

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 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, Fidelity, 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.

Pastor Greg Berger, Messiah Lutheran 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.

The following building permits were approved - #10280 to John Gross, 7305 Jefferson Street-Install fence - \$1,395.00; #10281 to Jordain Gordan, 5212 S. 82nd Street-Replace deck-\$1,900.00; #10286 to Antibro Properties, LLC, 5170 S. 72nd Street, Suite 105-Replace electrical subpanel-\$4,300.00; #10288 to Kenneth L. Ahl, 5127 S. 79th Avenue-Complete bathroom remodel - \$17,000.00; #10289 to George Stillahn, 4733 S. 79th Avenue-Replace roof - \$9,076.00; #10290 to Gwendolyn Ubbinga, 8120 Oakwood Street-Complete electrical service change-\$2,300.00; #10291 to Gayle Henry, 7914 Park Drive-Install A/C, furnace & humidifier - \$6,313.00; #10292 to Maria's Restaurant Inc., 7630 Burlington Street-Replace air conditioner unit-\$2,371.00; #10293 to Arthur J. Swoboda Jr., 7900 Park Drive-Replace fan coil and heat pump-\$3,210.00; #10294 to Franklin Hutchens, 5015 Sunset Drive-Replace furnace and A/C unit-\$7,500.00; #10295 to Mary Mach, 8020 Main Street-Install gate on backline of fence-\$897.00; #10296 to Gary Halvin, 7711 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10297 to Doug Fliam, 7712 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10298 to Corey Heijnal, 7709 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10299 to Tobin Gorzelanski, 7666 Lakeview Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10300 to Robert Sheey, 4934 Sunset Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10301 to Karen Radda, 4938 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10302 to Paul Bertrang, 4937 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10303 to Kurt Peters, 5003 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10304 to Lynn M. Rosemann, 4918 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10305 to Kathleen Hoffman, 4922 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10306 to Carol Anderson, 4921 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10307 to Linhart LLC, 4925 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10308 to Roger Hinners, 4926 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10309 to David M. Padilla Jr., 7700 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10310 to Don Rennolet, 7704 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10311 to Ricky Winchester, 7706 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10312 to James D. Renner, 7710 Seymour Street-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10313 to Linhart LLC, 4933 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10314 to Vasko Limited Partnership, 5718 S. 77th Street-Install sign-\$585.00; #10316 to Edward Kelley,

6657 S. 85th Avenue-Install privacy fence-\$2,000.00; #10317 to Trinity United Methodist Church, 8009 Q Street-Install chain link fence-\$1,218.65; #10319 to Vykota Fireside Village Apt., 8214 Wilson Drive-Install privacy fence-\$12,500.00; #10320 to Christian D. Gohr, 5008 Sunset Drive-Remove and replace A/C and coil-\$6,470.27; #10321 to Kenneth Hinton, 6424 S. 77th Circle-Install underground sprinkler system-\$2,000.00; #10322 to Jeffrey R. Saltzman, 4721 S. 79th Avenue-Replace deck-\$2,500.00; #10323 to City of Ralston, 7629 Park Drive-Install gas furnace-\$3,850.00; #10324 to Mark T. McNamara, 7410 Madison Street-Replace deck-\$12,030.00; #10325 to Michael D. Bowen, 4912 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10326 to Linhart LLC, 4911 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10327 to Carlos Orellana, 4908 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10328 to Linhart LLC, 4907 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10329 to John Loughran, 4904 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10330 to Linhart LLC, 4904 Sunset Drive-Complete water reconnect-\$111.00; #10332 to Bryan Rutan, 8226 Ralston Avenue-Replace roof and gutters-\$9,856.00; #10333 to James Johnson, 8209 Clairmont Avenue-Replace air conditioner-\$5,000.00; #10334 to Anthony S. Engle, 7706 Sunset Drive-Replace water heater-\$160.50; #10335 to Jason Strode, 6605 S. 86th Street-Replace roof-\$9,100.00.

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

1. Minutes from the July 3, 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, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Halbur reported the Library June statistics were included in the council packets. She also reported the Library hosts the Kids Cruisin' Kitchen which provides free lunches for kids. They have provided over 1,500 meals for the month of June.

Benis reported on arena events. The Pick a Pooch event did well last weekend. The Brit Floyd show is on Friday, July 20th and B & B Boxing will take place on July 21st. The Gabriel "Fluffy" Inglesias show is on July 28th.

Groesser read and presented a proclamation to Dr. Norman Jernigan and the Ralston Vet Clinic for their 50th Anniversary. Dr. Jernigan thanked everyone for the proclamation.

Groesser opened the presentation of the City of Ralston medical and other insurance renewals by Sharon McDermott, President of Diversified Benefits Group. Mrs. McDermott gave a brief history of her company. They have been in business since

1980. Diversified Benefits Group specializes in employee benefits and has ensured many groups in Omaha and the surrounding areas. McDermott does not work for insurance companies; she works for the City because it is her job as a broker. She explained that when it comes time to renew the insurance coverages, she shops the market to get the best deal possible. McDermott said her company had a long-standing relationship with the City's previous representative, Barbara Murray of Murray Group, LLC, prior to her retirement.

McDermott commented on the health, dental and vision benefit review of different municipalities and that Ralston has the richest plan for dental coverage because of the unlimited in-network annual maximum.

McDermott explained the renewal booklet distributed to council members. She recommended the Life and Accidental Death Dismemberment renewal be approved for OneAmerica at a lower premium and a three year rate guarantee.

Alberhasky inquired why the Finance Committee hadn't reviewed this presentation prior to it coming to the City Council and Forrest said there wasn't time to go before the Finance Committee because of the renewal date. McDermott said the City of Ralston's medical plan is a pre-ACA plan. The renewals with Blue Cross/Blue Shield have to be done annually and because of that, they didn't get the rate increases or renewals on time. This is the reason why this renewal information is late coming out.

McDermott explained their renewal process. They start collecting data for the census 120 days out from the actual renewal because it takes time to gather the information. Once they get that information, they get all the levels of coverage and send the information to various insurance companies. McDermott's office puts together all of the data prior to getting the renewal from the carriers. McDermott added that Blue Cross/Blue Shield is the only carrier that will cover retirees.

McDermott continued to explain the renewal booklet. She recommended the Volunteer Fire Department Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment renewal be approved for Glatfelter Specialty Benefits at a lower annual premium and a two year rate guarantee. Glatfelter specializes in volunteer fire department life insurance and McDermott was able to get a 30 percent reduction.

McDermott recommended the Long-Term Disability renewal be approved for OneAmerica for the maximum benefit duration for both class 1 and class 2 of SSNRA. She was able to reduce the cost by 20 percent with a three year rate guarantee.

McDermott said Ralston has the best dental plan because there is not an annual maximum for the insured and there is no company that will match Humana's unlimited annual maximum. McDermott recommended staying with Humana for the City's dental plan renewal because of that benefit with a one year rate guarantee. Krause inquired about a cap and McDermott said if there was a cap, there would be a \$1,000/\$2,000 annual maximum but there would not be much savings.

McDermott recommended the City stay with Humana for the City's vision plan renewal. There was a 4 percent increase and the in-network copay for eyeglass frames was raised to a \$130 allowance and the in-network contact lenses copay was lowered to a \$130 allowance.

McDermott explained the City's Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical plan is a pre-ACA plan. The renewals for pre-ACA plans are significantly less than the "metallic" plans. She recommended the City keep the pre-ACA Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan but the City needed to review which option to take. McDermott explained the out of pocket maximum and the aggregating versus embedded costs.

With the option 3 renewal, there is a 14.59 percent increase from the current plan with a dollar amount change of an additional \$115,880.40. The option 4 renewal lists a higher deductible but cuts the increase down to 7.33 percent. The option 5 renewal is an even higher deductible but cuts the increase down to 6.37 percent. The maximum out of pocket is still the same. Options 6 and 7 also increased the deductibles. Raising the deductibles and coinsurance lessens the premiums.

McDermott said there are so many options because of the rate increase this year. Alberhasky inquired about limits and McDermott said limits are not normally established. The City spends a great deal of money in providing the benefits to the employees and McDermott said the City has very good benefits for their employees.

Discussion was held on out of network costs for a family and McDermott said the costs listed are pretty much how all insurance plans are. She urged employees to be proactive when dealing with medical providers to make sure all aspects of the procedures are in network.

Forrest will provide Council members information on the drug coverage and if there are any questions, they can reach out to McDermott.

