance  & Replacement |  | 394.25 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*171,342.30** |
| 13.16 | Special Assessments  Department 16 |  | **\*0** |
| 31.15 | Prairie Hill Landfill |  | **\*16,969.95** |
| 41.17 | Electric |  | 87,766.00 |
| 42.18 | Water |  | 11,856.95 |
| 42.19 | Sewer |  | 17,206.62 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*116,829.57** |
| 44.20 | Keno |  | **\*0** |
| 53.27 | Economic Dev. Revolving |  | **\*0** |
| 71.40 | ARPA Funds |  | **\*0** |
| 72.41 | Community Redevelopment Authority |  | **\*0** |
|  | **Complete Total:** |  | **\*\*305,141.82** |

Councilmember Fuecker motioned **to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2023, regular Council meeting** with a second by Councilmember Herrington. Roll call aye: Johnson, Smith, Tiller, Gibbons and Fuecker. Nay: none. Abstaining: Wiese. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

No one appeared to speak during Public Forum.

Mayor Liffrig introduced **Ordinance 2470, repealing Sections 2-205 and 2-206 of the Holdrege Municipal Code related to the Board of Plumbing Examiners and the Board of Electrical Examiners, respectively.** Following its first reading by Clerk Jensen, Councilmember Johnson moved its approval. Councilmember Herrington seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Wiese, Tiller, Gibbons, Herrington and Johnson. Nay: none. Abstaining: Fuecker. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

Following the introduction and **first reading of Ordinance 2471 vacating the alley between Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 23, Original Town of Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska,** Councilmember Wiese motioned for its approval. Councilmember Fuecker seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Tiller, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson and Wiese. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

Mayor Liffrig introduced **Ordinance 2472,** **vacating that portion of North Railway Street adjacent to the south side of Block 23, Original Town of Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska**. Clerk Jensen gave the first reading of Ordinance 2472, and Councilmember Herrington moved its approval. Councilmember Gibbons seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Fuecker, Johnson, Wiese, Tiller, Gibbons and Herrington. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2473, vacating a portion of Tilden Street between Block 23 and Block 29, Original Town of Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska,** was introduced by Mayor Liffrig and read aloud by Clerk Jensen. Councilmember Tiller seconded a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2473 by Councilmember Johnson. Roll call aye: Wiese, Tiller, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker and Johnson. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

Following the introduction and **first reading of Ordinance 2474 vacating a portion of the west 20 feet of Grant Street adjacent to Block 23, Original Town of Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska,** Councilmember Wiese motioned its approval with a second by Councilmember Johnson. Roll call aye: Tiller, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson and Wiese. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

In Open Discussion, Clerk Jensen requested Council members' opinions on using Zoom by request as opposed to starting a session for every meeting.

With no further discussion to be considered, Mayor Liffrig adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Regular meetings of the Council are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 502 East Avenue unless otherwise advertised. Agendas, as well as any ordinance, resolution or Agreement of the City, are kept on file, constantly current and available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 502 East Avenue in Holdrege.

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James P. Liffrig, Mayor

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Dane C. Jensen, City Clerk