**Minute Record**

**HOLDREGE CITY COUNCIL January 17, 2023**

Holdrege City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December January 17th, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 502 East Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska, with Mayor James Liffrig presiding. Councilmembers Corey Wiese, Lola Tiller, Staci Wolfe, Larry Gibbons, Dale Herrington, Trent Fuecker, Ben Johnson and Nicholas Smith were present. City staff in attendance were Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, Kim Parsons, Brian Brinkman, Mary Magill, 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 and posted on the City's bulletin Board and the Holdrege TownCloud web page. The Mayor and Council received advanced notification of the agenda by personal and electronic delivery.

Mayor James 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. Mayor Liffrig began the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

* 1. **this agenda,**
  2. **the payment of claims as submitted and**
  3. **the Treasurer's Report for December 2021.**

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

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| **Claims: January 17, 2022** | | | |
| **Acct** | **Fund** |  | **$ Claim** |
| 11.01 | General Administration |  | 7,105.95 |
| 11.02 | Fire |  | 7,674.88 |
| 11.03 | Health & Sanitation |  | 545.00 |
| 11.04 | Community Development & Promotion |  | 0 |
| 11.05 | Public Buildings |  | 27.42 |
| 11.06 | Auditorium |  | 4,026.27 |
| 11.07 | Park |  | 5,567.31 |
| 11.08 | Pool |  | 39.21 |
| 11.09 | Library |  | 0 |
| 11.10 | Emergency Communications |  | 6,408.12 |
| 11.11 | Police |  | 29,614.29 |
| 11.12 | Street |  | 23,554.14 |
| 11.13 | Bond Fund |  | 0 |
| 11.14 | Equipment Maintenance  & Replacement |  | 36,165.58 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*120,728.17** |
| 13.16 | Special Assessments  Department 16 |  | **\*0** |
| 31.15 | Prairie Hill Landfill |  | **\*14,326.01** |
| 41.17 | Electric |  | 713,994.22 |
| 42.18 | Water |  | 21,417.85 |
| 42.19 | Sewer |  | 15,805.43 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*751,217.50** |
| 44.20 | Keno |  | **\*1,788.00** |
| 53.27 | Economic Dev. Revolving |  | **\*47,062.63** |
| 71.40 | ARPA Funds |  | **\*0** |
| 72.41 | Community Redevelopment Authority |  | **\*0** |
|  | **Complete Total:** |  | **\*\*935,122.31** |

A motion to **approve the minutes of the December 20th, 2022, special meeting of the City Council** by Councilmember Johnsonwas seconded by Councilmember Fuecker. Roll call aye: Smith, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker and Johnson. Nay: none. Abstaining: Wiese. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson motioned to **approve the minutes of the December 20th, 2022, regular Council meeting** with a second by Councilmember Smith. Roll call aye: Smith, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker and Johnson. Nay: none. Abstaining: Wiese. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Jensen administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Staci Wolfe.

During Public Forum, Chamber of Commerce CEO Lori Larson invited everyone to *Coffee with a Cop* at 4th Avenue Coffee on Thursday.

Olsson Business Consultant Leader Joe Johnson gave Council members an informative presentation on the use and implementation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He explained how to use TIF as a creative tool for redeveloping blighted and substandard areas of town to increase property values, create a strong tax base, and other benefits of TIF to the community.

Mayor Liffrig introduced Kasey Smith as a new member of the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department. Councilmember Wiese motioned to **approve Kasey Smith as a new member of the Fire Department** with a second by Councilmember Gibbons. Roll call aye: Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson, Smith and Wiese. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Council members reviewed an Application for Liquor License Manager from Holdrege Hotel Group, LLC. Councilmember Fuecker motioned to **approve the Liquor License Manager Application for Heather Shafer, Manager of the Cobblestone Inn and Suites in Holdrege**. Councilmember Herrington seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Johnson, Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington and Fuecker. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Phelps County Development Corporation Executive Director Ron Tillery told members that he is working with Administrator Rector on an application for a Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Grant. Mr. Tillery explained that lots would be available for development once the infrastructure is established and that he currently had someone interested in constructing a twenty-unit apartment complex on the property. Following a brief discussion, Councilmember Johnson motioned to **approve the submission of a grant application for Rural Workforce Housing funds** with a second by Councilmember Fuecker. Roll call aye: Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker and Johnson. Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Liffrig announced his appointment of Ashley Maloley to the Holdrege Airport Authority. He told members that Ms. Maloley is a pilot and had previously worked with the Authority on a project at Brewster Field, making her a good fit for the vacancy. Councilmember Smith motioned to **approve the appointment of Ashley Maloley to the Holdrege Airport Authority, fulfilling the term of Dan Powers, expiring December 18th, 2026**. Councilmember Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson and Smith. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gibbons motioned to **approve the second reading of Ordinance 2462 regarding the registration of vacant property in Holdrege** following its readingby Clerk Jensen. Councilmember Herrington seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson, Smith Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe and Gibbons. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

During Open Discussion:

* Chief McIntire introduced new Police Officers Koby Quintana and Stephan Johnston and updated everyone on Give to Grow and PCCF donations to the Department.
* Clerk Jensen reminded members of the League Conference in February.
* Administrator Rector told members that a bid package for irrigation and seeding or sodding of the baseball complex would soon be released.
* Councilmembers congratulated Ashley Maloley on her appointment to the Aiport Authority.
* Councilmember Fuecker inquired about Amtrak's slow progress in replacing the sidewalk next to the City parking lot north of Ironhorse Station.
* Councilmember Herrington welcomed Councilmember Wolfe, Authority member Maloley and new Police Officers Quintana and Johnston. He also commented on progress being made by the Midtown Sculpture Committee.
* Councilmember Tiller suggested that Council members consider having a retreat after the League Conference.
* Municipal Services Director Kim Parson informed everyone that crews would remove snow from downtown and residential streets after the predicted snowstorm.
* Mayor Liffrig reminded everyone to stay safe during the coming snowstorm.

With no other comment to be heard, 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