REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL – YORK, NEBRAKSA
November 21, 2024
5:30 PM

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. in the Council Chambers.

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

Mayor: Barry Redfern: Present. Councilmembers: Tony North: Present, Vicki Northrop: Present, Jeff Pieper: Present, Stephen Postier: Present, Jennifer Sheppard: Present, Scott Van Esch: Present, Matt Wagner: Present, Jerry Wilkinson: Present. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Dr. Sue Crawford, City Attorney Charley Campbell, Public Works Director James Paul, Asset Manager Dan Aude, Human Resource Director Denise Pfeifer, Convention Center Director Terri Carlson and City Clerk Amanda Ring.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the York News Times on November 14, 2024, 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.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024 meeting. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Claims of Elected Officials

Motion to approve the claim for Tony North of North Printing and Office Supply in the amount of $1,856.71. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Abstain (With Conflict), Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Motion to approve the claim for Jeff Pieper of Pieper's Inc. in the amount of $21,275.29. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Abstain (With Conflict), Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Claims

Motion to approve the claims for November 8, 2024 through November 21, 2024. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Department Activities Reports

Motion to approve the departmental activities reports for the month of October 2024. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Tony North. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Preliminary Cash Balances

Motion to approve the preliminary cash balances for the month of September 2024. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

City Administrator Report

Dr. Crawford shared the ways the City distributes information. Terri Carlson has been working with City staff and KOOL radio to have a weekly interview to share what is going on within the City. The link for those interviews is posted on the City's Facebook page, and they are aired on the radio. The City's website has news articles on the front page that are updated often. There is also a calendar for information on meetings and events. On the main banner of the City's website is a button for 'Forms' and another button for 'Stay Informed'.

From the 'Stay Informed' button, you can download the City's app and receive notifications for updates. This is a good time of year to be receiving those notifications with snow season starting soon.

SDL for JWs Catering

Jerry Wilkinson shared that Applebee's no longer services the bars for events held within Best Western motel.
Motion to approve the special designated license for JWs Catering for a reception at Best Western Hotel on December 14, 2024. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Tony North. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Abstain (With Conflict), Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

SDL for Chances R

Casey Erdkamp, 623 N. 4th Street, York, shared that Renne Jantz will be onsite for this event. There will be a wine tasting with the options of purchasing full bottles at the event.
Motion to approve a special designated license for Chances R Inc. for an open house with a wine tasting at Kirtsey's Boutique, 723 N. Lincoln Ave, on December 18, 2024. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Public hearing on preliminary and final plats

The Mayor stated this was the time and place for a public hearing for the preliminary and final plat for the Replat of the West 56’ of Lots 1 and 2 AND Lot 3, Block 8, Hillside Addition; York Fire Station Addition, City of York, York County and Irregular Tract #34, Section 2, Township 10 North, Range 3 West of the 6th PM, York County, Nebraska. Dan Aude shared the Hillside Addition plat meets all the planning and zoning requirements of the City. The neighbors agreed to move the lot lines to square up each property. On Irregular Tract #34, the owners are adjusting the rectangle of the property from east/west to north/south, to accommodate the construction of a new building. The York Fire Station Addition had some necessary corrections and those have been completed. All of these were recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the Replat of the West 56' of Lot 1 and 2 AND Lot 3, Block 8, Hillside Addition, City of York, York County, Nebraska. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Scott Van Esch. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Motion to approve Irregular Tract 34, Section 2, Township 10 North, Range 3 West of the 6th PM, York County, Nebraska. Ayes with a motion by Jerry Wilkinson and a second by Tony North. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Motion to approve the York Fire Station Addition, City of York, York County, Nebraska. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Dump Truck Chassis from Freightliner

James stated Freightliner was a state bid. He recommended approval for two chassis instead of the dump trucks as presented in this proposal. The cost for the two truck chassis is $226,946.00.
Motion to approve the purchase of two chassis from Truck Center Companies in the amount of $226,946.00. Ayes with a motion by Matt Wagner and a second by Jeff Pieper. Matt Wagner: Yea, Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Valve Exerciser/Trailer from Wachs

James shared there were two quotes received. Wach's was not the lowest, but the reviews from the other company was not favorable. In addition, the City is looking to trade equipment back in to Wach's.
Motion to approve the quote with Wachs Utility Products for a Combo Valve Exerciser and Vacuum Trailer in the amount of $89,215.00. Ayes with a motion by Stephen Postier and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Appointment of Street Superintendent for 2025

