

The Ralston City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Alberhasky, Fideline, Krause, Sanchez, Preis, and Groesser. The agenda for this meeting 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 a part of these minutes.

Groesser gave the Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Law Posting.

The following permits were approved: #9541 to Joan Hartman, 5116 S 83<sup>rd</sup>, Build Ramp, \$800.00; #9542 to Sally Stanek, 6218 S 79<sup>th</sup> Cir, Re-Roof House, \$13,700.00; #9543 to David Wood Floors, 5875 S 77<sup>th</sup>, Install Sign, \$1,800.00; #9544 to The Horn Works, 5750 S 77<sup>th</sup>, Re-Hook Roof Top Units, \$500.00; #9545 to Don Walters, 7760 Park Dr, Re-Roof House, \$7,200.00; #9546 to Katherine Krause, 7606 Highland, Build Fence, \$350.00; #9547 to Larry Jacobsen, 5149 S 77<sup>th</sup> Ave, Install Water Softener, \$1,196.00; #9549 to Jason Bogner, 66 Country Club, Pour Footers for Stoop, \$750.00; #9551 to Midlands Development, 5740 S 77<sup>th</sup>, Replace 3 Rooftop Units, \$24,960.00; #9552 to Midlands Development, 5750 S 77<sup>th</sup>, Replace 2 Rooftop Units, \$18,500.00; #9553 to Pat Eccles, 6637 S 84<sup>th</sup> Ave, Re-Roof House, \$2,850.00; #9554 to Midlands Development, 5740 S 77<sup>th</sup>, Rewire 3 Rooftop Units, \$600.00.

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda by Krause, seconded by Fideline. All vote yes, motion carries.

Murtaugh reminded all that the Wine Walk is the last Thursday of the month and said he has no objections to the Special Designated License that is on the agenda tonight for the Ralston Chamber. Wagner said the fire department will be having a controlled house burn with the State Fire Marshal's Office on September 12. Wagner said the road will be blocked on Q St., 80<sup>th</sup> to 82<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00am until 4:00pm. Benis reported he is working on show bookings. Benis said he will have confirmation soon for the Kenny Rogers Christmas Show for this year and LeAnn Rimes Christmas Show is booked for 2016. Benis said Lancers single game tickets went on sale today and there was a good line at the box office for them.

Groesser read a Proclamation for Youth Bowler Day.

Consideration of Special Designated License for Ralston Chamber of Commerce for October 8, 2015 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM for the Great Ral-Stein Festival of Beer was spoken to by Tara Lea, president of the Ralston Chamber. Lea said this will be the Second Annual Ral-Stein Festival of Beer at the Hillcrest Landing, upper level. It was moved for approval by Krause, seconded by Alberhasky. All vote yes, motion carries.

First Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1199 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN OCCUPATION TAX TO BE KNOWN AS THE RESTAURANT AND DRINKING PLACES OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX TO BE LEVIED UPON PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF OPERATING RESTAURANT AND DRINKING PLACES IN THE CITY OF RALSTON; TO PROVIDE FOR A RATE OF SAID TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAID TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR RECORD KEEPING WITH REGARD TO SAID TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENCY IN THE PAYMENT OF TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR USE OF REVENUE AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was introduced by Konwinski. Groesser opened the Public Hearing. Klinker stated a revised Ordinance was given to Council that is slightly different than the one sent with the packets. Klinker said there was a date that needed to be changed, and he assumes that November 1<sup>st</sup> would be an appropriate starting date with this, as it gives time to pass 3 readings, for publications, and 15 days passage. Klinker said this tax is identical to the City of Omaha's restaurant tax. Chris Arzoumanian, 7515 Oakwood,

voiced his concern as to whether or not this would deter new restaurants from coming into Ralston. Maria Thomas, 6717 S 82<sup>nd</sup>, asked why the city needs this tax and will it be here forever. Thomas also voiced her concern as to availability of room to bring in new restaurants. Cheri Radden, 7240 Washington, asked how Council came to the decision for the tax. Krause stated this seemed like a legitimate way to raise additional funds without raising property taxes. Sanchez stated that as a restaurant owner in both Omaha and Ralston, his business has not been either positively or negatively affected in either circumstance. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. It was moved to approve Ordinance No. 1199 by Preis, seconded by Krause. All vote yes, motion carries.

Public Comments: Steve Bode, 4737 S 80<sup>th</sup> St, and William Henderson, 6749 S 81<sup>st</sup> St, both spoke to their budget concerns and about getting monthly P & L updates for the arena. Merv Riepe, State Senator for both Ralston and Millard, spoke to the bills pending in the Legislature. Rich Shively, 7505 Washington, spoke to his support of the arena and the restaurant tax.

Council Comments: Council stated they appreciate the citizens for coming to the meeting and voicing their positive comments, as well as their concerns, and hope to see them at future Council meetings.

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Next regular Meeting September 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM

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Dolores L. Costanzo  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Donald A. Groesser  
Mayor

Claims: AA Wheel-Parts-\$482.18; AAA Rents-Rental-\$629.65; ABM-Janitorial-\$13,814.35; Aflac-Insurance-\$1,353.28; Ally-Vehicle Lease-\$9,695.69; American Lift & Sign-Repair-\$123.75; American National-Lottery Bond Payment-\$1,130,000.00; Ameripride-Janitorial-\$81.33; Black Hills-Utilities-\$288.93; Caselle-Software-\$15,875.00; Center Point-Books-\$84.48; K Christie-Audio-\$200.00; Concert Security-Security-\$189.72; Cornhusker State Industries-Rental-\$355.00; Cox Business-Phones-\$353.15; Daedalus-Panel Replacement-\$173,802.40; Department of Correctional Services-Supply Purchase-\$50.00; Donut Express-Commissions-\$389.16; DXP-Parts-\$276.39; Eakes-Supplies-\$37.90; Findaway World-Books-\$2,122.43; FOP-Dues-\$650.00; Gale-Books-\$91.17; GCR-Tires-\$568.78; Graybar-Supplies-\$43.27; Great Western Visa-Expenses-\$9,107.25; Harwood Services-Paint-\$566.50; Huntel-Labor-\$52.50; HyVee-Supplies-\$46.56; Jacks-Uniforms-\$3,067.46; M Klinker-Professional-\$3,500.00; J Kramer-Reimburse-\$19.15; Mac Rae Productions-Rental-\$300.00; Micro Marketing-Books-\$24.30; MUD-Utilities-\$6,174.10; NE Environmental Product-Part-\$181.99; New Era-Software-\$12,000.00; Newman Signs-Signs-\$115.38; Omaha Douglas Building Commission-Parking-\$23.75; World Herald-Legals-\$240.88; M O'Malley-Janitorial-\$418.00; Papillion Sanitation-Disposal-\$26,627.68; D Costanzo-Reimburse-\$139.06; Prairie Life-Reimburse-\$204.32; QP Hardware-Supplies-\$437.19; Quill-Supplies-\$87.97; RASS-Security-\$4,050.75; City of Ralston-Reimburse-\$736.80; Recorded Books-CD's-\$134.98; Safelite-Repair-\$49.95; Sarpy County-Animal Control-\$1,678.65; M Schendt-Reimburse-\$39.10; Solution One-Copier-\$275.26; Solution One-TX-Copier-\$660.29; Trane-Repair-\$386.26; US Foods-F&B-\$226.97; Unlimited Opportunity-Janitorial-\$300.00.

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