

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Ralston City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was called with the following present: Mayor Groesser and Council members Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. The agenda 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 part of these minutes.

Council member Alberhasky gave the invocation. Mayor Groesser welcomed the press and guests. Groesser said the meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act is posted at the rear of the Council Chambers.

The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the August 7, 2018 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Monthly Financial Report; and
4. Department Head and/or Commission Reports.

After discussion, Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Sanchez. Motion carried.

Freshman reported on the 84th Street bridge project. It is hoped to pour the deck within the next couple of weeks.

Bohling reported the 2018 total tax valuation has been received. The City's valuation is a 2.5 percent reduction in the valuations total levy.

Leonardo commented on the speeding issue on Drexel Street. The metro count was done for two weeks. The result was a total of 11,369 cars, with 10,643, or 94 percent, at 30 miles per hour or less and 76 cars, or .6 percent, going 10 miles per hour or above the speed limit.

Halbur reported the Library July statistics were included in the council packets.

Benis reported on arena events: the Zamora Concert held last weekend and the Roller Girls National Tournament and a huge rummage sale to be held this weekend.

Sanchez arrived at 5:34 PM.

For Forrest's report, he asked Konwinski to report on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held this past week. Konwinski said the commission discussed creating districts and the National Historic Registry. Another discussion was on the areas in which to create the districts which will run from 72nd Street up to the Burlington area.

Groesser opened discussion on the Ralston Arena Paving Investigative Study. Rob Duvall of Schemmer Associates, 1044 N. 115th Street, Suite 300, Omaha, said the scope of the project was to investigate the condition of the existing pavements surrounding the Ralston Arena, determine the options available to repair and/or replace these pavements, and provide a general maintenance plan for the pavements on-site.

What Schemmer found out was the subgrade was in poor condition. The issues are a combination of a number of issues including alkali-silica reaction (ASR), damage from deicing salts, poor drainage, and excessive traffic loads for the pavement thickness.

Schemmer's recommendations are to use a NDOT mix, 7-inch thick Portland Cement Concrete mix with an IPF cement that contains 25 percent Type F Fly Ash or 20 percent Type F Fly Ash and 20 percent ground granulated blast-furnace slag. The NDOT mix is different from the City of Omaha mix. Schemmer also recommended full replacement for all the panels because it will give the ability to place drain pipe and structures in the areas of repair and also regrade portions of the sidewalk and pavement to improve the drainage on-site.

Schemmer put together preliminary phases and estimates as well as a general maintenance plan. Discussion was held on the use of Fly Ash and the bidding procedures. DuVall indicated that Schemmer would try to make some grading changes if possible. Schemmer has recommendations for salts as part of the general maintenance plan and the best time of year to do the project is in the spring. Benis commented on the condition of the arena's main entrance and suggested doing the repair work on the main entrance sooner rather than waiting until springtime. After some discussion, Freshman said he didn't have a great solution given the time and the project size but offered to look at the arena's entrance and see what could be done in the meantime.

Groesser opened discussion on the proposed 2018-2019 budget time line. The Finance Committee met numerous times. It was suggested to have a budget workshop on August 28th and then follow up on September 4th and 6th if needed. The workshop on August 28th will begin at 5:30 PM and the workshop on September 4th will begin immediately following the regular city council meeting.

Groesser read a proclamation proclaiming August 24, 2018 as #BeKind Day in Ralston. Groesser explained the #BeKind Day activities and he thanked Dr. Adler and the Ralston School Board for putting this event together.

Groesser opened consideration of Ralston High School Homecoming Week Kick-Off Pep Rally in Ralston Town Square. Jordan Engle, 7205 S. Harrison Hills Drive #305,

Ralston and Joe Kilzer, Park Drive, Ralston, provided an outline of the kick-off event for homecoming week. It will be a community-wide event with Ralston High School, Ralston Public Schools Foundation and the Ralston Chamber of Commerce hosting the event. They would like to keep the tradition alive that Ralston currently holds and have a pep rally including the city and the school families. The date for the event is September 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM and the band will play the school fight song and a few other arrangements. The cheer and dance teams will perform and music will be played through the evening.

Engle asked that the streets be blocked off as they are for the July 3rd street party or the Tunes in Town Square event that is hosted in the same area. Letters will be sent out to businesses and the community describing the event and informing of the street closures.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Fideline seconded to approve the Ralston High School Homecoming Week Kick-Off Pep Rally in Ralston Town Square and closing of the streets. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the Mill & Overlay 2018 bid from Western Engineering in the amount of \$356,818.95. Freshman said the areas done will be the parade route at 82nd and Q Streets down to the five way intersection and continue from Main Street to 77th Street. Also, a strip on Highland Hill will be included and two other areas on 83rd Street and Wildewood Drive. Freshman recommended accepting the low bid from Western Engineering.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve the Mill & Overlay 2018 bid from Western Engineering in the amount of \$356,818.95. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Freshman said the schedule as of now is mid-September to late September or an early fall project to get in place before the snow.

Groesser opened consideration of the Waste Removal Service Proposal from Papillion Sanitation. Paul Breiterman, Papillion Sanitation, commented on discussion held at the last council meeting on creating an addendum to the Waste Removal Service contract. The addendum extends the current agreement four years past the end of its current term with a fixed rate that entire time of \$13.50 per residential unit served per month to remain as is. Konwinski moved and Fideline seconded to approve the addendum to the Waste Removal Service agreement from Papillion Sanitation. Alberhasky inquired about the 6:00 AM start and the noise it may create. Breiterman said the company wanted to use a heat index but heat indexes are not consistently forecasted. Therefore, they decided to go with a set temperature and one that would be on the higher than average level. Breiterman said the start time of 6:00 AM would be the exception and

not the norm. Preis doesn't think the noise will be an issue because the refuse truck is not a continuous noise.

Groesser called for the vote. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Breiterman said the tour of the First Star Fiber Recycling facility has been scheduled for next Friday, August 31st, around 9:00-10:00 AM.

Krause introduced Ordinance No. 1226. Russell read Ordinance No. 1226 by title only: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND; AGREEING TO LEVY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Groesser opened the public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 1226 at 6:08 PM. John Trecek, Ameritas Investment Corporation, are proposing to pay for the Mill and Overlay costs approved earlier in the meeting through the issuance of \$400,000 in Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds. The engineer's estimate of cost amounts to \$394,800 and total underwriting discount is 1.3 percent or \$5,200. Trecek distributed a maturity schedule for the bonds and commented on the issuance cost and percentage. The bonds are optioned for prepayment any time after the fifth anniversary.

Trecek asked the three readings be waived and the ordinance approved so the interest rates can be locked in. Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM. Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve Ordinance 1226 on first reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to waive second and third readings so the interest rates can be locked in. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Konwinski introduced Ordinance No. 1227. Russell read Ordinance No. 1227 by title only: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STREET

IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$405,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING PAVING IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AND ACCRUED INTEREST AT MATURITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES TO THE PURCHASER AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Groesser opened the public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 1227 at 6:12 PM. John Trecek, Ameritas Investment Corporation, indicated the notes are being issued for the purpose of funding the City's payments on the bridge project with the State of Nebraska for \$400,000. By doing this, the City is not borrowing any more money than it needs to at any given time. The due date for these notes is the same as the last issue of these notes and it is for \$405,000 which provides for the payment and the issuance cost of the notes. The interest rate is 2.35 percent and all-inclusive cost for the time period is 2.85 percent.

Trecek asked the three readings be waived and the ordinance approved so the interest rates can be locked in. Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:13 PM. Krause moved and Alberhasky seconded to approve Ordinance 1227 on first reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Krause moved and Alberhasky seconded to waive second and third readings so the interest rates can be locked in. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Konwinski introduced Ordinance No. 1224. Russell read Ordinance No. 1224 by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A SECTION OF ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH NUISANCES CAUSED BY WEEDS AND WORTHLESS VEGETATION; TO REPEAL PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Groesser opened the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 1224 at 6:15 PM. Klinker indicated the changes have been made with respect to the appeal procedures and the concerns have been addressed.

Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:16 PM. Konwinski moved and Fideline seconded to approve Ordinance 1224 on second reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Konwinski introduced Ordinance No. 1225. Russell read Ordinance No. 1225 by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH NUISANCES CAUSED BY LITTER AND LITTERING; TO REPEAL PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Groesser opened the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 1225 at 6:16 PM. Klinker indicated the same changes have been made with respect to the appeal procedures.

Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:17 PM. Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve Ordinance 1225 on second reading. Krause commented on people leaving trash in the parks. There will be a suggestion of having a permit process with fees to use the parks. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Groesser opened the public hearing at 6:18 PM for consideration of the manager application for Stan J. Benis for the Ralston Arena. Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:18 PM. Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve the manager application for Stan J. Benis for the Ralston Arena. Groesser indicated this is to put Benis' name on the liquor license as the manager. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the special designated license for the Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for a fundraiser at Hillcrest Landing on September 14, 2018, alternate date of September 20, 2018. Amy Roeder, Chamber Executive Director, indicated this is the fifth year for the Ral-Stein event.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Alberhasky seconded to approve the special designated license for Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce for a fundraiser at Hillcrest Landing on September 14, 2018, alternate date of September 20, 2018. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Public comment: Amy Roeder, Ralston Chamber Director, commented on Last Blast of Summer on August 31st at the Ralston Arena. There will be food trucks and kids activities and fireworks will begin at 8:45 PM.

Council comment: Sanchez commented on the Finance Committee working through the budget. Every year is unique and he appreciates the leadership and the care that all department heads are taking in making the best decision. Groesser commented on the Finance Committee and all the department heads putting the budget together. Groesser

encouraged everyone to attend the Last Blast of Summer at the Ralston Arena on August 31st.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Budget Work Session, Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:30 PM and next regular meeting Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS - 8-21-2018 – AAA Rents, 44.41, Rental; Action Batteries, Inc., 184.65, Supplies; American Classifieds of Omaha, 1,200.00, Advertising; American Legion Post #373, 600.00, Basement Rent for August; Ameripride Services, Inc., 91.54, Svcs; BMI Janitorial Group, 4,103.75, Janitorial; Carpenter Paper Co., 2,418.08, Janitorial/Cleaning Supplies; Caselle, Inc., 1,151.00, Contract Support; CCL Supply, 254.68, Supplies; Center Point Large Print, 89.28, Books; Century Certified Services, 129.00, Pest Control, Chief School Bus Service, Inc., 257.25, Bus Services; City of Omaha Cashier, 54,074.28, Sewer Billing; City of Ralston-General Fund, 2,555.66, Transfer; Command Center, 820.20, Contract Labor; Cox Business Services, 1,312.22, Cable/Internet; Cummins Sales & Services, 235.00, Planned Maintenance; Diamond Vogel Paint, 634.80, Paint; Digital Advertising Media, 4,375.00, Advertising; Dittmer, Greg, 140.00, Uniform Reimbursement; Eakes Office Solutions, 547.50, Supplies; Egan Supply Co., 7.20, Supplies; Entenmann-Rovin Co., 115.50, Supplies; Enviro-Master Services, 30.00, Building Supplies; Experian, 27.48, Services; Fac Print & Promo, 911.00, Supplies; Factory Motor Parts Co., 107.73, Supplies; Findaway, 2.99, Library Materials; Fleek, Brianna, 100.00, Cleaning Svc; Gale/Cengage Learning, 85.63, Subscription/Books; GCR Tire Centers, 1,570.08, Tires; Global Financial Group, 154.00, Armored Car Service; Halbur, Bailey, 104.10, Mileage; Helget Gas Products, 299.34, Supplies; Heritage Nursery, Inc., 279.00, Trees; Holiday Inn Express, Ralston, 467.96, Lodging; HyVee Accounts Receivable, 473.85, Supplies; Ingram Library Services, 3,349.80, Books; Integrated Solutions, Inc., 2,437.33, IT Services; J Q Office Equipment, 119.30, Copier; Klabunde's Delivery Inc., 32.00, Delivery Service; Klinker, 2,976.50, Legal Svcs; La Rue Coffee, 52.57, Coffee; Leonardo, Marc, 71.53, Petty Cash; M & M Staffing, 1,027.13, Contract Labor; Menards-Ralston, 289.40, Supplies; Metal Logos, 878.30, Sign; Metro, 553.00, Service Contract; MidAmerica Books, 310.20, Books; Mid-American Benefits, Inc., 151.50, Admin/Cobra Fees; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 2,289.13, Fuel; NMC Exchange LLC, 2,244.00, Rental; North Platte Public Library, 27.95, Interlibrary Loan; NSAE, 100.00, Dues; OCLC, Inc., 852.01, Subscription; Omaha Dispatch, 1,350.00, Advertising; Omaha Douglas Publ Bldg Comm, 33.25, Parking; Omaha World Herald, 4,079.14, Subscription/Legal Notices; O'Malley, Margaret, 418.00, Janitorial; OMNI Engineering, 1,220.77, City

Patch; Papillion Sanitation, 324.90, Svcs; Peopleready Inc., 592.42, Contract Labor; Port-A-Johns, Inc., 70.00, Portable Restrooms; Protective Security Advisors, 18,383.75, Security; Quill Corporation, 185.83, Supplies; Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce, 125.00, Luncheon; Ralston Automotive, 41.86, Supplies; Recorded Books, Inc., 318.47, Books; Reinhart Foodservice, LLC, 645.01, Food; Rotella's Italian Bakery, Inc., 37.56, Bread; Schemmer Associates, 885.00, Arena Pavement Study; Service Master Com'l Bldg, 481.00, Janitorial; Shell, 180.27, Fuel; Sign It, 125.00, Business Cards; Spin Linen Management, 344.01, Linens; Staples Advantage, 4.98, Supplies; The Reader, 387.00, Advertising; Trans Union Risk & Alternative, 25.00, Svcs; U.S. Foods, Inc., 1,843.22, Food; Unique Management Services, Inc., 35.80, Placements; Verizon Wireless, 2,015.48, Cell Phones; Waldinger Corporation, 6,196.13, Maintenance; Walmart Community/RFCSL, 102.02, Supplies; Water Engineering, Inc., 175.00, Monthly Service Agreement; Zerorez-Omaha, 1,500.00, Cleaning.