

The Ralston City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Alberhasky, Fidelity, Onken, Krause, Preis & 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. There were no claims.

Groesser gave the Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Law Posting.

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

Freshman reported that Public Works did the paint striping of the streets last Friday, and the repair of the creek bank for the trail is finished. Murtaugh reported on the Wells Fargo Bank Robbery and on the Boston Bombing presentation by Dan Linskey at the Arena. Murtaugh said there were 200 people in attendance. Murtaugh said the Sarpy County and Douglas County Sheriffs Offices and Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee helped financially to put on the presentation. Canfield reported that Jack Atkins will be at the Library on Wednesday to talk about Cigars & Wires, a book about Omaha's underground, and on August 7th John Ferak will be here to talk about his book Bloody Lies, about the Murdock, NE murders. Benis reported on upcoming events. Benis said the Trane National Seminar will be in the banquet hall the next 2 days, then the Best of Omaha Awards Show will be moving in. Benis said VFC finishes up on Saturday and next week there is a concert and a Heart game.

Mayor Groesser read a proclamation for Mike McLaughlin, who is the owner of Plywood Inc. for many years. Groesser said there will be a presentation to him on Thursday afternoon. Groesser said we are working on another proclamation for the next meeting and asked Preis to explain. Preis said the Legion Reserve team took the Class C State Championship.

1st Reading and Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance No. 1194-AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$530,000) FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET AND PAVING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF RALSTON, NEBRASKA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND; AGREEING TO LEVY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM was introduced by Konwinski. Groesser opened the Public Hearing. John Trecek with Ameritas Investment Corp. said the bonds are being issued to pay for certain paving improvements which have occurred, or are occurring within the City, including Ralston's portion of the 84th Street Project. Trecek explained the debt service schedule for the bonds, and asked that Council waive the 2nd and 3rd readings to lock in the rates. After questions, Groesser closed the Public Hearing. It was moved to approve Ordinance No. 1194 by Onken, seconded by Alberhasky. All vote yes, motion carries. It was moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings and move for final passage by Onken, seconded by Konwinski. All vote yes, motion carries.

1ST Reading and Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance No. 1193-AN ORDINANCE CHANGING SEWER USE CHARGES BY AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 439 AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was introduced by Onken. Groesser opened the Public Hearing. Onken said Ralston last raised rates in 2011, and in order to keep the sewer fund solvent, the City is proposing an increase of .19 per ccf for the flow charge and adding \$1.00 to the monthly service fee. Onken said this will hold us for one year. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. It was moved to approve Ordinance No. 1193 by Onken, seconded by Preis. Discussion was had about MUD's water infrastructure program. Onken said by his calculations, it is a 9.6% increase for the average customer, and he would like it to take effect on September 1st. After discussion, all vote yes, motion carries.

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: Fidelity thanked the Police Department for a good job. Groesser and Onken said they both enjoyed the seminar at the Arena.

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Next Regular Meeting August 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Dolores Costanzo
City Clerk/ Treasurer

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

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