

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NELIGH MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2024

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Neligh was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Joe Hartz, Council Members Leonard Miller, Stephanie Lundgren, Dale Wilkinson, and Ted Hughes. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim McNally, City Supt. Dan Donaldson, Library Director Amy Baker, Police Chief Logan Lawson, City Clerk Danielle Klabenes, and Tyler Pedersen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four public places on August 5, 2024 and publication in the Antelope County News on August 7, 2024. A copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. All proceedings hereafter 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 Council Chambers was available for the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Klabenes recorded the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

A budget work meeting for the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was held. Clerk Klabenes presented a summary of each department individually and collectively. She reported on the city valuation increase compared to last year. The City Council then reviewed each proposed City operation fund and made the following additions or deletions:

General: Consideration for office chairs, laptop, keyboard and mouse \$3,150, possible federal audit fee of \$3,000 for the water and sewer project.

Lottery: Consideration for \$31,000 for 4 new illuminated welcome signs at city entrances.

Economic Development: Consideration for office laptop \$2,500.

LB840: Consideration for administrative expenses of \$39,200, and loan disbursement of \$989,325 which includes \$793,525 in Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

CDBG Loan: Consideration for demolition for remaining de-obligated funds \$6,800.

Street: Consideration for chip and seal of Wylie Drive and Riverside Park Road of \$60,000, and crack seal city streets of \$50,000. Consideration for snow plow \$40,000, side truck for snow removal \$20,000, and mastic pothole \$30,000.

Water: Consideration for the East Highway 275 water project of \$2,571,000 per March bids. Consideration for an increase of the monthly base rate of \$2.00. Consideration for fluoride pumps \$10,500 and meter replacements \$9,000.

Sewer: Consideration for East Highway 275 sewer project of \$891,000 per March bids. Consideration for sewer cleaning and maintenance contract hire \$17,500, and UV lamp module replacement \$11,700.

Fire: Consideration for uniforms \$5,000. Consideration for a concrete project on the east side of the firehall \$8,000 and the awning \$5,000. Consideration for pickup and trailer of \$20,000 and creating a certificate of deposit for unused equipment budget for future equipment purchase.

Police: Consideration for academy training for new officer \$2,500, uniforms and vests \$5,000, and camera upgrade phase 3 of \$10,000.

Dial-A-Ride: Discussion for a budget of the second year of the bi-annual budget with NDOT previously set in March 2023. Discussion for new employee wage to increase January 1, 2025.

Solid Waste: Discussion for contract hauling and tipping contract rates to change January 1, 2025, baler with matching grant \$20,000, garbage truck loan payments \$48,000, and monthly base rate to increase \$1.00.

Pool: Consideration for west concrete deck replacement and fence removal and re-install \$14,000, pool ladder replacement and circulation repair \$3,500. Consideration for new minimum wage January 1, 2025. Discussion for pool Improvements funds for lounge chairs, rescue tubes, kickboards, life vests, and bench \$1,000.

Park: Consideration for north and ball field sprinklers match with Ball Board and Penn Park restroom upgrades \$9,000, fishing dock \$7,000, disc golf \$5,000, grapple bucket \$5,000 and 6 picnic tables with 1 ADA table \$5,200.

Park Foundation: Consideration for park upgrades projects toward matching grant \$35,000.

Library: Consideration for HVAC replacement \$33,570, and replace two computers in rotation \$3,100.

Theater: Consideration for insurance, utilities and real estate taxes \$6,450. Discussion for grant applications being submitted.

Electric and Electric Generation: Discussion for half of the Electric November 2024 loan payment as a result of the February 2021 extreme weather event and half to be paid in November 2025. Consideration for line improvement projects of Q Street and Generation plant transformer basements of \$37,000 paid with October CD maturing. Consideration for line improvement 5th Street boring project to be completed before the end of September 2024. Consideration for transformers for Antelope County Building \$15,000. Consideration for 3% usage rate increase.

Consideration for 3% cost of living increase to salaries and wages, new minimum wage and salary threshold effective January 1, 2025.

There being no further business to conduct Council member Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wilkinson. Roll call votes in favor were Lundgren, Wilkinson, Hughes, and Miller. Opposed: None. Thereupon Mayor Hartz declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:17 P.M.

City of Neligh

Joe Hartz, Mayor

(ATTEST)

Danielle Klabenos, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Neligh, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on August 15, 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 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 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.

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Danielle Klabenes, City Clerk