

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. AT FAIRVIEW GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE, 1799 D STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.**

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Pawnee Republican, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are 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 Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

**Present:** Mayor Charlie Hatfield; Council Members: Vickie Zelenka, Ric Helms, Susan Eisenhower and John Dahlgren; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer, Spencer Cumley, City Foreman & Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. **Absent:** None.

Mayor Hatfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the Posters stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the North meeting room wall accessible to the public.

Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to accept the August 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted the following claims for consideration: **7/21/2020 Payroll:** 9226.10; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 2623.55; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 364.06; **NW Mutual**, retirement 853.92; **Allstate**, cancer/accid. ins. 228.46; **Madison National Life**, employee life ins. 55.09; **BCBS**, health ins. 5768.46; **Ameritas**, vision ins. 116.60; **PCDC**, June 2020 sales tax 6484.55; **Windstream**, phone & internet service 607.86; **Black Hills Energy**, gas service 79.69; **Casey's Business Mastercard**, equip fuel 384.67; **NPPD**, electric service 3984.54; **Binder Bros.**, cement for street repair 369.38; **Hamilton Equip. Co.**, trailer & Bush Hog mower 7495.00; **SYNC/Amazon**, library materials 254.11; **Capital Bus Systems**, update server warranty 296.64; **John Deere Financial**, lawnmower caster wheels 139.10; **Table Rock Appliance**, install UV lights @ swr plant 646.73; **U.S. Cellular**, tablet monthly service 53.53; **Verizon Wireless**, emergency cell phone, home connect & jetpack 125.67; **Nebraska Dept. of Revenue**, July sales & use tax 3261.50; **Spectrum**, internet & phone @ shop 154.97; **Pawnee Co. Registrar of Deeds**, file liens & releases 60.00; **Pawnee Co. Treasurer**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ 2019 property taxes 2042.18; **Terry Valentine**, credit balance on wtr acct. 72.21; **Immense Impact**, annual web subscript. 549.45; **Premier Pyrotechnics**, 2020 fireworks 3000.00; **Bruna Implement**, repair parts for Grasshopper mower 115.25; **Emily Sisco**, legal services 179.00; **Gyhra Constr.**, difference in cost to replace tube for John Dahlgren 992.50; **H&H Auto Parts**, repair supplies 790.22; **Husker Rehab**, empl #1024 physical 97.00; **Julie D. Bauman**, budget retreat workshop 370.00; **Lola Seitz**, reimb hand sanitizer & face masks 39.61; **National Wash Authority**, clean wtr tower 6800.00; **Pawnee Co. Clerk**, primary election costs 588.73; **Pawnee True Value**, repair supplies 172.45; **Binder Bros.** cement 369.38; **Fairview Golf Club**, donation for City Council meetings 120.00; **Lincoln Winwater Works**, rubber seals to fix wtr line 321.38; **Seneca Sanitation**, garbage service @ pond 80.00. Council Member Helms made a

motion to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Dahlgren seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Julie Bauman, Present Final Draft of Budget Document and Levy; Valuation; Vote on**

