**Minute Record**

**HOLDREGE CITY COUNCIL February 7, 2023**

Holdrege City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 502 East Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska, with Mayor James Liffrig presiding. Councilmembers Corey Wiese, Lola Tiller, Staci Wolfe, Larry Gibbons, Dale Herrington, Trent Fuecker, Ben Johnson and Nicholas Smith were present. City staff in attendance were Natalie Nelsen-Pacey, Kim Parsons, Brian Brinkman, Martin McIntire and Dane Jensen. Media was represented by Tunney Price of the Holdrege Daily Citizen.

Reasonable advance notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the City's designated method for giving notice, broadcast by radio station KUVR and posted on the City's bulletin Board and the Holdrege TownCloud web page. The Mayor and Council received advanced notification of the agenda by personal and electronic delivery.

Mayor James Liffrig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Clerk Dane Jensen announced, "State Law requires this body to announce at this time that a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the room where it is accessible to the public" and took roll. Mayor Liffrig began the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Liffrig introduced, and Councilmember Fuecker motioned to **approve the Consent Agenda, including:**

* 1. **this agenda,**
  2. **the payment of claims as submitted and**
  3. **the minutes of the January 17th, 2023, regular meeting of the Council.**

Councilmember Wiese seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Johnson, Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington and Fuecker. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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| **Claims: February 7, 2023** | | | |
| **Acct** | **Fund** |  | **$ Claim** |
| 11.01 | General Administration |  | 7,425.17 |
| 11.02 | Fire |  | 2,783.65 |
| 11.03 | Health & Sanitation |  | 1,159.31 |
| 11.04 | Community Development & Promotion |  | 64,479.34 |
| 11.05 | Public Buildings |  | 8,276.81 |
| 11.06 | Auditorium |  | 3,452.95 |
| 11.07 | Park |  | 15,116.76 |
| 11.08 | Pool |  | 613.61 |
| 11.09 | Library |  | 31,889.42 |
| 11.10 | Emergency Communications |  | 18,096.89 |
| 11.11 | Police |  | 40,880.89 |
| 11.12 | Street |  | 61,414.12 |
| 11.13 | Bond Fund |  | 0 |
| 11.14 | Equipment Maintenance  & Replacement |  | 1,597.28 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*257,186.20** |
| 13.16 | Special Assessments  Department 16 |  | **\*0** |
| 31.15 | Prairie Hill Landfill |  | **\*57,283.78** |
| 41.17 | Electric |  | 131,834.79 |
| 42.18 | Water |  | 35,057.97 |
| 42.19 | Sewer |  | 24,043.71 |
|  | Total: |  | **\*190,936.47** |
| 44.20 | Keno |  | **\*0** |
| 53.27 | Economic Dev. Revolving |  | **\*0** |
| 71.40 | ARPA Funds |  | **\*0** |
| 72.41 | Community Redevelopment Authority |  | **\*0** |
|  | **Complete Total:** |  | **\*\*505,406.45** |

No one appeared to speak during Public Forum.

City Clerk Dane Jensen explained that agenda items three, four and five were required steps related to participating in the League of Municipalities LIGHT Health Insurance Program, which was already providing coverage for City employees. Councilmember Gibbons motioned **to adopt Resolution 2023-02 authorizing membership in the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT).** Councilmember Herrington seconded the motion. Roll call aye: Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson, Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe and Gibbons. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith seconded a motion by Councilmember Tiller to **approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of the League Insurance Government Health Team.** Roll call aye: Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington, Fuecker, Johnson, Smith, Wiese and Tiller. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Councilmember Herrington motioned to **approve the Membership Agreement with the League Insurance Government Health Team** with a second by Councilmember Johnson. Roll call aye: Fuecker, Johnson, Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons and Herrington. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Liffrig introduced, and Clerk Jensen gave the final reading of Ordinance 2462 regarding the registration of vacant property in Holdrege, Nebraska. Councilmember Fuecker motioned to **approve the final reading of Ordinance 2462** with a second by Councilmember Wiese. Roll call aye: Herrington, Johnson, Smith, Wiese, Tiller, Wolfe, Gibbons, Herrington and Fuecker. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

In Open Discussion:

* Clerk Jensen inquired about the Council's preference for iPads or Chromebooks for electronic meeting packets and their receipt of the League's bulletin.
* Chief McIntire introduced Tori Furnish as the City's new Community Service Officer and said Officer Stump was doing well at the Police Academy.
* Councilmember Smith thanked Director Parsons for the excellent job City crews did with snow removal and offered the use of Central's dump trucks if needed again in the future.
* Councilmember Johnson welcomed Officer Furnish and thanked Chief McIntire for the smooth transition in Police Department leadership.
* Other members reiterated the welcome to Officer Furnish and gave kudos to the City crews for snow removal.
* Councilmember Herrington explained that the Sculpture Garden Group was making progress with plans for the new open area on Fourth Avenue.
* Councilmember Gibbons inquired as to when demolition of the former Man's Shop building might begin.
* City Attorney Natalie Nelson-Pasey explained that she and City Administrator Rector were putting the final touches on a Vacant Property Registration Form and Letter and also complimented the Police Department for the improved numbers of criminal court filings.
* Municipal Services Director Kim Parsons explained the details for raising water and sewer rates which would be on the Council's next agenda.

With no other comment to be heard, Mayor Liffrig adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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James P. Liffrig, Mayor

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Dane C. Jensen, City Clerk