REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL – YORK, NEBRAKSA
December 1, 2022
5:30 PM o'clock P.M.

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of York, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Council Chambers.

The Mayor announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the East Wall of the Council Chambers.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the York News Times on November 25, 2022, the City's designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Mayor and City Council for this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers Jeff Pieper, Scott Van Esch, Stephen Postier and Vicki Northrop. The officials signed their Oath of Office and were seated as elected officials of the Governing Body of the City of York.

Mayor: Barry Redfern, Present. Councilmembers: Matt Wagner: Present, Tony North: Absent, Jerry Wilkinson: Present, Stephen Postier: Present, Jeff Pieper: Present, Vicki Northrop: Present, Scott Van Esch: Present, Jennifer Sheppard: Present.

Elect a Council President

Motion to nominate Councilmember Jeff Pieper as President of the Council and moved that the nominations cease and a vote be cast. Ayes with a motion by Matt Wagner and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Elect a Council Vice President

Motion to nominate Councilmember Mathew Wagner as Vice President of the Council and moved that the nominations cease and a vote be cast. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Minutes of November 17, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jeff Pieper. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Claims of Elected Officials

Motion to approve the claim for Tony North of North Printing and Office Supply in the amount of $2,698.61. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Matt Wagner. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Motion to approve the claim for Jeff Pieper of Pieper's Inc. in the amount of $72,497.26. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Matt Wagner. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Abstain (With Conflict), Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Claims

Motion to approve the claims for November 18, 2022 through December 1, 2022. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

City Administrator Report

Dr. Sue Crawford, City Administrator, presented the highlights of 2022 to the Council and made copies available to the public. She stated she will be highlighting them on social media as well in the weeks to come.

There were several internal promotions for staff and new certifications earned by approximately 10% of the staff. The City of York will be featured on 10/11 News next week. She also noted that there are a couple of lodging businesses in York that will be contacted regarding lodging occupation tax that hasn't been paid by their entity.

Solid Waste Rate Study with HDR TO 41

James Paul II, Public Works Director, informed the Council that the last rate study was completed in 2017. Motion to approve the Task Order 41 with HDR Engineering to perform a Solid Waste Rate Study for the York Area Solid Waste Agency with an estimated total fee of $20,910 to be completed before the end of February 2023. Ayes with a motion by Matt Wagner and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Tasers and equipment for Police Dept

Ed Tjaden, Chief of Police, explained to the Council the history of the current tasers and what will be purchased. Dr. Sue Crawford said that she believed it is in the City's best interest to waive the public bidding requirement and accept this proposal with Axon Enterprise for tasers and necessary equipment for the Police Department.

Motion to approve the Police Department to spend $22,611.00 on tasers, holsters and cartridges. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

State Bid for 2022 Ford F250 for the Street Dept

Motion to approve the state bid in the amount of $43,879 for a 2022 Ford F250 Extended Cab pickup for the Street Department. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Proposal for 50' x 108' Accu-Steel Advantage building kit and installation

No action was taken on this agenda item because the quote received initially wasn’t correct or complete.

Mayor Appointments

Motion to reappoint Craig Heskett to the Board of Adjustments for a term ending September 1, 2025. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Motion to reappoint Gayle Minert to the Board of Adjustments for a term ending September 1, 2025. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jeff Pieper. Tony North: Absent, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:48 o'clock p.m.

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Amanda Ring, City Clerk Barry Redfern, Mayor