

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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, Kavanaugh, 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: #10801 to Sam Hutchinson, 8325 State Street – Repair Sewer - \$10,624.00; #10802 to Vukota Fireside Village Apartments, 8214 Wilson Drive – Replace Stairs/Repair Masonry - \$5,000.00; #10804 to Dennis Brown, 7235 Washington Street – Install 4 ft chain link fence - \$1,471.52; #10805 to Seranco Enterprises, 7776 Highland Street – Remove/Replace Roof and Gutter - \$10,000.00; #10806 to Seranco Enterprises, 7860 Lakeview Street – Remove/Replace Roof and Gutter - \$12,000.00; #10807 to Seranco Enterprises, 7815 Highland Street – Remove/Replace Roof and Gutter - \$10,000.00; #10808 to Jeffrey E. Fronce, 6711 S. 75th Street – Repair Sewer - \$9,840.00; #10809 to John E. Fifer Jr., 7632 Drexel Street – Install 6 ft Wood Fence - \$1,088.00; #10811 to Hallet Real Estate, 7850 Harrison Street – Pour Concrete in Rear of Shop - \$25,000.00; #10803 to TKG III Nebraska LLC, 7910 Harrison Street – Replace face of monument sign - \$1,000.00; #10814 to Sodo properties, LLC, 5510 Miller Avenue – Complete wiring for sign - \$300.00; #10815 to Platinum Real Estate Group, 7628 Main Street – Replace A/C & coil - \$3,500.00.

Groesser changed the order of the meeting to move action item 4 as the first action item. The City Council reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the December 17, 2019 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims; and
3. Department Head and/or Commission Reports.

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

Leonardo reported on the Food for Fines program. The Police Department collected nearly 450 canned and boxed food items and the Library collected a similar amount. The Police Department recently finished the “Drive Sober Get Pulled Over” DUI grant. There were four officers working an additional 52 hours overtime. There were eight DUI arrests, five DUS arrests, three open containers, five warrant arrests and one person was charged with

felony criminal impersonation. There were 139 traffic stops and 69 citations written. Leonardo reported that earlier this year the Village Bar donated money received from their fundraiser to the Police Department and the Police Department purchased mobile fingerprint devices. He thanked the Village Bar and Brock Hatterman for the donation.

Krajewski reported on arena events: Chris Jansen, Blippi, Dancing with the Stars, Baby Shark, Peppa Pig, Cody Jinx, and Hillsong Worship. There will be a new concert announcement on January 20th. The arena saw two very successful weeks with the Metro tournament and the wrestling tournament. The Lancer's tournament will be held this weekend and next weekend the final Metro wrestling tournament will be held. Krajewski reported they are holding nine dates between country, classic rock, contemporary and a rock show.

Hoppe reported he had the best first four days. He is grateful to the people he has met. He thanked Bohling, Russell and Gamon for putting up with him. Hoppe has had some great conversations with Leonardo and Freshman.

Grosser opened the presentation of Lifesaving Awards. Leonardo read a letter received from the State. "On November 13, 2019, Ralston Police Officer Chris Jepson and Sergeant Jeremy Leifeld responded to a rescue call at the Ralston Walgreens. Officer Jepson was the first to arrive and observed Walgreen's pharmacist Mark Zweedyk performing CPR on a female later identified as Gina Black. Officer Jepson took over the chest compressions as Zweedyk continued to assist with the rescue. Officer Jepson continued CPR until members of the Ralston Volunteer Fire Department arrived. Ralston Volunteer Fire Department members that responded and took over CPR and transported Black to the hospital were Assistant Fire Chief Jeremiah Omoto, Firefighter/EMO Jon Schaffer, EMT Tyler Kasper, Paramedic Scott Green, Training Chief Dakota Wilson, and Firefighter/EMT Bo Wilson. With the quick response and lifesaving measures performed by Pharmacist Zweedyk, Officer Jepson, Sergeant Leifeld and RVFD members, Gina Black is alive and expected to make a full recovery. The teamwork, dedication and professionalism is truly a shining mark on the City of Ralston and that is why they have been nominated for the lifesaving award."

Rescue Chief Kim Eischeid said on behalf of the Fire Department, they are very proud of the pharmacist, the Police Department and the Ralston Volunteer Fire Department members who responded. Their actions truly did save Black's life. Black and her family attended the City Council meeting. Eischeid introduced Brad Harm from the State of Nebraska EMS Division to present the awards. After the awards were presented, Eischeid introduced Gina Black.

Grosser opened the public hearing regarding the liquor license application for Latino Legacy Restaurant LLC dba Latino Legacy Restaurant, 7755 L Street at 5:45 PM. Ficenc commented on Ralston's Zoning Code and that the application was originally submitted as a Class "C" liquor license. However, the building's location in the Limited Commercial zoning, allows for a restaurant but not for package sales allowed by a Class "C". The class was changed to a Class "I" which allows for consumption in the restaurant. In order to

make sure that Latino Legacy maintains its classification as a restaurant where less than 50 percent of its income comes from the sale of alcohol, the City has entered into an agreement with Latino Legacy where upon the City's demand they would be able to inspect their books to make sure that it is being complied with. It is the same agreement that has been in place for several years with the prior owners of Latino Legacy. The liquor license application is now before the City Council as a Class "T" license that is subject to the agreement being entered into.

