

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 11, 2021

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 11th day of May, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Present were: President of the Council: Deb Schilz; Council Members: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, and Darryl Weddington. Absent: Chris Laflan. City Manager: Bruce Smith. City Clerk: Jane 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 May 6, 2021 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 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 excuse Council Member Laflan from the April 27, 2021 City Council Meeting. Council Member Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Block moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 27, 2021.
- B. Appointment to Board – Tree Board (1).
 - 1) Bill Messner – Three-Year Term (01-01-21 – 12-31-23).

Mayor Deb Schilz proclaimed April 11-17, 2021 as Police Week.

Council Member Block moved to approve the request for funds in the amount of \$10,875 for the Welcome to our Community Mural Project, to be funded from Keno Funds. Council Member Bassett seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Abstain: Deb Schilz. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Weddington introduced Resolution 2037, a resolution authorizing the direction for call regarding the Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2016, of The City of Ogallala, Nebraska. Council President Schilz read the resolution by title and Council Member Block seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and resolution 2037 is adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Council Member Weddington introduced Ordinance 1408, entitled: An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Highway Allocation Fund Pledge and Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed two million one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$2,130,000) for the purposes of paying the costs of constructing certain street and related improvements of the City and refunding

certain outstanding bonds of the City; prescribing the form of said bonds; pledging funds to be received by the City from the State of Nebraska Highway Allocation Fund for the payment of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the same if necessary; authorizing the officers of the City to establish the final terms of the bonds within certain parameters; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; providing for the disposition of the bond proceeds; approving post-issuance tax compliance policies; authorizing a bond purchase agreement and other related documents; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form and moved that the statutory rule requiring the reading on three different days be suspended. Council Member Bassett seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and the Statutory Rule was declared suspended for the consideration of this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1408 was read by title and, thereafter, Council Member Block moved for the final passage of the Ordinance. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. The President then stated the question: “Shall Ordinance No. 1408 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the President declared the Ordinance adopted and the President of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto, a copy of said Ordinance No. 1408 being attached hereto and, by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Jane Skinner, City Clerk-Treasurer presented the April 2021 financial report.

Council Member Weddington moved to approve the request for LB840 funds for Kingswood Court Assisted Living DBA Caring Friends for ½ the cost of furnishings for the new office, up to \$5,000, and ½ of their rent/utilities for the first 6 months of operation (\$2,280) if they have 1 FTE (Coordinator) and ½ of the next 6 months of rent/utilities (\$2,280) if they have a 2nd FTE employed and based in Ogallala. Council Member Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Bassett moved to approve using LB840 funds in partnership with the Keith County Housing Development Corp. by paying for ½ of the Housing Incentive Growth Fund (\$4,000) per housing unit built in Ogallala with a max of 10 units (\$40,000). Council Member Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried.

Council Member Block introduced Resolution 2038, a resolution amending the City Of Ogallala Job Title – Salary Range Table. Council President Schilz read the resolution by title and Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and resolution 2038 is adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Police Chief James Herman presented the 2020 Police Annual Report.

Rod Ruzanic, Chair of the Ogallala Tree Board addressed the Council regarding first quarter activities of the Tree Board.

Council Member Weddington introduced Resolution 2039, a resolution amending the City of Ogallala Water Special Fee Schedule. Council President Schilz read the resolution by title and Council Member Block seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted “Yes”: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. The following Council Members voted “No”: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and resolution 2039 is adopted, a copy of said Resolution being attached hereto and by this express reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Council Member Bassett moved to approve the Amendment to Standard Form of Agreement for Professional Services with T.C. Engineering Inc. for the Hillcrest Water Improvements. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried.

Bruce Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council regarding the various city projects occurring within the City of Ogallala.

Council Member Block moved to adjourn. Council Member Weddington seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Deb Schilz and Darryl Weddington. No: None. Absent: Chris Laflan. Motion declared carried and meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Jane M. Skinner
City Clerk

Approved:

Deb Schilz
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 May 11, 2021 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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