

MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA  
September 12, 2023

The budget hearing and regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Present Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Dale Wilkinson, Stephanie Lundgren, and Ted Hughes. Leonard Miller was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney James McNally, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, News Reporter Kelli Garcia City Engineer John Zwingman, and Scott Keene of Piper Sandler. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Antelope County News on September 6, 2023. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Council of this meeting. All proceedings thereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Hartz presided over the meeting and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law, located on the east wall of the City Council Chambers was available to the public. City Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **BUDGET HEARING FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR**

Mayor Hartz opened a public budget hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for the purpose of hearing support, opposition criticism suggestions or observations. Time 6:40 PM. Clerk Klabenes reviewed and presented each page of the budget explaining the change in property tax asking for non-bond purposes and for bond purposes, the change in certified valuation, the anticipated revenues, and expenses for the 2023-2024 year, the proposed levy, and the special reserve funds in compliance with the budget. She presented the actual/ estimated 2022-2023 expenses noting that no amended budget was needed as the expenditures were less than the authorized expenditures. She presented the actual 2021-2022 expenses, the restricted funds and lid exceptions, and interlocal agreements, with an explanation of no proposed capital improvements. She reviewed the allowable growth percentage, noting that the city fell above the threshold and was required to attend a joint public hearing with all the other tax entities in the county. She presented the unused restricted funds authority and municipal levy limit noting both complied with the budget. She reviewed the notice of budget hearing and final tax request that were both published and presented the differences between 2022 and 2023. She also presented a 33-year history of tax asking, levy and valuation figures noting when LB840 was approved by the citizens and when a business corridor annexation was approved. She also presented a history of utility rate changes noting that it had been over ten years since solid waste rates were changed. Upon no further questions or audience questions, the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:00 PM.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council member Wilkinson moved to approve the August 15th regular meeting and August 17th special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Lundgren. *Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson and Lundgren. Opposed: none. Abstain: Hughes. Absent: Miller. Mayor Hartz voted in favor. Motion carried.*

#### **TREASURER REPORT**

Clerk Klabenes reported the total expenses for 408 L Street demolition was \$6,903 used from a former real estate sale to the city. She reported electric generation showed revenue in August of \$2,741 from the reimbursement of labor, fuel, and maintenance costs for the Neligh Mill Elevator demo for History Nebraska. City Attorney McNally reported that Tenaska was not requiring any restricted investments for power agreements. Clerk Klabenes noted the treasurer's report showed two separate line items of unrestricted electric investments which would be combined into one total in next month's report. *Hughes moved to approve the August 2023 treasurer's report as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING FOR SETTING FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR 2023-2024**

Mayor Hartz declared the hearing open to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations for the 2023-2024 final tax request at a different amount than the prior year's tax request. Time: 7:04 P.M. Clerk Klabenes reported the tax levy proposed was .670240 representing a 2% decrease from last year. She reported on the increased valuation of 10% and the increased property tax request of 7%. The hearing was left open.

## **ORDINANCE 649 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

Scott Keene of Piper Sandler reported on the proposed ordinance for municipal improvement bonds not to exceed \$420,000 payable by city sales tax and backed by the taxing authority of the city levy. He reported the bonds were payable on a 10-year schedule and the interest rate would be set within the next two weeks, but today's proposed interest rate was 4.25 to 4.45% with an average annual payment of \$51,000. He reported the bonds were to pay for the electric system of automatic controls of the generation. It was noted that the payment of the bonds would come from electric funds.

*Council member Lundgren moved to adopt the municipal improvement bonds by introducing the following ordinance entitled as follows:*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, IN THE AGGREGATED STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$420,000) TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN SALES TAX REVENUES AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES (WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS) TO PAY THE SAME; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DESIGNATE FINAL TERMS FOR SAID BONDS WITHIN STATED PARAMETERS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.*

*And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended.* Council Member Hughes seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lundgren, Wilkinson, Hughes. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Hughes moved for final passage of the ordinance*, which motion was seconded by Council member Lundgren. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 649 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Wilkinson, Hughes, Lundgren. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance in pamphlet form as prescribed by law.

