

The Ralston City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Fideline, Alberhasky, 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: # 9602 to Gary Turille, 7512 Hayes Cir, Replace Roof, \$4,750.00; #9603 to Florence Plantmore, 4936 S 77th Ave, Replace Siding, \$6,200.00; #9604 to Larry Stephens, 7784 Oakwood, Install Electrical Panel, \$1,685.00; #9605 to Lorne Yochum, 7735 Highland, Install Electrical Panel, \$1,450.00; #9606 to Connie Miller, 7546 Washington, Replace Furnace, \$5,250.00.

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Maria's claims, by Fideline, seconded by Konwinski. All vote yes, motion carries. It was moved to approve Maria's claims by Fideline, seconded by Konwinski. Sanchez abstains. All others vote yes, motion carries.

Freshman said he will have the state contract for the 84th St. viaduct on the next council agenda and Tim Weander, District 2 Engineer, will be here to answer any questions. Costanzo stated that the City does have the authority to do audits on the restaurant tax but she needs to give notice to anyone the city is going to audit. Costanzo said the restaurants have until the end of December to submit their reports from November. Costanzo reported the last 779 check that came in was about \$573,800.00. Klinker said, in reference to the VFC leaving the arena, he is in the process of drafting a complaint to be filed in Douglas County District Court. Klinker said that's not to say we will not be open to a negotiated settlement in this, and he expects that will happen, but he wants to have the complaint prepared to share with Mr. Stoddard's attorney. Klinker said he will probably do this before Christmas. Klinker said all the city is looking for is to be compensated for the lost revenue we would have had. Klinker said next council meeting might be a good time to schedule a special session. Klinker said he is still working on a wrinkle in the restaurant tax. Murtaugh reported that Officer Jeremy Leifeld has been accepted into the tactical negotiations unit, which is part of South Metro swat team, joining Phil Winklemann. Murtaugh said the police department is doing a "fines for food" program until Christmas, which is kind of like an amnesty for parking tickets. Murtaugh said he reached out to Dr. Adler, since the parking fines go to the schools, less the administrative fees, and he was completely supportive of this. Murtaugh reported that he has transitioned our online payments for permits and parking tickets from a third party vendor who is no longer going to support the modules that the city used, to in-house. Murtaugh reminded all that it is Click-it-or-Ticket time through Christmas. Murtaugh thanked the Public Works crew for the good job of snow removal, saying there were only 3 minor accidents during the snow on Monday. Canfield reported that any small business owner who wants to put Google Plus to work for them can come to the Library this Thursday from noon until 1:00 with Christy Mayan, a Google agent, there to help people through the process. Tera Cavalieri reported that the chili feed last Sunday had a very good turn out, and also reported the fire department is accepting applications. Benes reported on upcoming events. Yochum said he hosted two additional business prospects in the Ralston area just before Thanksgiving. Yochum reported on the meeting of the Ralston Community Foundation Fund. Yochum said he has seen a sold sign on the old Grandmother's building, but does not know who the buyer is.

Election for 2016 Council President. Preis nominated Jerry Krause, seconded by Fideline. No other nominations, all vote yes for Krause for 2016 Council President.

3rd Reading for Consideration of Ordinance No. 1201 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY IN PART OF BLOCK 51, LYING BETWEEN LOTS 7 THROUGH 12, BLOCK 51 ON THE EAST AND LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 51, AND LOTS 1 AND 2, RALSTON REPLAT 6 ON THE WEST, BLOCK

51, CITY OF RALSTON, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA was introduced by Konwinski. It was moved for approval by Krause, seconded by Fideline. All vote yes, motion carries.

1st Reading and Public Hearing for Consideration for Ordinance No. 1202 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 710 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE RALSTON MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH THE MEETING TIMES OF THE CITY COUNCIL; TO REPEAL PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE was introduced by Fideline. Groesser opened the Public Hearing. Fideline said he has looked at the other cities and most of them meet earlier than 7:00. Fideline said he believes it is hard on the department heads to go home and have to be back by 7:00. Klinker stated that this is a proposal to change the regular meeting time of the Council from 7:00 to 5:30. Groesser closed the Public Hearing. It was moved for approval by Konwinski, seconded by Fideline. Preis stated his attendance could be affected slightly by the change, and definitely his appearance, as he will be coming directly from the service garage. Preis stated if that is acceptable with everyone, he has no problem with the change. Krause said his concern is does 5:30 give the public enough time to get to the meetings. Krause said he would like to see this in the press for the next Public Hearing in order for the public to have a chance to voice their opinions. Groesser said we can have Public Hearings for the next 2 readings. Krause abstains, all others vote yes. Motion carries on first reading.

