

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA
April 3, 2024

The special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Neligh was held at the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz and Council Members Ted Hughes, Dale Wilkinson, Stephanie Lundgren, and Leonard Miller. City Engineer John Zwingman joined the meeting by conference call. Also in attendance were Deputy City Attorney Joe McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, and City Clerk Danielle Klabenes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on April 1, 2024, at the City Office, U.S. Post Office, Pinnacle Bank, and Heritage Bank. 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.

WATER AND SEWER EAST HIGHWAY 275 PROJECT FINANCING TERMS AND OPTIONS

A discussion was held for eight projects that were bid for the water and sewer improvements along East Highway 275 and efficiency improvements throughout the town. Discussion was held that no projects could be accepted or a notice of award could be granted from the March bid letting until the USDA loan documents have been received. City Engineer John Zwingman reported on the water projects known as Project 1, 3, 4, and 5 eligible for financing with State Revolving Fund (SRF), and how the bids compared to the cost estimate and the split between loan and loan forgiveness terms offered by SRF. Discussion was held that if Project 5 was not completed, the other 3 SRF projects could be financed under SRF funds allocated without increasing the loan. Discussion was held that project 5 improves the redundancy and improves efficiencies around the local hospital which primarily benefits the hospital where as other SRF projects loop wells and help the water infrastructure system as a whole. Discussion was held for the USDA water projects 2A, 2B, and 2C and whether to keep project 2C as one of the USDA water projects that loops along 1st Avenue to the east before turning south to connect with the south edge of Countryside Acres Second Addition. Discussion was held that the sewer project along Highway 275 would be the city's own financing as SRF and USDA did not finance a sewer project. Discussion was held for the USDA, SRF, and City bond financing term length and interest rates with estimated annual payments. Discussion was held that the council may need to discuss utility users hooking up to the new water and sewer lines once construction is completed. Discussion was held that increasing the water line through the downtown district would not be a big improvement from the existing line but may be a consideration to listing on the One-and-Ten Year Water Plan. No action was taken.

There being no further business to conduct, *Miller moved to adjourn*. Seconded by Lundgren. Roll call votes in favor were Wilkinson, Hughes, Lundgren, and Miller. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time 5:45 P.M.

City of Neligh

Joe Hartz, Mayor

ATTEST

Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that on April 3, 2024; 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