

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, was held at City Hall Council Chambers in said City on the 26th day of February 2013, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: President of the Council: Harold Peterson; Council Members: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, and Rodger Rankin. Absent: None. City Manager: Bruce Smith; City Clerk: Jane M. Skinner; City Attorney: Michael McQuillan.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing one time in the Keith County News and posting at the City Hall Administration Building as shown by the Certificate of Publication and Posting Notice attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the President and to all members of the Council on February 22, 2013 and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice and the Agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the Notice to the President and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The President of the Council stated this meeting is being convened in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and acknowledged a copy of the Open Meetings Act being duly posted in the southeast Corner of Council Chambers.

Council President Peterson opened a public hearing on the one and six year highway and street improvement programs for the city of Ogallala, Nebraska at 7:31 P.M.

Mike Mell, Street Superintendent, addressed the council regarding the one and six year highway and street improvement program.

Sharon Ott, CASA Director, appeared before the council and expressed appreciation to the council for their financial support.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to approve the permit application to keep livestock from Matthew Feder at 2309 West H Street for Five Horses. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 2013. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Kevin Block and Harold Peterson. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held February 15, 2013. Councilman Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Kevin Block and Harold Peterson. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser requested check numbers 54262 in the amount of \$111.84, 54330 in the amount of \$40.00, and 14081 in the amount of \$471.25 be removed from the claims listing for consideration. Check 14081 payable to West Central Nebraska Development District creates a conflict of interest for Councilman Elmshaeuser.

Councilman Rankin moved to approve the claims. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to approve the \$40.00 Rotary Dues for City Manager Bruce Smith. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members

voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to direct the City Manager to draft a policy concerning service organization dues for city personnel – non contract. City Attorney McQuillan brought to the attention of the Council that this topic is not an agenda item and should not be voted on. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Bassett moved to pay \$40.00 to the Ogallala Rotary Club for Economic Development Coordinator Travis Haggard. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block and Harold Peterson. No: Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Council President Peterson moved to approve check number 14081 payable to West Central Nebraska Development District in the amount of \$471.25. Councilman Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Karl Elmshaeuser. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to table the policy on meals being provided to local groups. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Rankin requested no action be taken regarding the policy on purchasing of city vehicles.

Councilman Rankin is requesting the council back down the limit on bidding and contract limits to \$10,000 or possibly \$5,000.

The consensus of the council is to leave the limit on Bidding and Contracts in Municipal Code 4-101 at \$30,000.

Fire Chief Simmerman addressed the council regarding the purchase of Type 1 Ambulance.

Councilman Bassett moved to purchase the PL Custom Classic Type 1 Ambulance installed on a 2013 Ford F-450 Super Duty Chassis from Danko Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$173,263 and approve the purchase of a Stryker Power Cot and Power Load System in the amount of \$30,000. Councilman Elmshaeuser seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Bassett introduced a resolution dissolving the Cemetery advisory board. Council President Peterson read the resolution by title and Councilman Block seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. The following council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and Resolution No. 1378 adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Travis Haggard, Economic Development Coordinator updated the council regarding 2012 year in review. Topics included were expansion projects; new businesses; Plaza Property (map); Lakeway Lodge Property (map); and Partnerships.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve and certify the list of volunteers, as submitted by the Certification Administrator, as qualified participants in the Volunteer Emergency Responder Plan of the City of Ogallala for 2012. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

I, Jane M. Skinner, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting of February 26, 2013 kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the Minutes of the President and Council of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jane M. Skinner
City Clerk

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