**additional 1% allowable growth:** The budget is in really good shape and form right now. The valuation came in 5% higher. Total valuation is \$27,977,683.00. The total tax asking is \$198,985.00 split into two portions, \$70,000 for the street department (street bond project) \$128,985.00 for general property taxes that will go for general government operations. The City has several interlocal agreements but the one to focus on is the Law Enforcement Agreement with the county. The next budget hearing will be September 14, 2020. Ms. Bauman explained the City has a decent cash balance to head into next year. Even though property values increased, the City is still limited to a 50 cent levy which includes 5 cents for interlocal agreements and 45 cents for the general levy. The expenditures are the operational budget and Pawnee City runs on a true operational budget. The State mandates you have a cash reserve but you can't have more than 50% in a cash reserve and the City is at the max for a total of \$900,325.71. Ms. Bauman continued to explain the written 2020-2021 Adopted Budget which includes disbursements and transfers. PCAL has been budgeted for everything even though their upcoming payment has been deferred. If something would change, then at least that payment has been budgeted for. The total budget adds up to \$3,089,305.71 which includes total expenditures, equipment, etc. The 2019-2020 actual/estimated budget adds up to \$2,700,878.58. Ms. Bauman explained the "Lid" form which is driven by revenue. Restricted funds have to be spent a certain way for the City to keep receiving federal money, state money and the levy from property taxes but an exception to that is your capital outlay. Approving the 1% growth allows the City to amend the budget by \$11,744.13. This has nothing to do with the levy. This is your authority of what you can spend so you are voting to increase your ability to spend or your budget authority. Bauman explained that the first hearing will be on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm. to discuss the budget. It cannot have an ending time for the hearing but you will have to allow time for comments from the Public. Hopefully, everything goes well, and the next hearing can be held at 7:15 to set the final tax request. There is actually a 12% decrease in the operating budget for 2020. The property valuation increased 5% but the City is not asking for more taxes and the tax rate will be about the same. Council Member Dahlgren asked if utility reserve funds will be used to pay water back? A couple years ago, the General checking account had borrowed \$100,000 from Utility checking. Clerk Curtis explained that the City had the funds in the Utility Reserve account but should not be used up. The City would have to transfer funds out of the General reserve fund account into the Utility account. Clerk Curtis asked the Council if they were okay with keeping the street bond at \$70,000? Should it be increased? Council Member Eisenhauer stated she feels the street bond amount should stay at \$70,000 so as to not burden the citizens anymore than necessary. Council Member Helms asked if the ½% city sales tax street fund was paying the rest of the payment; yes, but it can't make the whole payment. Clerk Curtis explained that there is no guarantee the City will receive the full \$70,000 if property owners don't pay their taxes. Council Member Dahlgren expressed concern that the Council needs to start looking at the assisted living to see if they are going to be able to make their payments. Clerk Curtis explained that the Council needs to look at all of PCAL's accounts, such as savings accounts, CDs, etc. to get a true picture of how they are doing financially. Council Member Dahlgren stated that the documents submitted for this meeting show a \$6,000 gain but that isn't going to be enough to make their loan payments. Clerk Curtis explained that the financial documents showed a \$40,000 transfer but it didn't state where the money went. Are they transferring money to interest bearing

accounts? The loan deferment should help the assisted living since they will not have to make that loan payment due in October and the City will not have to make that payment either, so hopefully, PCAL will be able to save some funds up and start paying the City back and then be able to make their own payments. Clerk Curtis applied for the loan deferment for PCAL which was, thankfully, granted through USDA. The Council was in agreement that PCAL's inability to make their payments means the City will have to make the payments or it will affect the City's credibility. PCAL had submitted financial documents to the City before tonight's meeting but didn't receive a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Council Member Helms made the motion to approve the 1% allowable growth for the restricted funds authority. Council Member Eisenhower seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Mitchell Turnbull, re: Street Parking; Support for Existing Businesses; Spending**

**Taxpayer's Money:** Mr. Turnbull addressed the Council about local business employees continuing to park downtown instead of the parking lot across the street from the post office or south of downtown by the courthouse. Recently, a newspaper employee had a vehicle parked in front of the newspaper office for at least 10 days and had not been moved. He understands that the Council doesn't want to tax people to death because of COVID-19 but how can people visit downtown and spend money if there are no parking spots available? It doesn't make sense. The City requires tax dollars and there's never any parking available. Turnbull has asked several times about this issue but it never gets resolved. We can sit here and talk out of both sides of our mouth but it doesn't go anywhere. We can talk or we can have action. It's one or the other. Turnbull asked the Council what he could do differently. He doesn't feel the Council supports the local businesses unless they have a Reuse loan and can get payments deferred. Some businesses have money borrowed but it isn't with the City. Turnbull makes \$4000/month in payments but none of his payments have been deferred. Why isn't there any support for the other businesses? **Spending tax payer's money;** Mr. Turnbull had read past meeting minutes in regard to the tube that was replaced in front of Council Member Dahlgren's house. The City has a backhoe and a lot of other equipment so why didn't the City replace the tube? Turnbull asked Council Member Dahlgren how many years ago the tube in his driveway was damaged. Council Member Dahlgren replied: 13 years ago. Turnbull explained that a couple of years ago, the City truck drove on his sidewalk and the seal has come off of his building and the sidewalk needs mud jacking. Should he turn that in for a City claim? That has been well less than 13 years. Where does the buck stop? We have all this City equipment, do we ever use it? At some point in time you can't just keep throwing money at problems. Are we going to justify having this equipment? If it just stays parked down there in the shed, then we don't need it. That's my two cents. Council Member Eisenhower addressed Mr. Turnbull: What would you like to see us do for parking spots? Turnbull replied: If the City is going to have 12 parking spots for downtown, that's all we can do but when you have two people from Pete's that live there and park there overnight for 5 or 6 days, that takes up space. What upset him the most about the parking issue is that a vehicle sat in front of the newspaper office overnight for 10 days, parked illegally, in the Fire Zone, owned by somebody who works at the newspaper office. Turnbull called the Sheriff's office five times and nothing happened. That shows that nobody cares. He also told the Sheriff's office if it doesn't get moved, he would move it himself but somebody showed up on that Saturday and towed it away. "Law enforcement will drive by 15 times a night and harass everybody and watch when people leave and pick them up for DUI but yet they wouldn't take

the easy kill.” Ray parks out front for hours on end. Ray Kappel, Pawnee Republican reporter stated “I don’t park in front for hours on end because I work from home.” Turnbull replied, “You did before, believe me, I know.” Three or four people don’t matter but Pete’s is notorious for it. You talk to them, they do it for one day and then they are back to it. How are you supposed to run a business if you can’t park anybody in front. It isn’t just my building. How is a 95 yr. old woman supposed to park and walk across the street to the bank or a lawyer’s office to do any business if there isn’t any parking? Council Member Zelenka asked if there was two-hour parking on the streets in front of businesses? Council Member Dahlgren: at one time didn’t Willy Katz mark tires? Clerk Curtis explained that the Sheriff’s office said they cannot mark tires anymore. Ray Kappel asked if council members had gone around and talked to people? Mayor Hatfield explained they did and it helped for awhile. Ray Kappel explained that he can do something about his car but he cannot do anything about his boss or Ron Puhalla parking there. Mitch Turnbull explained that it’s frustrating when you complain and nothing gets done about it and then when you also spend money on something that happened 13 yrs. ago....that’s probably why the sealant came off my building because the city truck hit it. Council Member Dahlgren replied “that was an agreement, that’s the way it is.” Turnbull: that’s an agreement, where is it in writing? Dahlgren: call Clint Johnson. Turnbull: Was he the foreman then? JD: That’s exactly right. You go talk to him. If yours was torn up, why didn’t you go talk to him at that time? Turnbull: Why didn’t you do it 13 yrs. ago? Dahlgren: It doesn’t make any difference. If that bothers you, Mitch, I guess that bothers you. Turnbull: you damn right that bothers me. Well John, you’re probably the one that bitches the most about employee overtime but \$992.00 for you to get your tube fixed with tax dollars is absolutely ridiculous. Mike Korber was going to fix his anyways, were you going to fix yours anyways? Dahlgren: No I wasn’t going to fix mine anyways. That was an agreement by the City to put it in. That’s what it is. Turnbull: I think the City should have to fix the mud jacking on the corner of my building where the sealant has come off because they are the one that caused that. Dahlgren: Prove that. Turnbull: Where’s your proof? Dahlgren: Clint Johnson. Turnbull: I will remember that. Council Member Zelenka asked Turnbull what is the worst time that he sees for parking and Turnbull replied that it is pretty much from 9:00 to 4:00. It’s not just the lunch hour, it’s all business hours. Turnbull stated he feels the Council doesn’t really care about small businesses in town when they aren’t going to fix the problems here that are clearly visible. Zelenka asked if Pete ever had parking behind his building. It was the general consensus that only Pete parks behind the building and nobody parks in the City parking lot. Council Member Helms said he checks that parking lot everyday and there are at least three open spots everyday. Turnbull: That’s my point. There is a problem with that. Ray Kappel said there is parking down the street in front of the building where Transportation Tech used to be on the East side of the courthouse. Council Member Helms asked if it would do any good for the City to put in a two-hour parking limit? Clerk Curtis explained you would have to install parking meters. Council Member Dahlgren said that if the Police aren’t going to move a parked car that has set there for 10 days, they aren’t going to mark cars. Clerk Curtis explained that Sheriff Lang said they couldn’t mark tires on cars anymore to see if they have been moved. Mayor Hatfield stated he is not defending the Sheriff’s department but brought up ORD 965 on abandoned cars & hobby permits and the Police wrote a lot of tickets and brought them to the Council meeting and the Council threw them out. If I was a Police officer, sorry Mitch, I probably wouldn’t care about the parked car because what is the use, it will probably get thrown out anyway. The abandoned car situation was forgotten about and never brought up again. Turnbull: which brings up the point of just talking about something and it

never follows through. Mayor Hatfield: we either need to figure out a way to take care of the parking problem or we need to throw the ordinance out of the book and forget about it. Mayor Hatfield explained that his opinion on junk cars and bad looking lawns is that maybe we should have an open meeting and try to get people to come in and maybe get someone to help volunteer to write some of this stuff up. Mayor Hatfield gave the example when he was a Boy Scout Master and he let the scouts set the rules and then they passed them. If they didn't follow the rules, then they couldn't blame authority because they made the rules. Maybe we should get the people more involved in some of this and tell them what the problems are. Some people will be interested and get involved and some people will not want anything to do with it but you have to start somewhere. We should set up a special open meeting and discuss this with the Public.

Helms: would you get 30 people there? Eisenhower: 30 is better than none. Mayor: 30 is better than us 6. Dahlgren: Charlie you remember when you were on Council and we wrote that thing up and how many people came when tickets were written? Braden had said that he was going to write tickets on everyone, it didn't matter who they were. Dahlgren stated that he thought Braden went overboard because he took binoculars to look for junk cars. I'll show the City/Council what they're....I'm just sayin'. He felt Sheriff Lang took it one step further than it had to have been.

Dahlgren: that's not a bad point, maybe ask the people. Mayor Hatfield: the same way with supporting existing businesses. Hatfield explained that he was in business for 24 years and he got no support and "they" wanted to tax NAPA when they re-did the uptown and his business wasn't located uptown, it was located on the highway and he didn't have much parking in front of his business and it was a state highway and the state didn't want anyone parking along there.

Dahlgren: If the Sheriff isn't going to do something, what do you do? Eisenhower: we are paying the Sheriff, right? Turnbull: maybe you cut back funds to the Sheriff's office. They spend a lot of time sitting at the Courthouse, anyway, what's the difference? They could have seen that parked car from where they were sitting. Helms: How do you cut it back? Dahlgren: You are wanting to defund the Police Department? Turnbull: That's not what I said, John. Dahlgren replied: That's what it is guys. Eisenhower: Cutting back is not defunding. Defunding is none. Helms: I'm not talking about defunding any police department, whatsoever. Dahlgren: I guess what you do is find policeman that want to do their job, I don't know. Kappel: The Commissioners did cut them back but I don't know how much. Clerk Curtis explained that the City does have a law enforcement agreement with the County through 2022 but the City only pays a small portion of the total. Helms: Is this a demanding thing that we have to do? Curtis continued to explain that we have to pay a portion to the County for the Sheriff's department to enforce the local ordinances. Mayor Hatfield explained that he is going to take it upon himself to find out why the vehicle in front of the newspaper office didn't get ticketed and he is going to get an answer for Turnbull. Mayor Hatfield asked Turnbull to talk with his wife and come back with ideas on what the City could do to support existing businesses. The City had nothing to do with deferring the money on the Reuse loans, it was the Reuse Committee. There was one business had asked that their loan be "written off" but the Committee told them that the loan would be deferred but not written off. Otherwise, what can the City do to help local businesses? We try to buy supplies locally but we can't make our employees support local businesses. Mayor Hatfield asked the City of Seneca what they do to support local businesses. Seneca has a strong Chamber of Commerce with one full time employee. Hatfield asked two Seneca councilman what the City does to help local business and they explained the City itself doesn't do much but the Chamber of Commerce does a lot. Hatfield asked Turnbull to write down some ideas and bring them back

to the Council. Ray Kappel suggested Turnbull run for City Council and Mitch replied he would rather run for County Commissioner because it pays more.

**Review PCAL Financials:** Clerk Curtis received confirmation from Natasha Byers that PCAL's loan payment due October 19<sup>th</sup> has been deferred until October 2021. Lori Anderson, PCAL Administrator emailed Clerk Curtis copies of the July 2020 Profit & Loss statement and Table Rock checking account reconciliation statements. The financial statements show that PCAL had a July 2020 profit of \$6375.24 and balance in their account of \$43,651.91. Mayor Hatfield explained that PCAL received money from the CARES grant and is preparing for their 16<sup>th</sup> resident. Council Member Dahlgren asked if we could request that they be present at the next City Council meeting to explain their finances. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she felt the Council needs to see a complete picture of their financial standing. Clerk Curtis suggested they come to the last meeting in September on the 28<sup>th</sup> and this would be after their September meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> which will be close to the end of the City's financial year. The Council could actually request their presence at that meeting and this would give them notice to prepare for the meeting. Council Member Helms stated that all the members live in town except for Amie, their consultant. Council Member Zelenka stated that Amie could be present by phone to answer questions if she knows ahead of time. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she thought it would be more for peace of mind and to know that they are not struggling. Clerk Curtis explained that this is a community question because she is asked all the time if the City is going to have to make PCAL's payments. The current payment was deferred but what about after that? Council Member Helms asked if the Council could take any action if PCAL refuses to hand over the requested information? Council Member Eisenhauer and Clerk Curtis explained that the financial statements show a transfer of \$45,647.26 but doesn't show where the money went or what it was for. Clerk Curtis will talk with Lori Anderson and ask for the requested information. Council Member Helms stated he remembers the president of PCAL being present at a meeting and said "here's the keys" when the Council requested financial information. PCAL has changed treasurers and the current one is Barb Helms. Bruce Haughton was present at the Council meeting and stated he has been on the PCAL board for 13 years. Haughton explained there has been turnover in management of the board and the facility and turmoil and should be given a "thumbs up." Council Member Helms stated the City is responsible for that payment so shouldn't we know what's going on? Haughton replied that yes, you should know. Council Member Dahlgren expressed concern that the current financials show net income of \$6375.24 and how are they going to be able to make their payments. Haughton replied that he respects Dahlgren's request because as a PCAL board member he sometimes wonders about the information that is reviewed at the monthly meetings.

**Report and update from Mayor Hatfield: *Updates to Guardrail Issues on Cornerstone Building Project;*** Mayor Hatfield explained that AHRS has redesigned the guardrail and had a picture of it at the meeting. It will cost \$4200 for the change in the guardrail; AHRS will pay \$2400 of the cost and a family will donate money to pay the rest of the cost but they want to remain anonymous at this time. The City will not incur any extra costs for the guardrail. The guardrail will be all metal covering the curved part of the railing and the slats will be close together so that a child will not be able to stick their head between the slats in the railing. Council Member Eisenhauer asked if the picture had been shared with Bob Miller and Mayor Hatfield has shown the picture to him and Miller approved. Council Member Eisenhauer

approved of the design and said this design should add to the building and not detract from it in her opinion. Mayor Hatfield explained the guardrail will be primed gray and painted to match the rail that is there and the trim around the windows. Since the City is not paying for this, it doesn't have to be approved by the City. Mayor Hatfield stated the "family" wanted to see the railing finished so that people could see that the outside is finished and be able to walk up to the front of the building and look in and see that the inside needs finished.

**Review Email from League of Municipalities: Consider a motion to 1) approve amendments to the "Articles of Incorporation" and "Bylaws" of the League of Nebraska Municipalities by voting "for" Proposed Actions 1, 2 and 3 on the attached "Regular Member Ballot" 2) authorize the Mayor/Village Board Chair to sign the "Regular Member Ballot"; and 3) return both pages of the "Regular Member Ballot" to the League by no later than 5 p.m. CT, Oct. 1, 2020:** Council Member Eisenhower asked how long people could attend these meetings by conference call. Clerk Curtis explained this would be to attend the League meetings not City Council meetings. Council Member Zelenka made the motion to approve amendments to the "Articles of Incorporation" and "Bylaws" of the League of Nebraska Municipalities by voting "for" Proposed Actions 1, 2 and 3 on the attached "Regular Member Ballot." Council Member Eisenhower seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Dahlgren made the motion to authorize the Mayor/Village Board Chair to sign the "Regular Member Ballot." Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Discuss updates to Painting Water Tower, etc.; Report on Water Leak Repairs behind D. Stitt property;*** The leak by Stitt's property has been fixed and the crew didn't have any problems with the retaining wall. Foreman Cumley called three companies to get bids on painting the water tower and the only reply was received from Maguire Iron. The official bid is not ready yet but total repairs will cost close to \$175,000. Foreman Cumley explained there is nothing wrong with the tower but some repairs are needed which include the roof vent which needs to be covered with a cone roof; the ladders need a safety climb rail on them; there are four holes inside the bowl of the tower and they need to be covered so animals, insects, etc don't get inside the tower. Jake Dugger from Maguire said he thought maybe they were cable holes and that maybe there had been an agitator in there at one time. They are ½" in diameter. To patch, them, they would weld them shut. The last time the tower was painted (2011), the inside and outside was painted and the tower was drained. A water tower should be painted every ten years so the tower is due for another painting. It will cost around \$60,000 to paint the outside; there will be code updates; and repairs for \$28,000. When the 911 satellites were installed there was some damage to the paint on the inside of the tank but it is above water level and will be an easy fix. Maguire will be sending a detailed estimate. From the ground to the top of the water tower it is around 110 feet and it holds 250,000 gallons. It will take six days to drain the water tower and paint both the the inside and outside and they will not sand blast it. Maguire will fix the surface rust, paint and put the lettering back on. This update should be good for fifteen years. The next time the water tower is painted, it will have to be sand blasted before painting. Maguire will offer a four-year interest free plan for around \$53,000/yr. for the full amount of repainting the tower for a total of \$212,000. These figures are only estimates Maguire had mentioned to Foreman Cumley about purchasing a maintenance

agreement for the water tower and will come to a City Council meeting to present the information to the Council. Maguire explained that this would cover interior inspections, code updates, repairs, etc. and the City would pay them a set amount every year and they would cover everything on our tank 100%. We would never have to worry about it again. They would complete yearly inspections instead of every three years, complete paint tests to see how thick the paint is and they would repair anything that damages it. The long term benefits would be that by the time we paid the maintenance agreement fee every year and it came time to repaint the water tower, we would have already paid for it and we wouldn't have to budget for extra repair expense. Jake Dugger would like to come to a council meeting to talk about financing the repair work and the maintenance agreement and then be able to answer questions. Mayor Hatfield explained that once the water tower is repaired and a maintenance agreement is made, the water tower is kept in good condition and then there wouldn't be expensive repairs to make and have to budget for. Further discussion was had on the merits of having a maintenance agreement on the water tower and how to budget for it. Foreman Cumley will talk with Jake Dugger and see if he could come to the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Report and update from Council Member Eisenhauer:** *Discuss any updates to pool issues, price quotes to do repairs, etc.;* Council Member Eisenhauer had no new updates to the pool issues and has not heard anything from Aaron with Premier Pools since she was told he was diagnosed with the Coronavirus. She hasn't heard anything from the mud jackers either. *Discuss any updates to concrete work on trail;* Council Member Dahlgren asked Council Member Eisenhauer if she would consider using asphalt on the trail instead of concrete? Council Member Eisenhauer explained it would not match what is already out there. Dahlgren: "It's a trail." Council Member Dahlgren suggested completing the rest of the trail with asphalt. Eisenhauer explained that it would detract from the look of the trail. Dahlgren felt it wouldn't detract from the look of the trail and he has seen some trails that contain asphalt, cement and rock. Council Member Helms stated the City could finish the trail clear to the ballfield for less than \$30,000. Council Member Eisenhauer reminded Helms that the cement had already been approved and asked how you would connect cement and asphalt. Mayor Hatfield explained that asphalt could be started on the other side of the bridge and extend out to the ballfield. Eisenhauer asked Foreman Cumley what he thought about using asphalt. Cumley said concrete looks good but...Much discussion was had about how many feet this would be (1700 ft after the end of the current project) and Helms stated it would cost around \$50,000 to complete the trail with concrete. Mayor Hatfield reminded the Council this issue has already been voted on about laying cement to the bridge but could look at asphalt after the bridge. Foreman Cumley had already contacted Mahoney about laying the concrete but has not returned his call with a date to start.

