

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 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, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Council members Fideline and Kavanaugh were absent. 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.

Pastor Matt Fowler, Trinity United Methodist Church, 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.

Groesser opened the presentation of the painting to the family of Dee Huff.

Sanchez arrived at 5:36 PM.

Library Director Bailey Halbur and Deb Groesser spoke about Dee Huff, the former Children's Librarian at Baright Library. Mrs. Huff passed away in May 2017. Mrs. Groesser has created a painting depicting Mrs. Huff reading to children and titled "Storytime with Miss Dee". The painting is Mrs. Groesser's personal gift to the family, the City and the Library in memory of Mrs. Huff. The painting will be hung in the children's section in the Library.

Mr. Bill Huff accepted the painting on behalf of the family and thanked Mrs. Groesser. His wife loved Ralston and the people in Ralston. Along with the beautiful painting that is going to be hung in the Library, there is a memorial scholarship coordinated through Ralston schools. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the Library and the works that Mrs. Huff started. There are two \$500 scholarships awarded every spring. The families' hope is that parents bring their kids into the Library and participate in the Summer Reading Programs and the Book Club. Kids that participate in those programs have the potential to be awarded the scholarship.

Groesser thanked the Huff family and friends for attending the meeting.

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

1. Minutes from the June 4, 2019 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Monthly Financial Report; and
4. Department Head and/or Commission Reports

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

Bohling reported the Keno deposit for the month was \$193,000. However the jackpot of \$119,000 was won today. Bohling reported the budget process will be starting next week.

Leonardo reported on the May 2019 statistics. Officer Brown received the MADD award for outstanding DUI enforcement for 2018. Officer Magill participated in the Bike Rodeo at Tunes in Town Square. All Police Officers participated in emergency vehicle operations training in Bellevue.

Halbur reported tomorrow there will be the Storybook Walk and Jump for Jupiter event at Ralston Park. The lunch truck has been serving meals since June 3<sup>rd</sup> and has served over 650 meals so far. The Library monthly report is in the council packets.

Groesser opened discussion on the contract amendment with HDR to draft developer RFPs. Forrest indicated when the master plan process was started, the intention was to develop a master plan and design guidelines and have a market analysis done. These documents would be compiled into a redevelopment project request for proposals to developers to submit to the City. HDR has provided a contract amendment to draft developer RFPs and support the developer selection process. The total contract price is estimated to be \$9,000.00 and will be funded through the Johnson Trust.

Groesser opened discussion on the agreement with JEO for the master plan area zoning update. Forrest indicated the master plan is a vision at the moment and the City would like to operationalize it and codify it into law. JEO is going to codify the master plan and work hand in hand with the Planning Commission. The master plan will then come before the City Council. This is eligible through the Johnson Trust as well and will cost about \$11,000.00.

Groesser opened consideration of the special designated license for Hatt Boys, Inc., d/b/a Village Bar for an outdoor standing patio on July 3, 2019. Krause moved and Preis seconded to approve the special designated license for Hatt Boys, Inc., d/b/a Village for an outdoor standing patio on July 3, 2019. Russell indicated this is for the bricked in area in the front of the bar and sidewalks will not be blocked. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Fidelity and Kavanaugh. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of his appointment of Zachary Perkins to the Park & Tree Commission to fill Frank Costanzo's unexpired term. There being no discussion, Konwinski moved and Krause seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Zachary Perkins to the Park and Tree Commission to fill Frank Costanzo's unexpired term. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye:

Konwinski, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Fideline and Kavanaugh. Motion carried.

Groesser opened the public hearing and third reading of Ordinance 1233, an Ordinance granting Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, a Delaware corporation, its lessees, successors and assigns, a natural gas franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain, and extend a natural gas distribution plan and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits of the City of Ralston, Nebraska at 5:52 PM.

There being no discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 5:52 PM. Krause moved and Pries seconded to approve Ordinance 1233 on third reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: Fideline and Kavanaugh. Motion carried.

Krause introduced Ordinance No. 1234. Russell read Ordinance No. 1234 by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE ON BLACK HILLS/NEBRASKA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, A NATURAL GAS COMPANY OPERATING IN THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Groesser opened the public hearing and third reading of Ordinance 1234 at 5:53 PM. There being no discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 5:53 PM. Krause moved and Preis seconded to approve Ordinance 1234 on third reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: Konwinski. Absent: Fideline and Kavanaugh. Motion carried.

Public comment: Amy Roeder, Chamber President, reminded everyone about Tunes in Town Square on Thursday. The Independence Day celebration will be starting soon. And raffle tickets are now available. Roeder provided a schedule of the Independence Day activities. Roeder reported that Ralston Community Theater is presenting Beauty and the Beast.

Jan Gorman, 6609 S. 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, reminded everyone of the pie baking contest on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ralston Park. Judging begins at 4:30 PM and a pie and ice cream social follows. Gorman commented on the remodeling of the Archives Museum.

Council comment: Konwinski commented on voting not to approve the franchise fee because she just didn't want to put another burden on the citizens. Groesser reported the City is getting ready for Independence Day.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

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Rosemarie D. Russell  
City Clerk

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Donald A. Groesser  
Mayor

CLAIMS – 06-18-2019 – Access Systems Leasing, 2,223.09, Printers/Copiers; AFLAC, 1,235.16, Insurance; Agrivision Equipment Group, 2,088.55, Parts; Airgas USA, LLC, 59.13, Materials; Ameripride Services, Inc., 101.03, Building Maint/Rugs; Asphalt & Concrete Materials, 174.19, Hot Mix; Better Containers Mfg Co., Inc., 421.35, Supplies; Carpenter Paper Co., 298.48, Janitorial Supplies; Caselle, Inc., 1,151.00, Contract Support; Cengage Learning Inc., 128.97, Books; Century Certified Services, 129.00, Pest Management/Control; City of LaVista, 1,163.48, Special Services Bus; City of Ralston Lottery Jackpot Fund, 3,596.15, Transfer to Lottery Jackpot Account; CompChoice, 25.00, New Hire Testing; Cornerstone Staffing, Inc., 411.40, Temporary Staffing; Cox Business Services, 1,617.57, Services; Diamond Laundry Service, Inc., 49.90, Laundry; Eakes Office Solutions, 258.13, Office Supplies; Egan Supply Co., 239.38, Supplies; Experian, 43.92, Services; Eyman Plumbing, 294.41, Services; Factory Motor Parts Co., 571.71, Parts; Fleek, Brianna, 120.00, Janitorial; HDR Engineering, Inc., 5,457.43, Professional Services; Heritage Nursery, Inc., 995.00, Trees; Ingram Library Services, Inc., 1,344.56, Books; Integrated Solutions, Inc., 3,681.00, Computer Support; Klinker, Mark, 3,742.50, Legal Services; Martin Asphalt, 185.00, Supplies; Menards-Ralston, 18.84, Supplies; Metro, 551.00, Service Contract; Metro Landscape Materials, 192.00, Supplies; Michael Todd & Co., Inc., 235.16, Supplies; Mid-American Benefits, 92.00, Participant Fees; Mitchell & Associates, Inc., 1,200.00, Appraisal Services; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 1,904.64, Fuel; Nebraska-Iowa Ind. Fasteners, 41.83, Parts; NMC Exchange LLC, 1,942.70, Propane/Equipment/Rental; OCB Plumbing, 424.00, Repairs; OCLC, Inc., 352.01, Cataloging and Metadata; Omaha Douglas Publ Bldg Comm., 8.75, Parking; Omaha Public Library, 9,273.49, Annual Service Agreement; Omaha Public Power District, 16,332.03, Utilities; Omaha World Herald, 4,324.89, Legal Publications; O'Malley, Margaret, 313.50, Janitorial; Omni Engineering, 3,710.93, Patch Material; One Call Concepts, Inc., 92.59, Locate Fees; Paciolan, 3,430.90, Marketing Services; Papio-Missouri River NRD, 2,500.00, Interlocal Agreement; Pitney Bowes-PA, 231.96, Lease; Port-A-Johns Inc., 140.00, Portable Restroom Rental; Protective Security Advisors, 16,653.01, Security; Publishers Prime, 34.59, Books; Quinn, Jeff, 200.00, Magic Show; Ralston Automotive, 267.56, Services/Repairs; Ralston Fire Dept Inc., 3,489.20, EMS Provider; Ralston Recorder, 36.00, Subscription; Recorded Books, Inc., 81.25, Books; Ridder, Justine, 958.21, Reimbursement-Mileage/Ed. Assist; RYBA Construction, Inc., 6,840.00, Salt/Snow Removal; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, 29.98, Shop Supplies; Trail Performance Coatings, 750.00, Parts; U.S. Foods, Inc, 617.16, Food; Unique Management Services, Inc., 8.95, Placements; Verizon Wireless, 1,039.19, Cell Phones; WEX Bank/Shell, 442.33, Fuel.