

The Ralston City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Fidelity, Alberhasky, Krause, Onken, Preis, & Groesser. 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 Daily Record. There are no claims as 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 Konwinski. All vote yes, motion carried.

Freshman reported on trees and power lines that were down around town during the storm and various flooded streets. Freshman reported on a meeting with Mr. Kettlehut regarding the storm sewer on the north side of his service station. Freshman said the State is recommending elimination of the left turn onto 84th Street, which is Highway 85, coming out of Ralston Ave going west. Benis reported there was some water that came in the loading dock door at the arena from the storm. Benis reported on the upcoming events at the arena and on the kids from Karen Western coming to the arena for classes for the day due to a water main break at the school.

1st Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance #1196 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF RALSTON TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE CITY OF RALSTON; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES & LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, (14-15) was introduced by Konwinski. Groesser opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #1196. Amy Shreck, Account Manager for BKD, confirmed the budget complies with the .45-cent lid & that it also complies with the restricted funds calculation & was published. Schreck stated there have been a few minor clerical changes to the final document that will be submitted to the state, but this does not change the levy or any of the final budget numbers. Klinker recommended the Council approve the 1% additional increases as allowed by state statute, which has been built into the budget documents. Groesser closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance #1196. Krause made a motion for approval of the 1% increase as allowed by state statute, seconded by Preis. Groesser opened the Public Hearing for the increase of 1% for the additional increase as allowed by state statute. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. The vote: all yes, motion carries on the 1 % additional increase. Krause moved for approval of the override of Resolution #9018, seconded by Onken. Krause explained that this allows the City to use more than the interest from the lottery funds. Groesser opened the Public Hearing on the override of Resolution #9018. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. The vote: all yes, motion for override of Resolution #9018 carries. Konwinski then moved for approval of Budget Ordinance #1196, 1st Reading, seconded by Alberhasky. The vote: all yes, motion carries on 1st reading of Ordinance #1196. It was then moved by Krause, seconded by Preis to waive 2nd & 3rd readings, and move for final passage, on Ordinance #1196. The vote: all yes, motion carries to waive 2nd & 3rd readings of Ordinance #1196. Ordinance #1196 is approved & passed.

Groesser adjourned the meeting at 5:14PM.

Groesser reconvened the meeting at 5:14PM. City Attorney Klinker stated this meeting is still subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Costanzo noted that all City Council and the Mayor were still present.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Resolution #2014-5 - A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX AT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR was introduced by Konwinski. Groesser opened the Public Hearing. Groesser said the levy stays the same. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. Konwinski moved for approval of Resolution #2014-5 for the 2014/2015 budget year, seconded by Alberhasky. The vote: all yes, motion carries.

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM

Next Regular Meeting, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Special Meeting, September 30, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Dolores L. Costanzo
City Clerk/Treasurer

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

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