## **WATER AND SEWER PROJECT FOR EAST HIGHWAY 275**

City Engineer John Zwingman reported the Antelope County permits were received and last week he received feedback to make two revisions and resubmit the permits for approval from Lincoln. He recommended the council authorize bid letting and said a bid letting date to be contingent on USDA, CDBG, and NDOT approval. He reported the project would bid each water and sewer project separately to offer the city the option to select any project or combination of projects. *Hughes moved to authorize advertising for bids and set a bid letting date contingent on USDA, CDBG, and NDOT's approval.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: none. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

## **RECONSIDERATION OF STOP SIGN AT 2<sup>ND</sup> AND J STREET**

Discussion was held for comments received from property owners around the intersection of 2nd and J Street. Discussion noted the comments previously made regarding the request for a stop sign at Pioneer Homes to slow down traffic. Discussion was held that the traffic on J Street traveling both South and North on J Street was busy from the high school and the highway. Discussion was held upon reading the comments of the neighbors of valid points made that the stop signs in place did more help than hinder traffic. *Wilkinson moved to reverse last month's motion of removing the stop sign at 2nd and J Street and to keep the stop sign in place.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor word Lundgren and Wilkinson. Opposed: Hughes. Absent: Miller. Mayor Hartz voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **ONE-AND-SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mayor Hartz opened the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan Hearing at 7:37 P.M. to receive oral or written comments from the public. City Engineer Zwingman reported Riverside Park Road was listed on the one-year plan as two parts. He reported Riverside Park Road listed as a concrete intersection with an estimate of \$200,000 and the rest of the road as a loop with asphalt overlay estimated at \$365,000. He reported the road south on N Street to the tree dump was estimated at \$120,000. He reported that all other gravel streets were listed on the six-year plan. The hearing was left open.

## **DANGEROUS BUILDINGS UPDATE**

City Supt. Donaldson reported on the property at 6th and P St. Had removed trees installed windows and will reside the home to rehab into a rental. He reported the property along Hwy. 275 and 3rd St. Was to begin cleaning up this week and was looking to demolish the building and possibly combine the demolition with other projects. He reported the four-plex on D Street and the property at 603 K Street would be presented for discussion at next month's meeting for possibly amending the ordinance to provide rules for vacant properties. City attorney McNally reported on great progress attributed to the city superintendent's actions. The Superintendent reported the property at 707 S Street along Highway 14 had obtained a burn permit scheduled for this fall with the fire department. He reported he was taking demolition bids for the city-owned property on Highway 275 at 305 L Street with possibly a demolition of the property next week.

A discussion was held about two garages in bad shape on private property with removal costs estimated at \$2,500 and \$1,500. A discussion was held about filing a complaint in court with the removal costs assessed to the property as a lien if the city performed the demolition on the two garages. Discussion was held for presenting a resolution next month prior to demolition. *Wilkinson moved to approve the August update on dangerous buildings as presented by the City Supt.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

## **WYLIE DRIVE TRUCK TRAFFIC**

Mayor Hartz reported on the tremendous volume of truck traffic traveling on Wylie Drive and 2nd Street between Highway 275 and Highway 14. He requested consideration for reducing travel to local traffic only and any suggestions on how to monitor this. Discussion was held referencing prior discussions of Wylie Drive truck traffic that signage for no-through traffic could not be placed on Highway 14 as the state department of roads did not permit this. Discussion was held that unless local truck traffic could be defined then officers would not have a measurement of how to enforce it. Discussion was held for additional stop signs, a speed bump, and a traffic light. Discussion was held for trucks entering to fuel Cubby's Convenience Store and exit onto 2nd Street. No consensus was met, and the matter was tabled.

## **ADDITIONAL 1% ALLOWABLE INCREASE IN RESTRICTED FUNDS**

*Wilkinson moved to grant an additional 1% allowable increase in total restricted funds authority as a means of budget calculations.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

## 2023-2024 BUDGET ADOPTION WITH APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 650

Council member Hughes moved to adopt the 2023-2024 budget for a total expenditure requirement of \$14,162,324 and unused budget authority of restricted funds of \$63,123.05. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Council member Hughes moved to introduce the following budget ordinance entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL"; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended. Council Member Lundgren seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, Council member Hughes moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council member Lundgren. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 650 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Wilkinson, Hughes, and Lundgren. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance one time as prescribed by law.

