

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, 735 8TH STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in four prominent places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Posting 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: Donnie Fisher, Bruce Haughton, Ric Helms and Susan Eisenhauer, via telephone; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer and Foreman Spencer Cumley. **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 West meeting room wall accessible to the public. At this time all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Haughton moved to approve the January 24th, 2022, 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: **2/01 & 2/15/2022**

Payroll: 20,761.09 **UB&T**, FWH 6005.91; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 869.10/sales & use tax 2333.56; **John Hancock**, retirement 2692.93; **Allstate**, cancer/accid ins 267.74; **Ameritas**, vision ins. 127.80; **Madison Life**, life ins 61.48; **UHC Ins**, health ins 7103.33; **Capital Business Syst**, Libr contract/prop tax/color copies 225.46; **Access Systems**, IT Services 897.00; **Amazon**, 2-way radios 157.99; **Diversified Drug Testing**, FMCSA Membership 200.00; **League of Municipalities**, 2022 Midwinter Conf 325.00; **Lincoln Journal Star**, sub 267.00; **Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equip**, tools/manhole roller-swr jet trailer 1445.43; **Lucas Barloon**, mileage-wtr cert 133.98; **NPPD**, elec 6263.79; **Pawnee Co Rural Water**, hydr 81.00; **OPPD**, elec-wells 228.51; **Seneca SA**, Dec Garbage Serv 6054.03; **Emily Sisco**, Febr. atty fee retainer 1000.00; **Matt Kuhlmann**, zoning-Febr 800.00; **OneCall Concepts**, digger locates 8.00; **Windstream**, Libr ph/internet-Swr Ph-office int 330.41; **Casey's Business**, equip fuel 402.24; **Pawnee Republican**, publications 499.95; **MidWest Labs**, swr samp-s/h 26.00; **US Cellular**, emerg cellphone 45.90; **SENDD**, fire station grant DD#7 8972.50; **Binder Bros**, rebar/concrete 480.00; **Black Hills Energy**, gas services 2058.61; **Friedly Oil**, equip fuel 1133.25; **H&H Auto**, rep/sup 143.77; **Julie D. Bauman**, FY 2020-21 City Audit 14,350.00; **Kyle's Service**, new skid loader tires/rep 1162.00; **Lincoln WinWater**, water parts 2524.47; **PC Thriftway**, sup 15.23; **Pawnee Co Reg of Deeds**, ff-wtr liens 20.00; **Pawnee True Value**, rep parts/sup 414.78; **Quill**, office sup 439.17; **Small Engine Specialists**, chainsaw 559.99; **Ty's Outdoor Power**, concrete saw 1359.00. Council Member Helms moved to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review Treasurer's Report as of January 31st, 2022: Council reviewed the January 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Sheriff Braden Lang: Sheriff Braden Lang met to discuss dogs with the Council as there are a lot of serious issues that are going on with barking dogs. The Sheriff's Department just issued their fifth ticket to the same dog owners for continuous neighbor complaints on being up at night from continuous barking dogs and another neighbor that cannot do their in-home business correctly because of these same barking dogs all day. Sheriff Lang stated that his office has been dealing with this situation for well over a year now as they have tried to contact the owners to get them to quiet the dogs down in the beginning, thinking they could produce a peaceful solution. Then the owners were going to get rid of them and they have gotten rid of a few, but not all of them and the problem dog still remains so now the Dept. has started to write tickets when a complaint comes through his office. The calls had stopped coming in, but not because the dogs had stopped barking, but that the neighbors were so depressed with the situation that they didn't think their calling in was doing any good. Recently the neighbors started calling the Sheriff's Department again, so they started issuing tickets again. One of the neighbors is so frustrated with the constant barking that they are seriously thinking about packing up and moving away as she can do her tele-health visits from her house at any location. Sheriff Lang stated that they have now issued the five citations needed, per City Ordinance. Lang continued that he knew this was going to take a warrant to take the dogs and he really suggests that the City goes through with it, but this is a rare occurrence that it gets to this point. Lang stated that there is no need to even have these ordinances if the City isn't going to follow through with them as both of these families are severely affected by this. Council member Eisenhower inquired how much money this could possibly cost the City? Mayor Hatfield stated that it is going to have to be a Civil suit, pay an attorney and go to trial, so could be close to \$8000. Council Member Eisenhower stated because this may have to go to Court then we would have to pay the City Attorney extra because the deal we have with her does not include going to court for anything? Mayor Hatfield stated that was correct. Sheriff Lang stated that was an absolutely asinine amount of money for a dog issue but his biggest fear is that if the City doesn't pursue this in some stricter form that not only are we going to lose a resident but he thinks that based on their history, they will just continue to get more coonhounds and keep doing it and if the City pursues it, then maybe they will stop getting dogs. Sheriff Lang continued that he, personally is not meant to live in town, he cannot live within City limits and abide by rules like this, so that is why he chooses to live out in the country, and he doesn't understand why people own animals and do this to their neighbors, he just doesn't get it. Council Member Haughton inquired how many dogs were at this residence? Sheriff Lang thought that there were a couple dogs left, but only one dog was causing the problem with barking. Sheriff Lang then asked how far the issue should be pushed? Do we take all of their dogs and not let them have any dogs anymore or what? Mayor Hatfield stated he had met with City Attorney Emily Sisco earlier today on this issue and since this really wasn't on the agenda to talk about, he told her he would get back with her and then they could draw something up so they could have it at the next Council meeting, then it could be voted on. He realized that this was putting it off for another two weeks, but the Council really shouldn't be voting on something that isn't listed on the agenda. Council Member Eisenhower stated that the Council could hold a special meeting, if needed and not put it off for two weeks. Mayor Hatfield continued that the problem is that our City attorney is ready to have her baby any day, so that's where it stands. He had told Emily that his feelings are that dogs are just like kids and if you don't give them attention, they are going to do whatever they can to get your attention, even if it's negative attention by yelling at them to be quiet. He was assuming that is what happens with their dogs, they run in the pen, and only get fed and watered and that is the only attention they receive. Sheriff Lang also stated that some breeds of dogs just make a lot of noise, but

don't belong in town. Mayor Hatfield stated this item will definitely be on the next agenda unless they hold a special meeting before their next regular meeting to deal with it. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that she had no idea that this issue was still going on, so she appreciated Sheriff Lang bringing it up at the meeting tonight, but Mayor Hatfield was correct that it needed to be on the agenda for any action to be taken by the City Council tonight. Eisenhauer continued that we need to get the ball rolling because even though it might cost \$8000, Braden is right that if the City doesn't do something it's just going to keep going on. Council Member Helms inquired what the fine was right now? Mayor Hatfield stated that the last tickets that they had were \$75 each plus court costs, Helms inquired if the cost for the tickets kept going up every time they were issued one? Sheriff Lang stated he wasn't sure, but he was pretty sure that it did, as they were up to \$75/ticket these last three tickets they received. Discussion was had that once they get to three plus tickets Council felt that \$75 was probably not near high enough. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that when we're talking about all of this at an upcoming meeting if the Council shouldn't amend this ordinance and start out at like \$100 and have it double with every ticket. Sheriff Lang stated that he wouldn't recommend starting out that high, but he could see by the fifth violation where having it at the \$200 plus range would make sense as dogs do bark so it's the nuisance issues of dogs continually barking at all hours of the day and night that need to be dealt with. Council Member Haughton inquired if there was any way that the dog could be de-barked? Sheriff Lang stated he did not think there was anyway they could afford to do something like that. