

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03, the Ralston City Council met via teleconference on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Roll was called with the following present: Mayor Groesser and Council members Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. The agenda was available at City Hall and on the City's website at [www.cityofralston.com](http://www.cityofralston.com) 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 Jim Haack, Beautiful Savior 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 and is available to view on the City's website at [www.cityofralston.com](http://www.cityofralston.com).

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

1. Minutes from the May 19 2020 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Arena Financial Statements for the period ended April 30, 2020;
4. Acknowledge claim received from Steve Howard Law on behalf of Mark Dunning;  
and
5. Department Head and/or Commission Reports.

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

Bohling reported the City has received \$676,000 in the 779 turnback tax money for May for the first quarter. That amount is almost \$87,000 over the same period last year. The Library HVAC project is underway. The State CDBG representatives have provided approval to use the CDBG funds for that project and there will be council action needed at a future meeting. Bohling reported the budget season starts in June and the initial budgets will be sent out to staff this month.

Freshman reported the Public Works Department has been struggling with keeping up with the mowing. His department has been dealing with a storm sewer issue on Highland Street. The ballfield water turn-ons have started. Freshman reported they have not been able to get to the asphalt but hope to get some down next week.

Ficenc reported the vast majority of his time has been spent working on the Hinge redevelopment project and zoning.

Leonardo reported the Police Station opened up to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Leonardo reported four of Ralston Police Officers have performed life saving measures on two

different persons who suffered overdoses. The officers used the Narcan kits that are in the patrol cars. Those officers have all received letters of commendation. Officer Gross performed CPR on a citizen; unfortunately, she later passed away at the hospital. Leonardo commented on the rioting and that Ralston Police Officers have assisted Omaha. The Ralston Police Department is continuing to keep abreast of the situation.

Halbur reported the Library is currently accessible 24/7 on line and also available through curbside services which were expanded last week. Curbside services are on Monday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Patrons can check out materials, request crafts, and request summer reading event materials. The summer reading program began virtually on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Halbur reported that beside curbsides, they have been creating a lot of online events and programs as well as creating outdoor activities, such as the Story Walk in Wildewood Park. Library staff and the Library Board have worked to put together a staged reopening plan which provides for some general guidance on how services will be provided to the public as they slowly enter each stage of the plan. There is no timeframe allotted to each of the stages. Pending that everything goes smoothly and safely, their next step would be opening with limited hours and services. There is no specific date in mind as yet with regard to opening the building. Halbur has been communicating with other metro libraries to maintain a united front and providing services.

Eischeid reported the Fire Department is working to get back to normal operations. They expect to open their building back up to the public within the next week for normal business. However, at this time they will still not allow tours as a precaution. Eischeid recommended with the summer heat moving in that everyone stay hydrated and take breaks to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Krajewski reported on the arena reopening guide and that it will need to go to the Douglas County Board of Health for final approval prior to the arena opening for events. Currently the Lancers and the Ralston Skating Academy are on the ice with limited number of people based on the last recommendations from the Governor. Krajewski is hoping to open the community rink to non-tenants for rentals starting in July contingent on the next round of restrictions. Krajewski reported that all the shows that had been scheduled at the arena and were affected by the COVID shutdown have been rebooked into another date or next year. A country show has been confirmed for January 2021 and Krajewski hopes to announce that in the coming weeks and pair that with a date to reopen the arena. Krajewski is working on a contract for a classic rock show.

Russell reminded everyone of the resumption of the 2020 census operations on May 18<sup>th</sup>. That includes delivering update/leave packets at residences. The update/leave operation is a no contact operation. They are only hanging the census packets on doors and are not ringing doorbells or knocking on doors and will not interact with residents. Ralston's response rate so far is 73.1 percent. In 2010, Ralston's response rate was 77.8 percent.

Hoppe reported on revising downtown parking through a downtown parking plan that he worked on with a parking committee and through public input. Hoppe thanked Katie

Adams from the Library for her work in creating a map to go with the parking plan. Hoppe is sending a mailing this week of the plan text and a map to all the downtown business owners and Ralston residents for which the City has email addresses. The time line is to have people review it for a couple of weeks and a parking ordinance to allow time zones will be before the City Council at the next June meeting along with a resolution spelling how the time zones will be dealt with on the various downtown streets. Hoppe anticipates a final vote in July and then implement signs by the beginning of August. The City parking lot developers don't anticipate breaking ground until at least August.

