

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 13, 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 13th day of December 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. Interim City Manager: Jane M. Skinner; Deputy City Clerk: Roxane Welsh. 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 December 9, 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.

Council Member Block moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 22, 2016. Council Member Rankin seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Motion declared carried.

Council Members Block, Elmshaeuser and Rankin exited the rostrum.

City Attorney Michael McQuillan administered the oath of office to Council Members Dorie Nolde, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington.

City Attorney Michael McQuillan took his place to temporarily chair the meeting.

Council Member Bassett moved to elect a Council President by secret ballot. Council Member Nolde seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Motion declared carried.

City Clerk Skinner distributed one ballot to each present council member. The ballots were collected and tallied by City Clerk Skinner and City Attorney McQuillan. City Attorney declared that the vote by ballot was not sufficient to declare a Council President.

City Clerk Skinner distributed a second ballot to each present council member. The ballots were collected and tallied by City Clerk Skinner and City Attorney McQuillan. City Attorney declared that the vote by ballot was not sufficient to declare a Council President.

City Clerk Skinner distributed a third ballot to each present council member. The ballots were collected and tallied by City Clerk Skinner and City Attorney McQuillan. City Attorney declared that the vote by ballot was sufficient to declare a Council President. City Attorney Mike McQuillan announced that Darrell G. Bassett was elected Council President by secret ballot.

Council President Bassett took his place to chair the meeting.

Council Member Peterson moved to elect Deb Schilz to Council Vice-President. Council Member Nolde seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Schilz moved to approve the slate of appointments as presented: Board of Health – Darrell Bassett; Chamber of Commerce – Dorie Nolde; Keep Keith County Beautiful – Harold Peterson; Keith County Area Development – Deb Schilz; Kenfield Petrified Wood Gallery – Darrell Bassett; Library Board – Darryl Weddington; Ogallala Community Hospital Advisory Board – Darryl Weddington; West Central Development District – Dorie Nolde; West Central Nebraska Development District (Alternate) – Deb Schilz. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Motion declared carried.

Council President Bassett opened a public hearing regarding a request for special exception to allow professional offices to be located in an R-2 Residential Medium Density district. Proposed location is 918 North Spruce Street more particularly described as Lot 1, Davis Replat of Lots 1-5, Block 29, Searle's Third Addition, Ogallala, Nebraska at 7:23 P.M. (Davis Land Investments, L.L.C.).

Ken Knoepfel, Planning and Zoning Administrator, addressed the council regarding the special exception request.

Doug Davis addressed the council regarding the special exception request.

Council President Bassett recognized Maggie O'Neil for her ten years of service to the City of Ogallala.

City Clerk Jane Skinner presented the financial report for November 2016.

Council Member Nolde moved to approve the mobile home park license for Richard Peterson d/b/a/ L & L Trailer Court. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Peterson introduced a resolution amending the City of Ogallala Job Title – Salary Range Table and moved for its adoption. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following council members voted "Yes": Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following council members voted "No": None. Motion declared carried and Resolution No. 1616 adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

The Council discussed changing the regular City Council Meeting scheduled for December 27 at 7:00 P.M. to Friday, December 23, 2016 at Noon. No action was taken.

Council President Bassett updated the Council Members on the City Manager Search. There are three people scheduled for interviews for the week of December 19, 2016. The candidates are Timothy Driggs, John A. Holmes and Bruce Smith.

The Council discussed the specifications and bid opening date for the Cemetery Department Vehicle. No action was taken.

Council Member Schilz moved to approve the probationary membership of Kacee M. Smith. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell Bassett, Dorie Nolde, Harold Peterson, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Motion declared carried.

Ken Knoepfel, Planning and Zoning Administrator, addressed the council regarding the proposed ordinance changing the approval process for primary use utility structure and the placement of portable storage pods in the city.

Council President Bassett announced Ordinance 1349 was introduced and read for the first time on November 22, 2016. Council President Bassett read Ordinance 1349 by title: An

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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 December 13, 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.

Jane M. Skinner
City Clerk

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