## RESOLUTION 2023-11 TAX LEVY FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

There being no comments or objections heard, Mayor Hartz declared the final tax request hearing closed at 8:04 P.M. Council member Hughes introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2023-11 adopting a different tax levy from last year for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

General Fund - \$463,427.77	Levy - .499990
<u>Debt Service - \$157,800.00</u>	<u>Levy - .170250</u>
Total - \$621,227.77	TOTAL - .670240

With an assessed city valuation increase from last year of 9.96%. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Hughes, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2023-11 adopted.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen reported grant funds from the Rural Workforce Housing Grant had not been transferred to the Chamber account yet. She reported a lot of interest in building new properties in the community. She reported work continued with the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) and the details with the developer for the app and website and NCF loved the idea for the platform that could be used nationally. The Director complimented the Assistant Director for continued work with Communities for Kids (C4K) and the application with its planning and research team to provide additional daycare in town. She reported the Assistant Director would be attending a conference for Thriving Children Families and Communities in September. The Director reported that the Assistant Director completed the one-year work anniversary with a very good review and the business community really appreciated the Assistant Director's stops at local businesses. She reported current projects included online marketing, Ladies Night Out, and Novemberfest. The Director reported on a new mural in the new Veterans Park in Clearwater. She reported meeting with Five Rule Rural Planning and an architect for a second round of the Rural Workforce Housing Grant.

The Director reported on a Façade grant application approved by the Economic Development Board for Buffs Dew Drop Inn for new sidewalks. She reported the total project cost was \$4,998 and the grant request was for \$1,000. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve the Economic Development Director report and the facade grant application for Buffs Dew Drop Inn for \$1,000 for new sidewalks.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Lundgren, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for an LB840 application from the New Moon Theater and the background checks required for the board members. The director reported she had not received clarification from DED on the requirement for background checks that had previously been performed on one or two owners of a business. She reported this application consisted of a board of multiple members and was looking for guidance from DED to clarify proper procedure for this application and future applications of similar business types. Discussion was held for use of LB840 funds through the grant to pay for a portion of an engineering plan for the theater. Discussion was held for the background check requirement on the city's application for the LB840 grant funds. Discussion was held regarding whether use of LB840 funds could be used for a city-owned building. Discussion was held for DED's response to clarify before proceeding. No action was taken, and the matter was tabled.

### **ONE-AND-SIX YEAR STREET PLAN**

There being no oral or written comments received in reference to the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan, the public hearing was closed. Time: 8:50 P.M. *Lundgren introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2023-12 adopting the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement Plan as prepared by Advanced Consulting Engineering Services.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Hughes, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2023-12 adopted.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-13 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FOR ONE-AND-SIX YEAR STREET PLANS**

*Hughes introduced and moved for passage Resolution 2023-13 certifying the municipality compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and authorize the mayor to sign the certification form.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Lundgren, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared Resolution 2023-13 adopted.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief of Police Logan Lawson was absent. *Hughes moved to approve the August numeric and written police reports as presented.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Hughes, and Wilkinson. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

### **CITY SUPT. & ELECTRIC REPORT**

City Supt. Donaldson reported the street personnel were spraying cracks in the streets and assisting the solid waste department because no inmates were available to help with solid waste. He reported on the final cost of the swimming pool with the pool liner and new skimmer improvements revealing a decreased electric bill of \$1,231, a decreased natural gas bill of \$1,007, and a decreased chlorine chemical of \$1,000. He reported that the Park Board reviewed exit surveys for the lifeguards and was a good year with only two closures for the season. He credited the pool manager for splitting up the lifeguard shifts between kids in an even fashion and reported most of the lifeguards were planning to return next year. Mayor Hartz also thanked the pool manager and lifeguards. The Superintendent reported on motor and gear drive repairs at the sewer plant and a sewer line repair behind the Faith Regional Clinic. He reported that water usage was 5 million gallons less this year than last year. He recorded Water Operator Kester was helping with the electric generation automatic control installation and with tree trimming as a lot of the service orders were completed. He reported on the railroad tracks removed at the Neligh Mill which will be relayed after a construction project for a storage building is completed. He reported a draft of an agreement for the box car with History Nebraska for a \$1 lease for a 50-year lease that was presented to History Nebraska for review. He reported the electric generation automatic control installation was going well

with possibly testing and switching later in the week and possibly completed next week. *Hughes moved to approve the City Supt. report as presented.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for tree trimming on 6th Street between E Street and F Street and the drop off the ground where the trees are located. Discussion was held that it will take a lot of work to clear out the trees. Discussion was held for sewer operator Walt Patras and the City Superintendent Dan Donaldson for attaining the Grade 2 sewer certification after a 2-year process. The Superintendent reported that two years ago the certification was across all levels on a nationwide test with only 6% passing successfully. He reported an instructor for Nebraska Department of Environmental Energy came on-site to conduct certification training and testing for multiple communities to test on their own systems and the certification was now streamlined to Nebraska only. Mayor Hartz thanked Patras and Donaldson for their accomplishment and certification. *Wilkinson moved to honor and approved a \$.50 per hour wage increase for Walt Patras and a \$2,500 salary increase for Dan Donaldson for successful completion of the Grade 2 sewer certification.* Seconded by Hughes. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, and Wilkinson. Opposed: none. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 651 SETTING SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

*Council member Lundgren introduced Ordinance 651 entitled as follows:*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING AND ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; SETTING RATES OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND RETIREMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

*And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended.* Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Hughes moved for final passage of the ordinance,* which motion was seconded by Council member Wilkinson. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 651 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance in pamphlet form as prescribed by law.

### **ORDINANCE NO 652 SETTING ELECTRIC WATER AND SOLID WASTE RATES**

Discussion was held for residential and commercial solid waste rates to increase based on contract hauling and solid waste rates increasing. Discussion was held regarding overfill charges to begin for dumpster lids unable to close. *Council member Lundgren moved to approve increasing the tonnage fee to \$80 per ton including the weigh ticket.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

*Council member Hughes introduced Ordinance 652 entitled as follows:*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER, SOLID WASTE AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CLERK/TREASURER TO UPDATE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULES; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

*And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different times be suspended.* Council Member Lundgren voted YEA: Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter, *Council member Hughes moved for final passage of the ordinance*, which motion was seconded by Council member Lundgren. The mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 652 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council Members voted YEA: Wilkinson, Lundgren, and Hughes. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Miller. The passage and adoption of said ordinance, having been concurred in by three-fourths of all members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance was adopted and approved of the same and affixed his signature thereto and ordered the City Clerk to publish said ordinance one time as prescribed by law.

#### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANTELOPE COUNTY FOR RECYCLING**

*Council member Hughes moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Antelope County for recycling at \$1,000 a month effective October 1, 2023.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. Opposed none. Absent Miller. Motion carried.

#### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANTELOPE COUNTY FOR COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

*Council member Lundgren moved to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Neligh and the Antelope County Library association for supporting the Neligh Public Library for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Lundgren, and Hughes. Opposed none. Absent Miller. Motion carried.

#### **NEW MOON THEATER REPORT**

Theater Liaison Lundgren a mold inspection was done and confirmed the mold inside the theater. She reported an LB840 grant was in process for partial funding of an engineering plan. She reported t-shirt and calendar fundraising continued. She reported two National Honor Society students would be selling t-shirts and calendars at high school ball games. *Hughes moved to approve the New Moon Theater report as presented.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

*Wilkinson moved to approve the current claims as presented.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Wilkinson, and Lundgren. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

*Hughes moved to approve issuing a Fire Department certificate of deposit of \$22,000 from the General Fund for a future equipment purchase.* Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, and Hughes. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, *Lundgren moved to adjourn.* Seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Hughes, Lundgren, and Wilkinson. Opposed: None. Absent: Miller. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time 9:20 P.M.

City of Neligh

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Joe Hartz, Mayor

ATTEST

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Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that on September 12, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; 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 for public inspection at least twenty-four hours before the meeting; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted 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 meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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City Clerk