Hoppe reported the State of Nebraska has put out guidelines on how they intend to distribute the money they received from the Federal government in response to the CARES Act. Staff is preparing to submit the documentation for Ralston for various COVID related expenditures.

Grosser commented that the City of Ralston established a curfew on Sunday from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The curfew was extended with the provision that businesses would be allowed to remain open and keep the curfew focused on outdoor spaces.

Grosser announced that the first three action items on the agenda pertaining to zoning will be considered together however each ordinance will be introduced separately and the titles read separately.

Krause introduced Ordinance No. 1252. Russell read Ordinance No. 1252 by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF RALSTON BY CHANGING CERTAIN BOUNDARIES TO EXPAND TOWN CENTER (TC) BY RE-ZONING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ADJACENT DISTRICTS CURRENTLY ZONED GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI), GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL (LC) TO TOWN CENTER (TC); TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Konwinski introduced Ordinance No. 1253. Russell read Ordinance No. 1253 by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF RALSTON TO APPLY A HINGE OVERLAY DISTRICT; TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Fideline introduced Ordinance No. 1254. Russell read Ordinance No. 1254 by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; TO SERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CITY AND ITS JURISDICTION; TO CLASSIFY PROPERTY IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS ITS SUITABILITY FOR SPECIFIC USES; TO PROVIDE FOR SOUND, ATTRACTIVE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY AND ITS JURISDICTION; TO ENCOURAGE COMPATIBILITY OF ADJACENT LAND USES; TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS; TO FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE

DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF RALSTON; TO PROVIDE FOR SETBACK, HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR FENCING, LANDSCAPING, OFF STREET PARKING AND SIGN REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THAT SAID ORDINANCE BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Grosser opened the public hearing and second readings of Ordinance Nos. 1252, 1253 and 1254 at 5:55 PM. Hoppe commented on a correction to the agenda under Ordinance 1254, for one amendment with three concepts and explained the concepts. There was some concern expressed by several business owners that uses under Town Center zoning were not necessarily a good fit with their properties or buildings, particularly those buildings that were located close to the railroad track. The business owners felt they were industrial in nature and the Town Center zoning would make their properties more difficult to sell in the long run. To address that concern, it was determined to amend the Town Center zoning to allow Light Industry use with a special use permit.

The second concept addresses the situation of where there is a natural disaster and the property owner is hoping to restore the property to the way it once was. The Planning Commission had recommended a change and now a further change is being recommended.

The third concept is a request of the staff that deals with how the development is managed. It is related to how developers interact with the City when they have a project. This will become more important as the Hinge Project accelerates and more developers and more projects come to the forefront. It was discovered that the current process is a little unwieldy and can be expensive to the developers. It also is fairly distinct, unique and different from other metro cities, which makes it hard for developers to know how to deal with it. Staff is recommending that rather than make the original changes to the process in Chapters 4 and 12 of the Zoning Ordinance, those be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review. Then only the process-oriented pieces will be brought back to the City Council for consideration in August.

Hoppe commented that after City Council action tonight, the Planning Commission will be asked to make any further recommendations for change at their next meeting. There will not be a third reading of the Ordinances until July 7<sup>th</sup> which will provide about a month for any other changes to be done.

Gamon presented a slideshow providing information on the proposed additional changes to the revised Zoning Ordinance as a result of continued conversations with business owners and City leaders. Those changes begin with Table 3-2 where it is recommended to add the Light Industry use to the Town Center zoning designation which will be allowed by special use permit only. As a result of adding the Light Industry use to Town Center, it

will need to be removed as a non-permitted use in the Hinge Overlay District. It is also being proposed to remove Sections 4-21 through 4-23 which includes the Design Review Guidelines, Site Development Regulations and the Site Plan and Design Review Process. Staff would like to remove these sections for further review as part of a larger revision of Article 12 which addresses the administration and process procedures for the Zoning Ordinance.

As a result of removing those sections, the remaining sections will be renumbered. Also included will be the extension of the non-conforming use status from six months to one year in the event of vacancy or non-use. Another section will include the retention of non-conforming use status in the event of damage to the property.

