

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 2, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Not present - City Attorney	Mike Bacon
Council members	Jeff Kennedy		
	Randy Waskowiak		
	Jay Richeson		
	Verlin Janssen		
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer		
City Clerk / Treasurer	Brandi Kloopping		

Also present: Jacque Haupt from Miller & Associates, Attorney Colten Venteicher, Shane Gruber, J. Buddenberg, Mary Meisinger, Lori Long, Lauren Waskowiak, Devyn Ostendorf

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

Jacque Haupt with Miller & Associates stated that the application for 2018 Owner Occupied Reuse Grant is due on Friday, October 5th. The new grant would be able to help 19 homeowners as the current one is helping 12. Dawson Economic Development is encouraging us to apply again and there has been a local match given to the City. The applicant is found eligible, the home is inspected and home write ups are written about what needs fixed. The homeowner is given the funds and pays the contractor. The homeowner has to be current on property tax and have homeowners insurance.

Administrator Clymer stated we need to get the word out to citizens that it can help low income or fixed income residents with bad wiring, furnaces, water heaters and more, not just house structure. Haupt said they can build a waiting list for the next grant if people want to continue turning in applications. The new funds will be available after January 1st. No negative comments were received.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Resolution 2018-19 authorizing chief elected official to sign an application for CDBG funds. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approving the consent agenda that included:

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Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$166,353.96; Public Works Division \$116,538.12; and the September 26 payroll of \$35,535.62. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claim check # 91818039. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None.

No community comments.

Student Council members Lauren Waskowiak and Devyn Ostendorf asked to have the Homecoming parade go from the school to the downtown area and back at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018. They will have businesses judging the floats, adults driving the vehicles, and a police escort. They would like to continue the tradition from the 80's, 90's, and early 2000's that was brought back last year.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Homecoming parade and to split the insurance cost with the school. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

J. Buddenberg said he walked around Lake Helen when the butterflies were here and he thought a pollinator garden would be good. It has almost no expense and there are grants for any expense and any size of garden. He would like to see the school involved. He thought an open area away from trees approximately a half acre would be good.

Kennedy said there are grant opportunities through the state Arboretum that the tree board missed and they have a specialist to help with the design. The tree board has discussed the pollinator garden, but didn't follow through. Kennedy said the sprinkler system wouldn't be needed in the area.

Buddenberg said it's not a huge commitment and Central Platte NRD would pay up to \$2,000. He also talked to Scott Aden who works with Nebraska Game and Parks and found that December is a good time to plant. Native plants are ideal and wouldn't need water. Lake Helen is visible as the solar plant is not so that is why Buddenberg chose that area. If the school is open to being involved then south of the baseball field would be a good area also. Council is going to pass it to the tree board and have Buddenberg talk to the school. Kennedy will talk to Nate Baker on the tree board and then invite Buddenberg to their meeting.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the renewal of Nebraska Bar & Grill Class C liquor license. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #2 for OOR – 16-HO-33067 for \$6,525.00 and payment to CDS Inspections & Beyond. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Four applications need approved to move forward with the current OOR grant. The City has received write-ups from CDS Inspections and Beyond for these 4 applicants. Priority in the write-ups is first to be done and then Minimum Rehab Standards (MRS) have to be done. Then the homeowner works with their qualified contractor to get a bid if it can all be done for \$25,000 or the homeowner wants to pay the extra then it can all be done. It might be a possibility to get help with sidewalks also, but not a stand-alone grant. If CDS finds the home not economically feasible or it costs too much to fix the house, they tell before the write-up is written.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve write-ups for GOTH 03, GOTH 05, GOTH 06, and Goth 10 to move forward with their grants. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Discussion on the sidewalk repair program was taken up. The original letter requested repairs be done by 10/1/18, there is a proposed letter, sidewalk criteria, and a list of homeowners that have not fixed their sidewalks. The City has to give an estimated cost in the letter so the trouble is some might have several panels that need fixed and a few of them may be grinded down, but the others actually need new sidewalk, this is going to make it hard to get an accurate estimate. There is a note on the letter that states we may contract with an outside contractor for actual repair. This will give us a chance to hire a grinder to grind what can be ground. Precision Concrete Company would work for the City, but doesn't want to come out to individual property owners. The process will be to publish the name, address, and estimated

cost of repair for each property. Council will need to make the determination tonight to move forward with this and the list will be published on Oct 10th and certified letters will be sent to property owners. The City Code and State Statute say it has to be published. There are 2 places that are not ADA compliant, the concrete needs to be 4 inches thick. Some have put concrete down so that the lip isn't sticking up and it makes it smooth, but it won't last so they are still on the list.

Council members mentioned that many property owners have cooperated and that is much appreciated.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move forward with the publication and certified letters for the sidewalk repair program. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloeping, City Clerk