The enrollment period begins in August and in order for McDermott's team to get the renewal information ready for the insurance carriers, Forrest suggested convening a special meeting on July 25, 2018 at 5:30 PM for the Council members to vote on the recommendations on the medical, dental, vision and other insurance renewals. Forrest asked Council members to also think about the employer/employee contributions, making them uniform across the board and the 90/10 premium contributions and increasing the employee contributions.

Grosser opened consideration of the contract with HDR to develop a conceptual redevelopment master plan for the hinge redevelopment area in the amount of \$145,000. Krause moved for approval of the contract with HDR to develop a conceptual redevelopment master plan for the hinge redevelopment area in the amount of \$145,000. Alberhasky inquired if this should be discussed in executive session and Forrest said the City Attorney has indicated this does not meet the criteria for an executive session.

Konwinski seconded the motion. Krause said this expenditure needs council approval. The money will come from a private bequest through the Nebraska Community Foundation for this particular project. It is not money coming from the City's budget but it has to be approved by the City Council because it is a pass-through project. Groesser indicated the Ralston Community Foundation has also approved the expenditure. There was also a sub-committee of the Hinge Committee that selected this company to do the work. Groesser said every piece of the Hinge Project will have to come to the City Council, but it will not come to the City Council without having first gone to the Community Foundation and the Hinge Committee for approval. The City has received a letter from the Nebraska Community Foundation stating they will pay for this project.

Discussion was held on timeframe for reimbursement and Bohling will put that amount in the 2018/2019 budget. Alberhasky commented on the Hinge Committee and not knowing what the City is paying for. Groesser said the scope of work from HDR was included in the council packets. Groesser explained that Hinge Project was part of the master plan for the City. The Hinge Committee felt it would be better to drill the project down to have a little more detail of what the Hinge Project could be. This process will help to drill it down.

Forrest reminded council members of the proposals received in May where council members established a committee to review the proposals. The committee was comprised of two members of council, two members of the Hinge Committee, City staff and two members of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Rich Onken, committee member, commented on the three proposals received and the vetting process. The committee thought that HDR had the best ideas and the best master plan deliverable to give a good analysis of what could be done in that area and be successful. There are no tax dollars involved and foundation money cannot be used for tax relief.

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

Groesser read a proclamation proclaiming August 19, 2018 as Metro Youth Bowler's Day.

Groesser opened consideration of the Special Designated License for St. Gerald Catholic Church for a parish festival and beer garden on September 9, 2018. Krause moved and Preis seconded to approve the Special Designated License for St. Gerald Catholic Church for a parish festival and beer garden on September 9, 2018. 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.

Groesser opened consideration of the Special Designated License for Hatt Boys, Inc., d/b/a Village Bar for a reception on August 18, 2018. Krause moved and Preis seconded

to approve the Special Designated License for Hatt Boys, Inc., d/b/a Village Bar for a reception on August 18, 2018. Brock Hatterman, 5700 S. 77th Street, said this is for a wedding reception from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It is not open to the public and he will not close anything in front of the small engine.

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 Area Chamber of Commerce Director, thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for their assistance during the Independence Day activities. She reminded everyone about the Tunes in Town Square on Friday night.

Zack Perkins, 7517 Drexel Street, expressed concern about speeding on Drexel Street. He inquired about the procedure about petitioning for a speed bump or something along the street to slow cars down.

Perkins inquired about an individual breakdown of what it is going to cost the City for the annual and monthly health insurance premiums that the citizens could look at. Forrest indicated that he cannot provide breakdowns by employee because it would be confidential HIPPA information. Perkins said he wanted to know a general idea if the employees are going to be paying more out of pocket or paying less. Forrest said the plans ramp up the employee contributions.

Krause commented on speed bumps and looking at other options. Leonardo said this issue was addressed on another street and he will meet with Forrest on it. The procedure includes a traffic count which will show the average speeds.