Public Comments: Tracy Fackler, 7733 Maywood, thanked Freshman for addressing a tree branch that he had brought to his attention a couple of weeks ago. Fackler asked if a tree branch hanging over a city street were to fall onto a car, whose responsibility would it be. Freshman said abutting homeowners maintain the right of way. Fackler voiced his concern about a couple of other trees in the city that he thinks should be looked at.

Council Comments: Preis commented that, flipping through the new Ralston Home Pages, he noticed a story about Ralston and the building in the picture is the City of Altoona's fire department. Groesser thanked the department heads for their work on Holiday Magic and Great Western Bank for sponsoring the carriage rides again. Groesser said next Wednesday is the Chamber's annual awards banquet at the Ralston Arena. Groesser acknowledged Mrs. Fuller's 92nd birthday, even thought she could not be in attendance tonight. Groesser announced the passing of Don Melichar, who was a retiree from the City's Parks Department.

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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

Dolores L. Costanzo
City Clerk/Treasurer

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

Claims: AAA-Rentals-\$3,279.13; ABM-Janitorial-\$6,153.72; Alegent-Medical-\$412.00; Amazing Arthur-Holiday Magic-\$650.00; Ameripride-Janitorial-\$80.01; Asphalt & Concrete-Supplies-\$177.78; Black Hills-Utilities-\$1,529.03; F Canfield-Reimburse-\$172.50; Capital One-Supplies-\$452.83; Carpenter Paper-Supplies-\$1,398.88; Center Point-Books-\$84.48; Century-Pest Control-\$125.50; ChickFilA-Commissions-\$2,138.62; Chief Bus-Shuttle-\$6,165.50; Complete Payroll-Contract Labor-\$3,103.65; Concert Security-Security-\$3,366.21; Conreco-Supplies-\$71.41; F Costanzo-Promo-\$250.00; Cox-Utilities-\$353.15; Craftsman-Repair-\$125.00; K Craig-Reimburse-\$117.67; Cummins-Maintenance-\$848.07; Cutchall-Commissions-\$6,104.21; D&D-Equipment-\$551.25; Donut Express-Commissions-\$2,792.19; Eakes-Supplies-\$281.41; Egan-Supplies-\$148.47; Electronic Solutions-Repair-\$147.06; FOP-Dues-\$715.00; Gale/Cengage-Books-\$245.52; Great Western-Pension-\$23,765.66; Great Western Visa-Expenses-\$2,316.46; Helget-F&B-\$132.09; Hockenbergs-Equipment-\$55.70; R Hoffman-Reimburse-\$64.18; Holiday Inn-Conference-\$109.95; Humana-Insurance-\$2,404.16; Huntel-Labor-\$52.50; HyVee-F&B-\$892.77; Infinet-Support-\$4,142.79; ING-Deferred Comp-

\$675.00; JP Cooke-Supplies-\$33.05; JQ Office-Supplies-\$211.18; Jarco-Equipment-\$1,965.00; Kelly's Carpet-Maintenance-\$105.00; M Klinker-Professional-\$1,000.00; Kriha-Parts-\$143.67; LaRue-F&B-\$4,995.68; Lamar-Supplies-\$225.00; Maria's-Commissions-\$10,097.18; Mark Hydraulic-Parts-\$38.98; Menards-Supplies-\$347.27; Metro-Bus-\$3.00; MUD-Utilities-\$3,406.27; National Everything-Supplies-\$160.00; NE/IA Fasteners-Supplies-\$23.36; New Vision-Janitorial-\$500.50; NMC-Rental-\$1,205.00; NRG-Advertising-\$296.00; Omaha Door&Window-Repair-\$51.56; OPPD-Utilities-\$27,147.78; City of Omaha-Sewer-\$62,934.12; M O'Malley-Janitorial-\$418.00; Oriental Trade-Supplies-\$126.85; OS Sales-F&B-\$2,091.84; Papillion Sanitation-Disposal-\$26,484.24; Pepsi-F&B-\$1,544.41; QP Hardware-Supplies-\$24.27; Quill-Supplies-\$883.74; Arena Box Office-Suite Ticket Expense-\$22,257.50; RASS-Security-\$2,747.25; RPD-Reimburse-\$204.06; RVFD-Contract-\$45,990.75; City of Ralston-Reimburse-\$500.00; Recorded Books-Books-\$274.95; Rotella's-F&B-\$118.88; S&S Pumping-Labor-\$275.00; Sarpy County-Animal Control-\$1,678.65; SnoFloss-Commissions-\$438.63; Solution One-Copier-\$204.49; Spin Linen-Linens-\$198.44; Standard & Associates-Selection Test-\$2,320.00; L Tabor-Maintenance-\$755.00; Hartford-Insurance-\$1,991.86; TMS-Equipment-\$135.00; Trane-Maintenance-\$3,403.83; US Foods-F&B-\$6,766.98; Uline-Supplies-\$95.89; Zerorez-Janitorial-\$1,500.00.

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