**Report and updated from Council Member Zelenka:** *Discuss possible tube replacement and Children Crossing Signs at Sweet Second Home (new Daycare) going to the North Park;* Council Member Zelenka explained to the Council that the new daycare (Sweet Second Home) is now open and she has watched the caregiver and children walk by herself to go across the street to the North park. She explained that at one time there was a driveway that used to be there where you could stop and let off people in wheelchairs and walkers but now it is covered in grass and there used to be sidewalk but it is no longer there. This spot was located next to the South shelter in the North park. Zelenka noticed that the tubes were either broke down or mashed down or rusted or whatever. There was a car coming from the North and the kids crossed the street on



the corner by Zelenkas heading West to the park and then walked North along the street next to the park. Council Member Zelenka talked with Amanda Niss about the children crossing the street. Mrs. Niss explained they are going to put in a sidewalk along the East edge of the daycare property. Zelenka further explained that they have a brick sidewalk in front of their house but it stops a few feet from the edge of the street next to the tube. She thought maybe “children crossing” signs could be installed on either side of the intersection to alert drivers of children crossing the street and also paint crosswalks on the street where the children will be walking. Discussion was had about adding a stop sign to this intersection and painting a crosswalk on the streets. It was agreed by the Council that Foreman Cumley will have the crew paint a crosswalk going North on 13<sup>th</sup> street between the daycare and Zelenka’s and then on D street between Zelenka’s and the park. Council Member Helms suggested laying sidewalk around the park so the kids would have a sidewalk to walk on. Council Member Dahlgren asked why the original sidewalk was removed? Clerk Curtis explained that the sidewalk was taken out because it was a hazard and the Council at that time said to remove it. Council Member Zelenka suggested the crew look at the tube on the corner of the park at that intersection before you make a sidewalk. Foreman Cumley asked if the Council wanted to make the tube by the shelter wider or do you want concrete to come out clear to the road? Council Member Zelenka clarified that she was talking about the tube that is on the corner of her property because there is a hole in it that her husband had covered up with a board when he put in the brick sidewalk. There is not a tube on the South side of the intersection next to the daycare because there is not a ditch there. Foreman Cumley said they had an 8-foot tube on hand that is scrap that they could replace with the current tube. The Council directed Foreman Cumley to fix the tube, order three crossing signs and paint crosswalks on the street. Council Member Eisenhower suggested bringing up the idea of a sidewalk at the park at a later time but not on this year’s budget. ***Lights at basketball court and swings on the northeast corner of the North park;*** A neighbor had complained again about the lights on the basketball court. Discussion was had about turning the lights off at the basketball court at night or putting the lights on a timer. Foreman Cumley said those lights are set up on a breaker switch. Foreman Cumley said he will take a look at the lights. Another neighbor has complained about the new light that shines on the swings at the Northwest corner of the park but the light is angled to shine directly on the swings.

The City Council reviewed correspondence from June 2020 Total Sales Tax of \$21,640.61 with ½% Street Repairs Sales Tax totaling \$4,323.03 and \$4,348.49 being Motor Vehicle Sales Tax.

Council Member Dahlgren made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all in favor of the motion and meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

ATTEST: Kellie A. Wiers, Deputy City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor