REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 26, 2016

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 12th day of April 2016, at 7:00 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: Aaron 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 April 22, 2016 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.

Councilman Block moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2016. 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 Block moved to approve the claims. 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.

Aaron Smith, City Manager, addressed the council regarding a citizen request to be allowed to construct a fence with advertising at the upper soccer field at Western Diamonds Sports Complex.

Bob Mendenhall addressed the council regarding flooding problems on Second and East A Streets.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the claim payable to Rankin Sales and Services in the amount of $146.13. Councilman Elmshaeuser seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser and Harold Peterson. No: None. Abstain: Rodger Rankin. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the claims payable to WCNDD in the amount of $1,350.00. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Abstain: Karl Elmshaeuser. Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the ICMA Retirement Corporation Governmental Money Purchase Plan & Trust Adoption Agreement and authorize the Council President to sign the agreement. 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 Block introduced Ordinance 1342, entitled:  An Ordinance approving a Franchise Agreement of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska granting a cable television franchise to Charter Communications VI, LLC, locally known as Charter Communications, for the development and operation of a cable system. Council President Peterson announced that Ordinance 1342 has been read for the first time.

Councilman Elmshaeuser moved to appoint Jane Skinner as Interim City Manager at a monthly salary of $10,181.60 until a new City Manager is hired, or the budget is finalized, whichever comes later. Councilman Bassett 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.

Starr Lehl with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development addressed the council regarding the designation of Certified Economic Development Community recertification.

Travis Haggard, Keith County Area Development, addressed the council regarding a USDA grant to establish a revolving loan fund for business development, requesting $35 thousand from the city of Ogallala as matching funds for the grant.

Dell Simmerman presented the Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report for 2015.

Randy Meininger, Regional West Ambulance Services presented the annual report regarding the services provided to the city of Ogallala for ambulance services.

Councilman Bassett moved to approve the 2016 Nuisance Abatement Agreement and authorize the Council President and Police Chief to sign the agreement. 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 Block introduced Ordinance 1343, entitled:  an ordinance of the city of Ogallala, Keith county, Nebraska, amending the Ogallala city code chapter 27 regarding the investigation, declaration and abatement of nuisances; to repeal all other ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict; to provide that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the code of the city of Ogallala; and to provide when this ordinance shall be in full force and effect. Council President Peterson announced that Ordinance 1343 has been read for the first time.

The exit interview of Aaron Smith, City Manager was discussed. Mr. Smith will send exit interview information via e-mail to the council.

The City Council gave updates regarding their committee assignments as follows:

1. Board of Health – Pete Peterson.
2. Chamber of Commerce – Kevin Block.
3. Keep Keith County Beautiful – Pete Peterson.
4. Ogallala Community Hospital Advisory Board – Karl Elmshaeuser.
5. City Council Member/County Commissioner Meeting/School Board.

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilman Rankin moved to adjourn. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jane M. Skinner

City Clerk

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Harold L. Peterson

Council President

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

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COUNTY OF KEITH ) SS.

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CITY OF OGALLALA )

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 April 26, 2016 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.

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Jane M. Skinner

City Clerk

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