

Ralston City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 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, Alberhasky, Krause, Sanchez, and Preis. Council member Fideline was absent. 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.

Deacon Lonnie Dineen, St. Gerald Catholic 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 Chamber.

The following building permits were approved: #10003C to Jato II, LLC, 7825 Drexel Street – Build Duplex - \$400,000.00; #10095 to Dubois LLC, 5170 S. 72nd Street – Install Neon Sign - \$7,000.00; #10119 to Douglas E. Hadley, 4909 S. 78th Street – Basement Remodel - \$12,000.00; #10124 to Myrna L. Schutz, 5216 2. 82nd Street – Ramp - \$1,000.00; #10125 to Bryce C. Crandall, 6103 S. 77th Street – Replace Deck - \$3,100.00; #10126 to Gene Davey, 7914 Oakwood Street – Replace furnace & a/c - \$9,046.00; #10127 to Linda Barry, 7905 Oakwood Street – Plumbing Spot Repair - \$6,750.00; #10128 to Jarod J. Robinson, 6603 S. 77th Circle – Install Fence - \$300.00; #10129 to Wallace E. Rohrschneider, 6215 S. 79th Circle – Electrical for new A/C & Furnace - \$100.00; #10130 to Jato II, LLC, 7825 Drexel Street – Install Radiant Floor Heat Tubing and Boiler - \$31,775.00; #10131 to Ralston School District 54, 8969 Park Drive – Replace Boiler - \$9,000.00; #10132 to Michael T. Valla, 6218 S. 72nd Avenue – Replace Furnace - \$2,480.00; #10134 to Herold K. Scholz, 7800 Serum Avenue – Install Exterior Siding and Metal Panels - \$147,563.00; #10135 to Cinderella M. Sweeney, 7975 L Street – Replace Building Signage - \$2,500.00; #10136 to Bader Construction, 8716 Lakeview Drive – Install Dishwasher - \$90.00; #10137 to Affordable Solution Inc., 7611 Main Street – Install New Sign - \$5,500.00; #10138 to Harold J. Nixon, 7926 Main Street – Wire for New Gas Furnace - \$300.00.

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

1. Minutes from the November 7, 2017 regular city council meeting;
2. Claims; and
3. Department Head and/or Commission Reports.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda minus Maria's claim, by Krause, seconded by Preis. All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried. Motion to approve Maria's claim by Krause, seconded by Alberhasky. Fideline absent. Sanchez abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried.

Forrest reported the Pension Committee will meet tomorrow. The City's appreciation get-together has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 28, 2017, at 4:30 PM at the Ralston Arena.

Bohling reported the annual audit began last week. He also reported the City has received notification of the turn-back tax for the third quarter of 2017. Ralston will receive \$711,000, which is about \$86,000 more than the prior year.

Leonardo reported the Police Department lost an officer to Omaha last week and received final word on the second officer to hire. Luke Batterman is coming from Metropolitan Community College and will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting.

Canfield reported at Holiday Magic there were between 650 to 700 people. She also reported the HVAC controls are done in the Library.

Eischeid reported his assistant chief was not able to be introduced at the last meeting and he is in attendance at this meeting. Ben Burbridge is in his 11th year in the fire service.

Frank Peterson, Arena Director of Event Services, reported on arena events. Krause inquired about doing analysis of the number of events in the Ralston Arena compared to other venues. Peterson indicated a comparison has been done but no analyses. Krause congratulated the arena staff for all the events taking place.

Grosser opened discussion on the fire services contract. Forrest and the Fire Chief have had more communication on the contract and Forrest commented on the payments to the Fire Department. In the new contract, the payments have been broken down into ten monthly payments of \$15,330.25 and one single payment in December 2017 of \$45,990.75.

Forrest indicated that item no. 8 with regard to the fire siren is currently unresolved. The Fire Department would like the City to acknowledge that the fire siren is the property of the Fire Department and there are no records currently as to which entity owns the fire siren. Forrest said he and the Fire Chief will attempt to resolve that issue within the next two weeks so this contract can be voted on at the next meeting. If the fire siren is owned by the City, it would need to be declared surplus and sold.