Motion to approve the appointment of James Paul II, Superintendent License Number S-1742, Class B, to be the City of York's Street Superintendent for the calendar year 2025. Ayes with a motion by Jennifer Sheppard and a

second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Screen for Holthus from CCS Presentation

Terri shared that this was put out to bid and the City only received one bid for this project.
Motion to approve the bid from CCS Presentation Systems for the Holthus Lobby Screen Replacement in the amount of $64,916.97. Ayes with a motion by Scott Van Esch and a second by Jeff Pieper. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

24DTR006 Agreements for Administrative and Construction

Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the General Administration Agreement and the Construction Management Agreement for the 24DTR006 York Downtown Revitalization project with Southeast Nebraska Development District in the amounts of $25,000 and $10,000. The General Administration Agreement will be signed after the contract with the Department of Economic Development is signed. The Construction Management Agreement will be signed after the Release of Funds is issued, which will not happen until the Environmental Review and Other Special Conditions of the grant are completed and approved. Ayes with a motion by Tony North and a second by Scott Van Esch. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Recognition Dinner for City Officials and Employees

Motion to authorize a recognition dinner to be held for City officials and employees and expenditure of not to exceed $50 per official and employee who attends for the cost of the meal and nonalcoholic beverages; total expenditure shall not exceed $2,500. Ayes with a motion by Jennifer Sheppard and a second by Stephen Postier. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Mayor Appointments

The Mayor thanked Laura McDougall for her time served on the Housing Agency.
Motion to approve the appointment of Tresa Worster to the Housing Agency for a term ending November 1, 2029. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Jerry Wilkinson. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Motion to approve the appointment of Marlo Winter to the Housing Agency, as a tenant representative, for a term ending November 1, 2029. Ayes with a motion by Stephen Postier and a second by Scott Van Esch. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Resolution 2024-35 - to declare certain city property surplus

RESOLUTION 2024-35

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, there are certain items of City property and equipment surplus to City needs; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA, hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1: The items of City property and equipment listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto, are declared surplus property, and the City staff at the direction of the Mayor, is authorized to sell such property at a price that is in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2: The City staff is hereby authorized to dispose of said surplus property through one of the following methods:

a) By transfer to a governmental agency.
b) In trade as credit toward the purchase of a like article.
c) By sale through competitive sealed bid, public or private sale, consignment or internet auction.

For any surplus property that is not sold, the City may sell the surplus property for salvage or dispose of the surplus property that cannot be sold.

EXHIBIT A

UNIT #	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	VALUATION	SERIAL #
	1992	615C CAT wheeled elevator scraper	Landfill		08260899

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-35, to declare certain city property surplus and authorize the disposition of surplus property. Ayes with a motion by Tony North and a second by Scott Van Esch. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Yea, Vicki Northrop: Yea.

Public hearing for Rezoning

The Mayor announced this was the time and place for a public hearing on the rezoning of a property from the R-3 District to the Industrial District. Dan showed the three properties that were subject to rezoning. He shared that Mr. Budler purchased the property and would like to put up a shop-type building. With the current zoning it cannot be built. He stated the sites were posted for rezoning and letters were sent to all property owners within 300' of these properties. It meets the zoning regulations and the storage units to the north are already zoned industrial. The planning commission voted to recommend the zoning change. Conner Mogul, 729 Kingsley Ave, York, shared he was opposed to changing to industrial zoning. He questioned whether industrial was the proper zoning classification for this area, or is there another option for zoning requirements. He pointed out the trail also runs through these properties and what will industrial zoning do for the trail? John Budler, 327 East Ave, York, stated he had requested the rezone to be able to construct a building for storage and a small workshop. The approximate building size is 32' x 60' and that size of building can't be constructed in residential zoning. Discussion was had by the Council whether the zoning should be industrial or commercial and what the future development of that area might look like.

Ordinance No. 2380 -

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YORK, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 DISTRICT TO THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days for Ordinance No. 2380. The motion was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance on its second and third readings. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Yea, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Nay, Vicki Northrop: Nay.

Passage of Ordinance No. 2380

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2380 to amend the zoning map to rezone property located in the R-3 District to the Industrial District. Ayes with a motion by Jeff Pieper and a second by Jennifer Sheppard. Tony North: Yea, Jennifer Sheppard: Yea, Stephen Postier: Yea, Jerry Wilkinson: Nay, Matt Wagner: Yea, Jeff Pieper: Yea, Scott Van Esch: Nay, Vicki Northrop: Nay.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:29 o'clock p.m.

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Amanda Ring, City Clerk Barry Redfern, Mayor