Currently Article 8, Section 5 covers the exception for the entire City which is based on 50 percent of the replacement cost of the entire structure. The Planning Commission recommended this be changed to an amount that does not exceed 50 percent of the total assessed value of the lot including all improvements. The new proposed amendment is to change the exception to a replacement or restoration cost that does not exceed the actual cash value of the original structure. This is based on a standard typically used by the insurance industry as a result of this type of event.

City staff is conducting an in-depth review of Article 12 and anticipates recommending significant changes to the current processes and procedures over the next few months. Therefore, staff feels it is necessary to table all current recommendations and changes to Article 12 pending the on-going review. This is also reflected in the sections recommended for removal in Article 4 pertaining to the Design Review Guidelines and the Design Review Committee. This is being done to update the regulations and simplify the planning and building process for the benefit of both citizens and developers.

Ficenec commented that at the last City Council meeting he explained that there would be significant revisions to Article 12 brought back to the City Council. Now, however, that has changed where the Design Review Committee will be a requirement to obtain public funding and will not be included as a requirement to get a site plan approval within the Hinge Overlay. He recommended to leave Article 12 as it currently exists and it will be revised at another date.

Hoppe and Ficenec had a conversation about the concept to allow a Light Industry use with a special use permit and what that would mean for a business that already has a Light Industry use. As it relates to United Seeds, there was a question as to whether they could utilize property they currently have under Light Industry zoning and apply the old rules to it even though the zoning is changing. Hoppe asked Ficenec his opinion on if United Seeds can assume they already have a special use and move forward on using their own property with Light Industry use conventions. Ficenec indicated that is correct with a slight clarification. That being, if the time comes to submit building permits to expand onto the vacant property and expand the building, Ficenec cannot be in the position of telling them that the building permits would be approved. His advice is frequently sought on those issues and his interpretation would be if Light Industry is allowed as a special use permit

but they are already operating as Light Industry, his recommendation would be that they be treated as a permitted use and not as a legal non-conforming use. As a permitted use, they would not have restrictions that would apply to legal non-conforming uses.

There being no further discussion or comment, Groesser closed the public hearing at 6:12 PM.

Krause moved and Sanchez seconded to approve Ordinance 1252 on second reading with the discussion that was had. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Konwinski moved and Preis seconded to approve Ordinance 1253 on second reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kavanaugh moved and Krause seconded to adopt the proposed amendment as presented to Ordinance 1254. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Fidelity moved and Sanchez seconded to approve Ordinance 1254 on second reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kavanaugh introduced Ordinance No. 1255. Russell read Ordinance No. 1255 by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR GOLF CAR VEHICLES; TO REPEAL ALL PROVISIONS OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THAT SAID ORDINANCE BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Groesser opened the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance No. 1255 at 6:16 PM. Hoppe said this ordinance would allow for golf cars on Ralston city streets with limitations. He explained the definition of a golf car and the equipment and safety features. There is a registration process and a proof of insurance required as well as minimum standards for the drivers that would be issued the permit. There are some limitations on speed limits on streets which those golf cars can access.

Leonardo commented that the Police Department does not feel this is a good fit for the community. There is too much traffic in town to mix with golf cars. The last time this type of ordinance was discussed some council members indicated there have been constituents not in favor of this. Leonardo inquired if it is a small amount of citizens that want this as he has not heard anything one way or another. Leonard commented there are still issues to be worked out as to how this will be enforced.

Krause inquired if this ordinance allows for a golf car to be driven on the path under the 84<sup>th</sup> Street bridge so people in Woodbine can drive down into Ralston. Leonardo indicated that as it is in its current form, this would not allow that. Krause said that might be something to add to the ordinance. Groesser said it is a good idea and should be looked into. Preis said the paths are marked that no motorized vehicles are allowed and commented on making special exceptions to make a handful of people happy. Preis expressed concerns about safety issues and also does not think it is a good fit. Krause said he is not advocating that be done, but was just wondering if it was a good idea.

George Sevick, 8001 Main Street, inquired if this is allowed on City streets, will golf cars be able to be driven on the grassy areas of the parks. Leonardo indicated there are different aspects that need to be looked into. Hoppe commented that if motor vehicles are expressly prohibited in an area, golf cars will also be prohibited. All the ordinance does is give golf cars the ability to operate on City streets.

Amy Roeder, Chamber President, calling from Imperial, Nebraska, indicated that golf cars and UTV's are allowed on the streets in Imperial and commented on the requirement of flags.

There being no further discussion, Groesser declared the public hearing closed at 6:24 PM. Kavanaugh moved and Sanchez seconded to approve Ordinance 1255 on second reading. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Kavanaugh, Krause, and Sanchez. Nay: Fideline and Preis. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Preis introduced Resolution 2020-12. Russell read Resolution 2020-12 by title only: COVID-19: Resolution of the City of Ralston regarding use of municipal property for youth baseball and softball.

Hoppe said the City has worked diligently to put the pieces in place that would allow the City to fulfill the Governor's directive to allow softball and baseball to occur on a time frame that would have started yesterday for practices and games on June 18<sup>th</sup>. There were important considerations that needed to be done by recommendation of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and Ralston's City Attorney to ensure the City is properly protected from liability in the event that someone contracts COVID as a result of participation in the games.

This resolution essentially suggests that COVID is an inherent risk of playing a sport like baseball and softball, similar to where the City would not be liable in a situation where someone were injured during a game. There is a requirement that the players and the coaches sign a waiver so that the City is adequately protected going forward. There is a requirement for a signature by the teams and the leagues to indemnify the City against any potential liability claims related to COVID.

There is also a list of guidelines that the baseball and softball communities are to follow. The City worked very closely with the leagues through the Sports Committee. A lot of the

guidelines are based on what the leagues were already planning to do. Hoppe commented that #9 under the City guidelines suggests that lights will not be used and that games must be completed by dusk. There was some discussion on the possibility of games being played at night to take some of the pressure off of the scheduling. Hoppe and Bohling met and determined the approximate cost to run the lights for the rest of the summer and asked RABA for a deposit of \$6,000 so that amount could be deducted from the utility bill for the lights and any money left over could be returned to RABA at the end of the season. Aaron Savine, RABA, gave a \$4,000 check to Hoppe prior to the council meeting and the Ralston Community Foundation has approved a \$2,000 payment for RABA. Hoppe recommended passing the resolution minus #9 of the City guidelines which indicates the field lights will not be used.

Ficenec commented that the forms were presented by the League of Nebraska Municipalities so they are very well vetted. They put the responsibility on the organizations and do indemnify the City from liability. The City will be collecting waivers from individuals or their parents understanding they are taking on the risk and absolving the City of liability.

Groesser indicated the lights are only going to be used by RABA. Freshman commented on the annual cost associated with replacing bulbs and commented on the Parks budget. Preis said the Sports Committee met several times and he has also spoken with RABA and the Legion and told them where he stands. Preis commented on the Governor revising the directives and that the rules that are adopted by the City should not be revisited every time the Governor changes the directives.

Preis commented on the lights and understands the teams wanting to play at night. However, he wondered if this was the best time to be out soliciting donations for the lights. He also commented on the costs of replacing bulbs as Freshman has indicated previously.

Krause said that some small towns are making the coaches responsible. He complimented RABA in getting a solution to a problem that maybe the City Council couldn't address as easily. He also complimented the Ralston Community Foundation for offering the \$2,000 to the RABA whether that amount was needed or not. Krause commented on perhaps using any leftover money to offset the extra expenses.

Groesser asked the Ralston Recorder reporter to ensure to state that the money was raised by the RABA association and they worked hard to make that happen.

There being no further discussion, Preis moved and Krause seconded to approve the following resolution minus #9 which states that the field lights will not be used.

Tammi Bray, RABA, expressed appreciation for consideration of the resolution. She commented that the youth of Ralston and surrounding areas need to try to get back to some sort of normal in their life and baseball in summertime is normal. George Sevick, Legion Baseball, said he is not in favor of turning on the lights.



COVID-19: RESOLUTION OF )  
THE CITY OF RALSTON REGARDING )  
USE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR ) RESOLUTION 2020-12  
YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL )

A Resolution of the City of Ralston, Nebraska, Regarding the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 Through the Use of Municipal Property for Youth Baseball and Softball.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, is extremely contagious, and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nebraska declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19 within the entire State of Nebraska, and this state of emergency remains in effect;

WHEREAS, directed health measures are in effect for every County in the State of Nebraska through May 31, 2020, and are likely to be extended by the Governor in some form for most or all Counties after May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, the Governor announced that the directed health measure prohibiting all organized team sports, youth and adult, would be relaxed by the State of Nebraska beginning June 1, 2020, in order to permit the planned reopening of certain youth sports, specifically baseball and softball;

