A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on September 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the city clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the mayor and members of the city council, with a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the city clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the mayor and city council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Chuck Sherer, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Communications Director Rachel Pensick, Police Captain Doug Molczyk, and Account Clerk Robin Efta.

2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.

3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bulkley invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vasicek stated that the following items are considered routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. She pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

4.A. Minutes of August 17, 2020, City Council meeting.

4.B. Reappointment of Kathryn Ballobin to Library Board for four-year term.

4.C. Reappointment of Chuck Whitney as delegate to Nebraska Cooperative Government Commission for one-year term.

4.D. Reappointment of Darrell Burrows and Russ Strehle to Board of Appeals for three-year terms.

4.E. **Resolution No. R20-87 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R20-87 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT A CHECK BE ISSUED AND MADE PAYABLE TO THE RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR(S) FOR LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS FURNISHED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED DISTRICTS AND PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ALL AS SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS PREPARED BY THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL ENGINEER, TO WIT: GEHRING CONSTRUCTION & READY MIX, INC. - DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL RENOVATION $65,193.91; OBRIST & CO., INC. - SED #46 LOST CREEK FROM 38 STREET TO WEST OF 10 AVENUE $62,851.57; PAVERS, INC. - ASPHALT PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2020 - $370,520.85.

4.F. **Payroll and bills on file.** CP=Capital Projects; E=Expenses; G=Grants; R=Refund; S=Service & Supplies; T=Training 09/18/20 Payroll $638,250.83; 911 Custom 2,233.00 CP; Ace Hardware 1,930.96 S; Advance Auto Parts 3,352.88 CP,S; AJ Bloebaum Electric 150.00 S; AKRS Equip 191.40 S; All Makes Office Equip 54,889.18 CP; AlphaMedia 1,675.00 S; Amazon 7,206.50 S; American Legal Publishing 495.00 S; American Red Cross 596.00 T; Aqua-Chem 477.90 S; B & C Electrical 6,550.00 CP; Baird Holm 70.00 S; Carole Baumgart 21.60 R; Beard-Warren 2,432.38 S; Behlen Towing 125.00 S; Benes Service 284.50 S; Bert Gurney 1,805.41 S; Best Version Media 152.00 S; Bibliotheca 140.58 S; Black Hills Energy 20.40 S; Blackstrap 5,176.84 S; Bomgaars 1,739.51 S; Bound Tree Medical 579.97 S; Bryan Rock Products 6,074.73 CP; BS&A 10,250.00 CP; Capital Business Systems 1,873.30 CP; Cat's Pro Mow 450.00 S; CBS – Reporting 34.80 S; Ctr Point Large Print 89.28 S; Central Parts 2,813.61 CP,S; Central Sand & Gravel 158.16 S; Central Valley Ag 1,029.84 S; City of Col 20,710.44 S; Clark Creative 1,828.80 S; Club Prophet 90.00 S; College of St Mary 25.00 S; Natasha Collins 50.00 R; CCH 8,719.42 S; Telegram 4,513.93 S; Community Internet 45.00 S; Judy Conley 27.39 R; Connecting Point 8,728.99 CP,S; Consolidated Water Solutions 13,500.03 S; Core & Main 30,879.81 CP,S; Cornhusker Power 916.10 S; Creative Sites 34,970.00 CP; Culligan 526.19 S; D & K Products 2,040.00 S; Danko Emergency Equip 18,104.99 CP,S; DAS State Accounting 6,271.93 S; Demco 194.12 S; DHHS 7,432.82 CP; Diamond Vogel 3,925.00 S; Downey Drilling 34,262.41 S; Ruddy Dubon 53.97 R; Eakes 1,458.43 S; Ecolab 121.49 S; Ed M Feld Equip 4,321.00 CP,S; Edith Abbott Library 15.95 S; Electric Pump 5,872.01 CP; Electrical Eng & Equip 671.12 S; Electronic Eng 2,547.14 S; Eller Heating 229.00 S; Ernst Auto 1,783.29 S; Neptaly Escobar 300.00 R; Fastenal 1,349.03 S; FBG 175.50 S; Felsburg Holt & Ullevig 3,651.00 CP; First National Bank 347.86 S; Full Throttle Truck 4,544.59 S; Gale 355.12 S; Gehring Const 69,510.92 CP,S; Steffy Ford 71.54 S; General Traffic Controls 6,244.04 S; Geocomm 600.00 CP; Gerhold Concrete 601.92 S; Lavonne Grassmeyer 151.41 R; Great Plains Bldg 31.76 S; Great Plains Comm 310.00 S; Hadley-

