

The Ralston City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Fidelity, Alberhasky, Krause, Onken, Preis, & Groesser. Konwinski was absent. The agenda for this meeting was available at City Hall for public inspection and posted prior to the meeting. The legal notice for the meeting was published in the Ralston Recorder. Claims listed are approved and a part of these minutes.

Groesser gave the Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Law Posting.

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda by Krause, seconded by Preis All vote yes, motion carries.

Freshman reported that the sewer repair on the sanitary line is done on 78<sup>th</sup> Ave and the street is re-opened. Costanzo reported that Papillion Sanitation has informed the City of a rate increase of .18 per home per month, as landfill fees have gone up, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Costanzo said it was a very good month for Keno, at about \$146 thousand before taxes. Murtaugh reported for the Arena. Murtaugh said he has terminated the cleaning contract the Arena had, and will now be doing the cleaning internally, which will save \$54,000 per year. Murtaugh reported on the upcoming events, and said Council should be getting an email from the Arena every Monday that has current events with estimated attendance anticipated, which is sent out to neighboring businesses so they can staff accordingly. Murtaugh said the Arena is having a March Madness Sale, which is \$500 off banquet rental if booked by June 1, and the event held by December 31. Murtaugh said the Arena is also offering BOGO club seats for the Beef and Legends football seasons. Murtaugh reported that interviews have been completed for the Finance Director position.

Chief Murtaugh introduced Officer Matthew Kowalewski and swore him in to the Ralston Police Department.

Brian Penly, President of the Library Board of Trustees, reported on the Baright Library Accreditation with the Nebraska Library Commission. Penly explained what the Baright Library has accomplished to achieve the top level.

Consideration of Employment Agreement Between the City of Ralston and Ronald Murtaugh, Interim General Manager of the Ralston Arena was spoken to by Groesser. Groesser explained the details of the agreement, and a couple of changes that need to be made. Groesser said this is a standard agreement which protects all involved. After discussion, it was moved to approve the employment agreement, with changes discussed, by Onken, seconded by Krause. All vote yes, motion carries.

Consideration of Creating the Job Position of Salaried Exempt Full Time Concessions and Catering Assistant was spoken to by Murtaugh. Murtaugh said since the recent departure of the full time chef, he and the Food & Beverage Director have put together a modified organizational chart, which is included in the packets. Murtaugh said with these changes, they will save \$7,000 a year in salaries. The job position was moved for approval by Krause, seconded by Preis. All vote yes, motion carries.

Public Comments: Steve Bode, 4737 S 80<sup>th</sup>, asked for an update on an annual report for the Arena. Groesser said it is in progress, and it should be presented soon. William Henderson, 6749 S 81<sup>st</sup>, asked about the status of the HVAC consulting project. Groesser said the report has come back, and has been handed over to Trane, who is now the consulting group for the Arena HVAC system. Groesser said it should be presented to the Council soon. Henderson asked about warranty coverage. Walt Peffer, PJ Morgan, said at this point they are trying to determine what was a design issue, what was a construction issue, and what should be covered by warranty. Henderson asked about the process of hiring the next GM. Groesser said one thing they will focus on will be someone with a local interest in Ralston, and who understands the Omaha market and the Metro Area.

Council Comments: None

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Next Regular Meeting March 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM

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Dolores L. Costanzo  
City Clerk/ Treasurer

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Donald A. Groesser  
Mayor

Claims: Action Batteries-Supplies-\$24.00; Alamar-Uniforms-\$50.99; Ameripride-Janitorial-\$69.89; Ameritas-Insurance-\$1,217.68; Better Business-Copier-\$178.48; CJ's-Supplies-\$53.22; D Costanzo-Reimburse-\$195.91;

Cox-Utilities-\$3,118.72; Caselle-Support-\$551.67; Century Certified-Pest Control-\$68.00; LaVista-Bus Share-\$1,231.69; DC Treasurer-Forms-\$77.20; Eastern Library-Education-\$10.00; D Groesser-Reimburse-\$56.00; Woodhaven-Testing-\$340.00; Ingram-Books-\$2,884.89; Integrated-Support-\$2,000.00; Jack's-Uniforms-\$75.89; Micro-Books-\$209.61; Menard's-Supplies-\$222.65; Milliman-Professional-\$380.00; Medical Enterprises-Testing-\$70.00; NAPA-Parts-\$1,004.07; OPPD-Utilities-\$16,055.35; World Herald-Legals-\$964.08; Douglas Building Commission-Parking-\$8.75; M O'Malley-Janitorial-\$418.00; Black Hills-Utilities-\$1,056.79; Ralston Automotive-Parts/Labor-\$89.53; Recorded Books-Books-\$1,540.10; M Todd-Supplies-\$74.00; Zep-Janitorial-\$156.14; Benefit Plans-Administration-\$437.50; Omaha-Streets/Sewer-\$247,190.53; Scholastic Library-Books-\$676.00; Davidson-Books-\$68.33; Aflac-Insurance-\$2,317.20; Voss-Supplies-\$491.37; NE/IA Supply-Fuel-\$677.43; Shell-Fuel-\$1,779.98; Quill-Supplies-\$794.26; Service Master-Janitorial-\$340.00; Titan-Parts-\$974.53; Minitex-Supplies-\$178.00; Great Western-Expenses-\$6,335.85; Staples-Supplies-\$284.27; Verizon-Phones-\$1,849.37; JEO-Consult-\$2,790.00; Experian-Testing-\$27.24; NLA-Dues-\$10.00; OCLC-Subscription-\$256.90; Unique-Placements-\$35.80; Solution One-Copier-\$192.20; Infinet-Support-\$230.00; MidAmerican-Benefits-\$118.00; RASS-Security-\$453.75; One Call-Locate-\$24.60; D Moynihan-Reimburse-\$56.34; J Kramer-Reimburse-\$14.73; Puritan-Supplies-\$38.00; Truck Center-Parts-\$366.25; Trans Union-Credit Check-\$78.25; ABM-Janitorial-\$14,693.01; Absolutely Fresh-F&B-\$71.74; Aflac-Insurance-\$343.98; Legion-Rent-\$300.00; Ameritas-Insurance-\$347.36; Aramark-Uniforms-\$131.57; Armored Knights-Armored Car-\$226.20; L Bierman-Reimburse-\$218.87; Billings-Event-\$1,292.00; Carbonhouse-Website-\$500.00; Carpenter Paper-Janitorial-\$1,275.92; CenturyLink-Cable-\$517.53; ChicFila-Settlement-\$1,306.37; Chief Bus-Event-\$354.50; CJ's-Supplies-\$10.81; Concert Security-Security-\$9,749.59; Cox-Cable-\$914.20; Cutchall-Settlement-\$4,856.57; D&D-Equipment-\$480.00; Donut Express-Settlement-\$961.12; Dudley Movers-Event-\$700.00; Helget-F&B-\$232.80; Henderson-HVAC-\$40,509.24; E Herschlag-Reimburse-\$18.75; HyVee-F&B-\$226.22; Infinet-Support-\$1,202.50; Jitter Joes-Settlement-\$1,407.43; Linhart-Snow Removal-\$6,800.00; Maria's-Settlement-\$7,790.25; Menards-Supplies-\$134.29; MidAmerica Sound-Event-\$9,318.75; MidAmerican-Benefits-\$39.00; T Musgrave-Refund-\$100.00; NE Air Filter-HVAC-\$117.84; NE/IA Supply-Fuel-\$427.91; NMC-Rental-\$3,520.58; Omaha Steaks-Settlement-\$431.94; World Herald-Legals-\$202.00; Pepsi-F&B-\$3,975.27; Pinnacle-Payment-\$1,708.55; PJ Morgan-Consult-\$7,125.00; RASS-Security-\$3,307.75; Rotella's-F&B-\$157.79; Sarpy Chamber-Conference-\$75.00; Shell-Fuel-\$124.90; Sno Floss-Settlement-\$1,093.10; Sol's-Supplies-\$1,316.22; Staples-Supplies-\$117.32; TMS-Audio/Visual-\$18.10; Trane-Agreement-\$3,304.63; United Distributors-F&B-\$134.85; US Foods-F&B-\$4,719.88; Verizon-Phones-\$703.06; WA Enterprises-Lease-\$5,813.34; Water Engineering-Agreement-\$175.00.

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