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| Present: Mayor –       | Joyce Hudson     |
| Council members        | Jeff Kennedy     |
|                        | Jay Richeson     |
|                        | Verlin Janssen   |
|                        | Randy Waskowiak  |
| City Administrator     | Bruce Clymer     |
| City Clerk / Treasurer | Brandi Kloopping |
| City Attorney          | Mike Bacon       |

Also present: Gary Steele with Miller & Associates, Shane Gruber, Jeff and Necole Miller, Jason Axthelm, Bob Meyer with RJ Meyer & Associates.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings at 12:00 noon. 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.

The public hearing on a zoning change from AG to I-2 in the area of part of the West ½ of section 24, T11N, R25W, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. was taken up. The property was recently annexed in and owned by the GIC. A Curtis attorney had called to be sure the property next to it would not be annexed in at any time. Otherwise, there were no concerns.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 12:02 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to introduce Ordinance 966 regarding zoning change. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

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

City Council minutes – April 3

Police Report – March

Treasurer's Report - March

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

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$47,752.43; Public Works Division \$407,696.51; and the April 11 payroll of \$32,497.87. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer said the City received a plaque for Tree City for 30 years.
- YMCA grand opening is Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The park looks nice with the new lighting.
- There have been positive comments from citizens about our police department.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 965 regarding LB840. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Mayor Hudson recommended appointment of a Citizen Advisory Review Committee with the following members:

Will Rahjes

Mishayla Freburg

Travis Anderson

Morgan Fornoff

Ben Kampschneider

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve appointment of the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. Roll call vote: Yea Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Three bids were reviewed for bids for the hay property; \$800 from Doug Sitorius, \$1,050 from Levi Messersmith, and \$1,290 from Doug Peterson.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to accept the bid from Doug Peterson for \$1,290. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

One proposal was reviewed for the depot building. Necole Miller put in a proposal of \$2,500 and then brought in an updated proposal of \$2,600 before the review. Jeff and Necole Miller would like to partner with Jason and Sharon Axthelm to move the depot south of Brady, NE. They would like to make it into an event venue. They want to update the condition and keep it as original as possible. Mr. Axthelm said they have engaged with Williams house moving and Dawson Public Power District. DPPD is on board with the move to be between June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the irrigation.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to accept the proposal from Necole Miller for \$2,600 for the depot building.

No discussion was had on the police vehicle bids.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the YMCA management agreement of \$39,000 with a three percent increase per year after. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Department of Economic Development CCCFF Contract. Roll call vote: Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Bob Meyer with RJ Meyer & Associates went through the audit with Council. There is a positive on cash flow and budgeting has helped with that, accounts payable should be and is small. Meyer stated the City will be cleaning up a lot of debt in a short time, debt schedules and debt to assets look good. Payroll had no issues and nothing unusual or unexpected on the retirement. Health insurance looks good, not many capital expenses. Overall, a very positive year.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve contingent on looking at the mowing number on page 49. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Discussion regarding 1/2 percent sales tax for recreation improvements was taken up. Kennedy is interested in pushing forward with the 1/2 percent to get it on the general election in November. There needs to be a committee to help get citizens on board and to make decisions. There could be a survey or a public meeting to get some feedback. Will plan to have a public hearing on May 22<sup>nd</sup> if Brenda with Miller & Associates is available.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. The next regular meeting will be May 1 at 5:30.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloeping, City Clerk