The Fire Department has also requested the City convey to them the 2002 Spartan Pumper and the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria four door sedan. Traditionally, after equipment has been paid off, the City has conveyed the equipment to the Fire Department and what they are requesting is consistent with standard procedure. Forrest has given the titles to Klinker and it is anticipated that will be done before the next City Council meeting as well.

Krause and Forrest spent some time going over the document and Krause indicated that if council members have any questions or concerns to talk to Forrest. Preis commented

on the language addressing the vehicles being in past contracts. Klinker commented on the most recent purchase being done using the Municipal Facilities Corporation and the title being in both entities' names. At this point the vehicles are paid for and to be consistent they can be transferred to the Fire Department. Sanchez inquired about the contract stating the amounts to be renegotiated commencing May 1st of each year and Forrest indicated this was a suggestion as a final compromise.

Groesser opened nominations for the election of City Council President. Sanchez moved to nominate Krause as City Council President, seconded by Preis. All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of the oath of office for the new police officer. Leonardo acknowledged Kanngieser's family and provided some background information. Leonardo administered the oath of office to Police Officer Andrew Kanngieser.

Groesser opened consideration of reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Krause moved and Alberhasky seconded to approve the reappointments of Dan Walsh and Sam Mandolfo to the Planning Commission, Pat Eccles and Amy Roeder to the Park and Tree Commission and Bill Haas and Don Groesser to the Community Redevelopment Authority. All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration of advertising, posting and hiring of an Operations Manager 1 at the arena at an annual salary of \$35,000 to \$40,000 depending on qualifications. Krause moved to approve and Konwinski seconded. All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried.

Groesser opened the public hearing at 5:51 PM regarding the second reading of Ordinance 1219 relative to the payment of certain claims. The public hearing was closed at 5:52 PM. Krause moved and Alberhasky seconded to approve second reading of Ordinance 1219. There was no discussion.

Russell read Ordinance 1219 by title only. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL; TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL; TO REPEAL ALL PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried.

Groesser opened consideration to appoint a signage committee. Forrest indicated at the last meeting it was discussed having a signage committee to look at the current signage ordinance and make recommendations. Staff recommends the following individuals be included on the committee: Steve Robertson, Rick Dolphens, Rick Dishler, Planning Commissioners Rich Onken and Mark Krzemein, and staff members including Amy Roeder, Dan Freshmen, Francine Canfield and Dave Forrest. The committee would make recommendations on changes to the sign ordinance to the Planning Commission.

Krause moved and Konwinski seconded to approve the appointment of a signage committee. All voted yes, Fideline absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Amy Roeder, Chamber Director, expressed thanks to everyone for helping with Holiday Magic. She reminded everyone of the Chamber banquet next week and indicated they will be giving out \$6,000 scholarship. They also award citizen of the year, business person of the year, volunteer of the year, and the business of the year.

Council Comment: Alberhasky and all other council members wished Mrs. Fuller a happy birthday. Groesser thanked everyone for all the cards, texts, emails and visits. He is doing well and feeling good.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

Rosemarie D. Russell
City Clerk

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

CLAIMS - 12/05/2017 - A & C Tree Service, 300.00, Stump Grinding; AAA Rents, 325.53, Rental; AB Refrigeration, 797.42, Labor & Materials; Ameripride Services, Inc., 88.04, Rugs; Black Hills Energy, 1,868.24, Gas Svc; Blue Cross & Blue Shield, 46,305.22, Health Insurance; BOK Financial, 1,250.00, Bond Trustee Fee; Bubar, Bethany, 175.00, Contract Labor; Canfield, Francine A., 80.30, NLA Committee Mtg Mileage; Carpenter Paper Co., 1,375.60, Janitorial/Cleaning Supplies; Center Point Large Print, 89.28, Books; Century Certified Services, 125.50, Pest Mgmt.; Chick Fil A, 2,391.49, Sales Commissions; Chief School Bus Service, Inc., 2,109.02, Bus Svc; Coffee Carts and More, 1,550.55, Settlement; Command Center, Inc., 572.69, Contract Labor; Complete Payroll Service, 655.64, Contract Labor; Concert Security Service, 1,224.00, Zamora; Cox Business Services, 556.18, Cable/Internet; Cutchall Management, 9,652.50, Sales Commissions; Dearborn National Life Insurance, 192.64, Fire Dept; Donut Express, 2,698.32, Sales Commissions; Eakes Office Solutions, 125.82, Office Supplies; Echo Group, Inc., 22.48, Parts; Emergency Medical Products, Inc., 715.44, Medical Supplies; Enviro-Master Services, 48.00, Janitorial; Exceptional Artists, 10,060.32, Settlement-PJ Masks; Findaway World, LLC, 612.76, Audio Visual; First Wireless, Inc., 189.00, Rental/Damage Waiver; Fleek, Brianna, 100.00, Cleaning Svc; FP Mailing Solutions, 66.00, Postage; Fraternal Order of Police, 990.00, FOP Dues; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1, 1,000.00, Advertising; Gale/Cengage Learning, 100.45, Books; Great Western Bank, 35,560.70, Pension; Great Western Bank, 7,688.24, Visa Pymt; Griffs Delivery Service, 78.00, Suite Ticket Delivery;

Halbur, Bailey, 27.45, Program Expense; Hatcher Mobile Services, LLC, 7,185.20, Svcs; Helget Gas Products, 82.74, Supplies; Hometown Leasing, 140.00, Leasing; Huffman Productions, 69,795.80, Autumn Craft Fair; Humana Insurance Co., 2,146.53, Insurance; HyVee Accounts Receivable, 57.23, Food; Infinet Solutions, Inc., 2,597.09, Computer Support; ING Life Ins & Annuity Co., 1,050.00, Life Ins; Integrated Solutions, 11,000.00, Computer Support; Klabunde's Delivery, Inc., 55.00, Delivery Svc; Klinker, Mark, 1,000.00, Retainer; LaRue Coffee, 452.43, Coffee; M & M Staffing, 1,327.50, Contract Labor; Mac Rae Productions, 1,150.00, Equipment Rental; Maria's Enterprises, 16,539.86, Sales Commissions; Menards-Ralston, 667.09, Supplies; Metro Chiefs Assn, 75.00, Membership; MUD-Utilities, 2,439.15; Utilities; Nebraska Iowa Supply Co., Inc., 1,381.73, Fuel; NMC Exchange LLC, 2,049.30, Equipment/Rental; NRG Media Live, 6,396.70, Zamora Concert; OCB Plumbing, 326.00, Service Call; O'Keefe Elevator Company, 329.82, Elevator Maintenance; Omaha Public Power District, 41,619.17, Utilities; Omaha, City of – Cashier, 44,706.29, Sewer Billing; O'Malley, Margaret, 627.00, Janitorial; OS Sales Co., Inc., 1,586.02, Food; Papillion Sanitation, 27,079.02, Garbage Collection; Pepsi-Cola, 6,835.72, Soda; Prairie Life Fitness, 128.40, Employee Fitness; Protective Security Advisors, 7,595.00, Security; Publishers Prime, 1,068.81, Books; Ralston Arena Operating Acct, 65,071.97, Monthly Sales Tax/PJ Masks Settlement; Ralston Insurance Agency, Inc., 40.00, Notary Bond; Recorded Books, 800.56, Audio Books; Rotella's Italian Bakery, 261.84, Supplies; Russell, Rosemarie, 34.97, Reimbursement; S & S Pumping, 275.00, Sump Pump at Arena; Sarpy County, 1,408.59, Animal Control; Sirchie, 107.55, Evidence Collection Kits; Sleuth Systems, 2,361.00, Maintenance Renewal; SNO Floss, 2,403.53, Sales Commissions; Solution One-NE, 350.60, Printer; Solution One-TX, 538.45, Printer; Spin Linen Management, 533.83, Linens; Stage Pay Services, Inc., 19,295.22, Concerts; Staples Advantage, 73.56, Supplies; Sure Sound and Lighting, 6,500.00, Equipment; T.N.T. Cleaning, 500.00, Janitorial; The Cure, Inc., 89.90, Supplies; The Retoner, 91.90, Toner; Theatrical Media Services, Inc., 4,001.00, Rental; Trans Union Risk & Alternatives, 14.25, Svcs; U.S. Foods, 5,988.52, Food; Walmart Community, 527.26, Supplies/Food; Westlake Ace Hardware, 23.37, Supplies.