There being no further discussion, Groesser closed the public hearing at 5:47 PM. Krause moved and Kavanaugh seconded to approve the Class "T" liquor license application for Latino Legacy Restaurant LLC dba Latino Legacy Restaurant, 7755 L Street. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the manager application for Eduardo A. Cabrera Erazo for Latino Legacy Restaurant LLC dba Latino Legacy Restaurant, 7755 L Street. Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve the manager application for Eduardo A. Cabrera Erazo for Latino Legacy Restaurant LLC dba Latino Legacy Restaurant, 7755 L Street. Sanchez asked Mr. Cabrera Erazo to tell the City Council about their business. Mr. Cabrera Erazo introduced himself and his wife, Blanca. This is a new business for them and they took over the restaurant in October. Everything is going well for them and they like working in Ralston. Cabrera Erazo said they specialize in Peruvian, Mexican, American and Latino food. There being no further discussion, Groesser called for the vote. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the Keno audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019. Krause moved to accept the Keno audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019. Bohling commented on the audit done by BKD, Certified Public Accounts. There were no findings for the four observations of the keno activity at Ralston Keno. Preis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Konwinski, Fidelity, Kavanaugh, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Council comment: Konwinski congratulated and thanked the Police and Fire Departments. Kavanaugh congratulated the Police and Fire Departments and thanked them for saving Black's life. He added that it is great to see the newest Police Officer Chris Jepson making such a big impact in Ralston. Krause said it is going to be a good year. Sanchez thanked the Police and Fire Departments. He was at the Ralston Arena most of the weekend and it was jam-packed with all the events going on. It is a really good way to start the new year.

Groesser wished everyone a Happy New Year. It is going to be an exciting year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS – 1-7-2020– Above & Beyond, 4,200.00, Bi-weekly Mow & Trim; Action Signs, 187.50, Remove Lettering; Aflac, 703.44, Insurance; American United Life Insurance Company, 1,012.27, Life Insurance; Ameripride Services, Inc., 104.23, Building Maint/Rugs; Axon Enterprise, Inc., 3,080.00, Equipment; BKD, LP, 28,000.00, Professional Services/Keno Audit; Black Hills Energy, 1,038.53, Utilities; Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska, 39,049.96, Health Insurance; BMI Janitorial Group, 325.00, Janitorial; Capital City Concepts LLC, 4,750.00, Wage Compensation Review; Cengage Learning, Inc., 131.70, Books; Center Point Large Print, 89.28, Books; Century Certified Services, 57.00, Pest Management; City of La Vista, 767.64, Special Services Bus; City of Omaha Cashier, 77,768.73, Sewer Billing; Cox Business Services, 572.83, Services; Diamond Laundry Service, Inc., 74.85, Building Maint; Donald Ficenec, 1,000.00, Legal Services-Retainer; Eakes Office Solutions, 814.38, Supplies; Experian, 27.00, Services; FireGuard, 415.88, Fire Extinguisher Insp/Rep; First State Bank, 3,478.85, Loan Pymt; Fleek, Brianna, 60.00, Janitorial; Fraternal Order of Police, 660.00, FOP Dues; Great Western Bank-Pension, 21,606.80, Pension; Great Western Bank-Visa, 5,001.75, Office Expenses/Conferences/Books; Grunwald Mechanical, 45,731.70, Ralston Arena Piping Project; Halbur, Bailey, 68.62, Mileage; Humana Insurance Co., 1,922.82, Insurance; Hy Vee Accounts Receivable, 397.27, Supplies; Integrated Solutions, Inc., 20,186.00, Computer Equipment/Support; JEO Consulting Group, 8,081.50, Professional Services; Leonardo, Marc., 57.87, Petty Cash; Menards-Ralston, 252.31, Equipment/Supplies; Metro, 739.00, Service Contract; Metropolitan Utilities District, 105.77, Utilities; Mid-States Org Crime Info Center, 150.00, Annual Membership; Milts Body Shop, Inc., 387.18, Repair; Moyars Consulting, LLC, 260.00, Training; MUD-Utilities, 223.87, Utilities; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., 1,864.60, Fuel; Nebraska Salt & Grain Co., 3,544.13, Ice Control Salt; New Vision Window Cleaning, 600.00, Window Cleaning; Omaha Public Power District, 12,801.24, Utilities; O'Malley, Margaret, 343.75, Janitorial; Papillion Sanitation, 33,672.20, Trash Collection; Police Chiefs Assoc of Ne, 50.00, Membership Dues; Publishers Prime, 1,324.05, Books; Quill Corporation, 159.63, Office Supplies; R & S Press, Inc., 195.00, Supplies; Ralston Automotive, 121.56, Repairs/Services; Ralston Volunteer Fire Department, 16,737.00, Fire Protection Agreement; Recorded Books, Inc., 116.32, Books; Ridder, Justine, 2,411.13, Education Reimbursement; Sarpy County, 1,824.00, Animal Control; Sign It, 136.00, Supplies; Sleuth Systems, 217.00, Maintenance Renewal; TNT Cleaning, 1,000.00, Janitorial; Trans Union Risk & Alternative, 50.00, Services; Verizon Wireless, 891.54, Cell Phones; Voya Institutional Trust Co., 1,850.00, Pension.