Council comment: Konwinski thanked the chamber and everyone for the Independence Day celebration. Preis said the Independence Day celebration was wonderful. Also, Ralston is hosting the area district tournaments for Class A Legion baseball at Orval Smith Field, starting on Friday afternoon. Groesser thanked everyone for the great Independence Day celebration and told everyone to stay tuned for an announcement on the fireworks.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS - 07-17-2018 – AAA Rents, 887.80, Rental; Action Batteries, Inc., 113.23, Batteries; AFLAC, 1,175.16, Insurance; All American Publishing Invoices, 550.00, Advertising; American Legion Post #373, 600.00, Basement Rent; American Lift & Sign Service, 10,065.00, Svc & Materials; Ameripride Services, Inc., 89.54, Building Maint/Rugs; Axon Enterprise, Inc., 2,856.00, Equipment; BMI Janitorial Group, 2,908.75; Carbonhouse, Inc., 500.00, Svcs; Carpenter Paper Co., 387.94, Supplies; Caselle, Inc., 1,151.00, Support; Center Trophy Company, 140.80, Uniforms; Century Certified Services, 129.00, Pest Management/Control; City of Omaha Cashier, 62,782.14, Sewer Billing; City of Ralston-General Fund, 10.00, Reimburse Petty Cash; CompChoice, 175.00, Testing; Cornhusker State Industries, 355.00, Mat Rental; Cox Business Services, 5,869.35, Cable/Phone; Diamond Laundry Service, Inc., 49.90, Laundry; Diamond Vogel Paint, 1,269.60, Supplies; Eakes Office Solutions, 522.89, Supplies; EBSCO Information Services, 643.00, Online Resources; EJS Sound & Lighting, 375.00, Sound & Lighting; Enviro-Master Services, 30.00, Janitorial; ESRI, Inc., 400.00, ArcGIS; Experian, 37.72, Svcs; Factory Motor Parts Co., 410.91, Parts; Fireguard, Inc., 585.35, Fire Alarm Svc/Inspection; Fleek, Brianna, 50.00, Cleaning; Gale/Cengage Learning, 22.50, Book; Global Financial Group, 149.82, Armored Car Svc; Grainger, 29.31, Supplies; Great Western Bank Wealth Management, 10,281.78, Pension; Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, 232.50, Dues; Helget Gas Products, 289.00, Supplies; Hometown Leasing, 133.47, Svcs; Ingram Library Services Inc., 2,111.63, Books; Inland Truck Parts & Service, 284.46, Supplies; Integrated Solutions, Inc., 2,965.33, Computer Equipment/Support; Jansen, Carter, 63.49, Payroll; KCL Group Benefits, 1,132.53, Life Insurance; League of NE Municipalities, 445.00, Conference; Mid-American Benefits, Inc., 69.00, Cobra Administration/Fees; Midwest Sound & Lighting, 120.00, Light Rental; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 1,311.06, Fuel; NRG Media Live, 8,020.18, Settlement/Zamora Concert; OCLC, Inc., 339.29, Cataloging & Metadata; Omaha Compound Company, 586.12, Supplies; Omaha Public Power District, 18,226.99, Utilities; Omaha World Herald, 519.18, Legals; O'Malley, Margaret, 385.00, Janitorial; One Call Concepts, 76.59, Locate Fee; Paciolan, 12,000.00, Software; Papillion Sanitation, 333.35, Trash Collection; Port-A-Johns, Inc., 70.00, Portable Restroom Rental; Precision Spray Repair, 68.48, Supplies; R Mechanical, LLC, 679.00, A/C Maintenance; Ralston Arena Operating Acct, 1,122.00, Settlement; Ralston Automotive, 69.26, Supplies; Ralston Recorder, 68.00, Renewal; Recorded Books, 474.42, Books; Reinhart Foodservice, LLC, 3,425.39, Food; Ridder, Justine, 12.91, Mileage Reimbursement; Rotella's Italian Bakery, Inc., 35.16, Food; Sentrixx Security Solutions, 372.50, Camera Repair; Service Master Com'l Bldg, 481.00, Janitorial Services; Sherwin Williams Co., 69.00, Paint; Sirchie, 54.61, Supplies; Spin Linen Management, 265.26, Linens; Staples Advantage, 64.09, Supplies; Steffensmeier Insurance Agency, 35,546.00, Qrtly Insurance; Supplyworks, 361.08, Building Supplies; The Daily Record, 34.10, Legals; Trans Union Risk & Alternative, 25.00, Svcs; U.S. Foods, Inc., 1,428.17, Food/Svcs; Unique Management Services, Inc., 17.90, Supplies; United Rental, 296.28, Rental; Verizon Wireless, 1,453.10, Cell Phones; Voss Lighting, 390.60, Supplies; Waldinger Corporation, 4,428.88, Maintenance Contract; Water Engineering, 175.00, Service Agreement; Westlake Ace Hardware, 13.48, Supplies; Zamora Entertainment, 2,702.40, F & B Settlement; Zoobean, Inc., 995.00, Online Resource.