WHEREAS, a copy of the Youth Sports Reopening Guidelines dated May 11, 2020 are attached to the Resolution and incorporated herein as part of these Recitals;

WHEREAS, players, coaches, officials, and others who participate in baseball and softball games, practices, or other recreational activities, and spectators who attend such activities risk the dangers of illness, disease, medical complications, injury or death, caused by or related to COVID-19, by voluntarily entering the grounds on which such activities take place, by watching such activities, and by participating or authorizing the participation of a minor, in baseball or softball games, practices, or related activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Ralston to permit the resumption of youth baseball and softball on municipal property, in accordance with the directed health measures and other laws and guidance issued by the State of Nebraska, including the Youth Sports Reopening Guidelines dated May 11, 2020, and such further laws and guidance that may be issued in the future, provided that every individual, organization, or group sponsoring such activities, and all participants and spectators, fully assume the health risks associated with these activities, including the inherent risk now present in any such activities as a result of the presence of COVID-19 in the State of Nebraska, and provided that participants in such activities sign an agreement that releases the City of Ralston, its elected and appointed officials and employees, and all other participants in youth baseball and softball from liability associated with exposure to COVID-19 in the course of such activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ralston that any individual, organization or group sponsoring youth baseball or softball that wishes to use the playing or practice fields or other facilities of the City of Ralston for baseball or softball games, practices, or related activities will be required to enter into the COVID-19: License and Management Agreement for Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities attached hereto. These License Agreements will be maintained by the City Clerk and shall constitute an addendum to any other contract, license agreement, lease, or agreement allowing the use of the grounds of the City of Ralston by the same individual, organization, or group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to enter the playing or practice fields, or other facilities of the City of Ralston to participate in baseball or softball games, practices, or related activities, all players, coaches, officials and other participants must sign the agreement titled COVID-19: Youth Baseball and Softball Participants Agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto. Each team wishing to participate on the grounds of the City of Ralston must provide copies of signed Agreements for all participants affiliated with the team, together with a roster containing a complete list of the names of all players, coaches, officials, and others affiliated with the team. Copies of these documents must be provided to and shall be maintained by the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all participants and spectators shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, all directed health measures and guidelines, and all security policies or procedures established by the City of Ralston relating to COVID-19 or other safety or hygiene precautions while present on municipal property, understanding that the City of Ralston may elect to deny entrance to the grounds and facilities to any non-complying participant or spectator, or to require a non-complying participant or spectator to leave the premises at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that officials and employees of the City of Ralston are authorized to execute the directives set forth in this Resolution.

CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA

BY: /s/Donald A. Groesser, Mayor

ATTEST

/s/Rosemarie D. Russell, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

/s/Donald F. Ficenec, City Attorney

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kraus introduced Resolution 2020-13. Russell read Resolution 2020-13 by title only: A resolution for participation in the Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Freshman indicated this is a participation resolution with the NRD. FEMA requires that in order to participate in Federal funding for disaster relief, the City must have a current Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Plan must be updated every five years.

There being no further discussion, Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION )  
IN THE PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD ) RESOLUTION 2020-13  
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN )**

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies the vulnerability of public bodies to natural and man-made hazards and the measures that can be implemented to reduce or eliminate vulnerability exposure, and

WHEREAS, FEMA now requires that a public entity must have a current Hazard Mitigation Plan in place before they are eligible for Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects and mitigation efforts resulting from natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District is proposing to serve as the coordinating agency for the development of a multi-jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for a six-county area including Burt, Dakota, Douglas, Sarpy, Thurston, and Washington Counties and all associated local governmental entities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Ralston hereby approves participation in the proposed Hazard Mitigation Planning process described above, and pledges to attend required meetings and participate in those activities necessary to complete an effective plan for the public we serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was approved and executed this 2nd day of June, 2020.

CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA  
BY:/s/Donald A. Groesser, Mayor

Attest:  
/s/Rosemarie Russell, City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
/s/Donald F. Ficenec, City Attorney

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded. Aye: Konwinski, Fideline, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Council Comment: Krause complimented the Police Department for being ready during these tense times. The Police Department are always ready and willing to help out when needed. Keeping the businesses open during the curfew was a good idea. Kavanaugh said the last few days have been especially difficult for people around the country. However, he saw a lot of signs of encouragement yesterday when, what could have been a dark day for Omaha and surrounding communities, police, community leaders and activists all worked together to ensure the right of protesters to protest while maintaining order and safety for the community. He also thanked the Ralston Police Department for their help in keeping people and property in neighboring Omaha safe and for their work in ensuring Ralston's safety during this time as well.

Leonardo expressed his appreciation for the comments.

Preis thanked all of the City directors and staff. The Police Department has been doing a fantastic job given everything that is going on. He continues to get good compliments about Freshman and the parks. Preis also expressed appreciation to the Fire Department.

Fideline commented that the Ralston Police Department has done an excellent job.

Konwinski commended the police officers on their dedication and professionalism. She also agreed with Tammi Bray's comments on getting the kids back into baseball and softball and said it is what Ralston needs.

Sanchez expressed appreciation to all department heads for doing a stand-up job, especially the Ralston Police Department. This is obviously a historic time for all police officers and citizens around the world. He thanked them for their heroism and hard work and dedication to the citizens

Groesser said it is interesting that the Police Department has had three life-saving events and commented on the stress going on in the world. He expressed appreciation to the police officers. Leonardo added that the Fire Department was also instrumental in getting the people to the hospital and saving their lives.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

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Rosemarie D. Russell  
City Clerk

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Donald A. Groesser  
Mayor

CLAIMS-6-2-2020-AFLAC, 703.44, Insurance; American United Life Insurance, 1,086.67, Life Insurance; Ameripride Services, Inc., 220.46, Building Maint; Andrew Kanngieser, 780.00, FOP Dues; Asphalt & Concrete Materials, 509.41, Asphalt; Baxter Auto, 1,943.28, Service; BDB Waterproofing, Inc., 19,950.00, Retaining Wall; Better

Containers Mfg Co., Inc., 62.00, Supplies; Black Hills Energy, 344.58, Utilities; Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NE, 34,770.21, Health Insurance; CCL Supply, LLC, 42.60, Supplies; Century Certified Services, 28.00, Pest Management; City of LaVista, 844.31, Special Services Bus; City of Ralston Lottery Jackpot Fund, 12,407.38, Transfer to Lottery Jackpot Account; CNA Surety, 40.00, Bond Renewal; Cox Business Services, 568.20, Telephones/Cable; Dittmer, Greg, 63.50, CDL Reimbursement; Ficenec, Donald, 1,000.00, Legal Services – Retainer; Dude Solutions, Inc., 320.00, Fees; DXP Enterprises, Inc., 34.35, Supplies; Eakes Office Solutions, 241.76, Supplies; Fleek, Brianna, 120.00, Janitorial; FP Mailing Solutions, 66.00, Postage; Fraser Stryker, PC LLO, 305.00, Professional Services; Global Spectrum, 90,000.00, Management Fees; Great Western Bank – Pension, 44,113.89, Pension; Great Western Bank-VISA, 2,553.74, Supplies/Services; HDR Engineering, Inc., 4,900.00, Professional Services; Humana Insurance Co., 1,852.17, Insurance; Integrated Solutions, 22.00, Supplies; JEO Consulting Group, Inc., 3,617.50, Professional Services; Kevin Daley, 1,416.98, Clean up of Lot; Krause, Gerald J., 45.90, Reimbursement; Kutak Rock LLP, 3,045.00, Professional Services; Mark Hydraulic Co., Inc., 25.38, Parts; Menards-Ralston, 77.02, Supplies; Michael Todd & Co., Inc., 181.00, Materials; MUD-Utilities, 218.42, Utilities; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 1,511.71, Fuel; O-Malley, Margaret, 88.00, Janitorial; Papillion Sanitation, 29,130.50, Trash Collection; Ralston Arena Operating Acct, 5,000.00, Transfer; Ralston Volunteer Fire Dept., 16,737.00, Fire Protection Agreement; Recorded Books, Inc., 96.76, Books; Ridder, Justine, 1,487.12, Education Reimbursement; Sarpy County, 1,824.00, Animal Control; Sign It, 632.50, Signs; Southwest Iowa Law Enforcement Center, 120.00; Sublette County Library, 7.49, Book; T.N.T. Cleaning, 500.00, Janitorial; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, 48.96, Supplies; Voya Institutional Trust Company, 2,650.00, Pension; Woodhouse Auto Family, 619.15, Services.