Braithwait 321.45 S; Don Hartl 41.13 R; Hawkins 6,580.31 S; Holmberg Heating 75.00 S; Hometown Leasing 177.97 S; Ingram Library Services 4,726.35 CP; Jackson Services 2,992.23 S; JEO Consulting 2,670.00 CP; K & S Tool 773.98 S; Kelly Supply 252.45 S; Tom Kent 103.12 R; Kidwell 12,000.00 CP; Kiesler Police 6,960.00 CP; Koch Excavating 14,558.97 CP; Labor Relations Info 150.00 S; Lakeview Small Engine 125.16 S; Lincoln Journal Star 489.00 S; Logan Contractors 87.41 S; Lake Stop 92.12 S; Loup Power 2,912.91 S; M & L 4,327.65 S; M & O Door 276.00 S; Mail Prep 4,412.58 S; Matheson-Linweld 51.72 S; Menards 1,839.27 S; E Micek 500.00 E; Mid-American Research 1,050.25 S; Midland Scientific 427.26 S; Mid-Plains Industries 659.85 S; MW Right of Way 11,190.00 CP; MW Tape 871.28 S; MW Turf 2,616.76 S; Mike's Auto 12,995.00 CP; Mueller Sprinklers 950.08 S; Municipal Pipe Tool 2,721.11 S; NAPA 510.46 S; NE Golf & Turf 1,038.79 S; NE Harvestore 1,247.35 S; NE Law Enforcement 20.00 T; NE Library Commission 3,317.50 S; NE Public Health 1,488.00 S; Neenah Foundry 4,382.00 S; Niemann's Port-A-Pot 40.00 S; NE Hawks Shop 135.00 S; NENEDD 15,864.00 G; Northern Truck Equip 84,239.00 CP; NW Electric 2,218.31 S; Obrist & Co 62,851.57 CP; Occupational Health 3,446.00 S; Officenet 1,681.16 S; Olson's Pest Tech 287.00 S; Omnia Properties 106.20 R; One Source 271.00 S; O'Reilly 334.40 S; Pace Analytical 727.00 S; Pacific Window Tint 342.00 CP; Patrick & Re'nee Palensky 1.15 R; Pavers 370,520.85 CP; Performance Printing 186.24 S; Petty Cash 221.34 E; Platte Valley Comm 749.00 S; POSitive Concepts/ATPI 724.88 S; Presto-X 213.00 S; ProFlow 104.00 S; Public Safety Dive 4,291.38 T; Quadient 1,642.63 S; Reardon 7,184.87 CP,S; Recorded Books 1,162.74 S; S & S Willers 1,787.36 S; Sandry Fire Supply 1,552.50 CP,S; Sapp Bros 17,536.08 S; Security Equip 5,087.23 CP; ServiceMaster 7,941.00 S; Settje Plbg 287.79 S; Shevlin Supply 783.93 S; Snap-on Tools 1,198.20 CP; Stan Houston Equip 197.99 S; NE Dept of Revenue 63,216.20 S; Stericycle 918.16 S; Sunset Law Enforcement 8,775.40 T; Superior Van 130.00 S; Sysco 4,821.91 S; Home Depot 14.64 S; Lifeguard Store 455.50 S; Emily Theis 125.00 R; C Thomas 8.62 E; Time Warner 8.37 S; Tire Outlet 1,188.00 S; TM Cleaning 450.00 S; Transit Works 64.14 S; Travelers 4,708.00 S; Tri County Repairs 31.89 S; Truck Center 8,210.80 S; Tumbleweed Press 1,677.90 S; Ty's Outdoor Power 201.15 S; U & I Sanitation 609.72 S; UPRR 816.25 S; United Laboraties 204.00 S; Utilities Section, League of NE Municipalities 4,073.00 S,T; Van Diest 3,141.00 S; Van Wall 213.45 S; Vander Haags 1,855.94 S; Vendnet 2,001.53 S; Verizon 1,704.55 S; Walmart 302.33 S; Waste Connections 138.06 S; Wellness Partners 10.00 S; Wells Fargo 500.00 S; West Point Implement 404.30 S; Jonathan Wholf 85.68 R; Wilson & Co 4,690.17 CP; Xavus Solutions 1,500.00 S; Zimco 4,250.00 S. TOTAL $1,886,805.95.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.A. Public hearing - 2020-2021 Budget. John Curry, P.O. Box 8, presented a report on income and expenses for Quail Run and Van Berg golf courses for fiscal years ending 2016 through the 2021 Budget and expressed opposition to subsidization of the golf courses. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.A.1. Resolution No. R20-88 adopting Schedule of Fees effective October 1, 2020. Resolution No. R20-88 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE FEES AS STATED AND HEREBY DECLARED IN THE ATTACHED "SCHEDULE OF FEES"; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.A.2. Ordinance No. 20-19 adopting 2020-2021 Pay Plan. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 20-19 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND MONTHLY SALARY RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION was read by number only with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 20-19 was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.A.3. Ordinance No. 20-20 adopting 2020-2021 Budget. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 20-20 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 20-20 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.B. Public hearing - Property tax request for 2020-2021. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by

Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.B.1. **Resolution No. R20-89 setting the property tax request at $5,510,908.** Resolution No. R20-89 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO SET THE 2020-2021 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT $5,510,908.00 was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bulkley commended staff for their diligent efforts with budget preparations this year.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** None

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** None

11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

12. **REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:** None

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

13.A. **Appointment of Brittany White as police officer.** Bahr read a brief resume and the mayor's appointment of Brittany White as police officer was ratified with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. White introduced her family and thanked the mayor and city council for the appointment.

13.B. **Quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount of $237,482.60 for multi-band radios and VRX repeaters for Police Department.** The quote from Motorola Solutions for multi-band radios and VRX repeaters was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.C. **Quote from Downey Drilling in the amount of $34,262.41 for repairs to Well No. 16 located in the north well field.** The quote from Downey Drilling for repairs to Well No. 16 was accepted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.D. **Quote from Lincoln Winwater Company in the amount of $15,618.96 for materials to complete a water main extension to the airport snow removal equipment building.** The quote from Lincoln Winwater Company for materials to complete a water main extension was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha,

Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.E. **Comments from mayor and city council members.** Bulkley asked everyone to keep the family of the fallen police officer from Lincoln in their thoughts and prayers.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. **Resolution No. R20-90 approving the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Service/Consultant Agreement for General Administration Services for Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Funds No. 20-TFHP-17006.** Resolution No. R20-90 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SERVICE/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR NEBRASKA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (NAHTF) NO. 20-TFHP-17006; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Kresha and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.B. **Resolution No. R20-91 approving addendum to Fixed Base Operator agreement with Avcraft, Inc. outlining duties and obligations for furniture purchased by the city.** Resolution No. R20-91 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE FIXED BASE OPERATOR AGREEMENT WITH AVCRAFT, INC., OUTLINING DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS FOR FURNITURE PURCHASED BY THE CITY; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.C. **Resolution No. R20-92 authorizing and directing certain fees for engineering services, legal services, and general administration be paid for Street Improvement District No. 182, Water Extension District No. 62, and Sewer Extension District No. 44.** Resolution No. R20-92 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT CERTAIN FEES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES AND GENERAL

ADMINISTRATION BE PAID IN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 182, WATER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 62, AND SEWER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 44 was adopted with a motion by Lohr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

16. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None

17. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:

17.A. Ordinance No. 20-14 amending Section 111.01 Chapter 111 of Title XI of Ordinance No. 05-47 (Columbus City Code) to increase the occupation tax rate on telephone companies from 3 percent to 5 percent. Ordinance No. 20-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 111.01 OF CHAPTER 111 OF TITLE XI OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-47 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) TO INCREASE THE OCCUPATION TAX RATE ON TELEPHONE COMPANIES FROM THE SUM OF THREE PERCENT (3%) TO THE SUM OF FIVE PERCENT (5%); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

18. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE: Included in Consent Agenda

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Presented and approved this 21 day of September, 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK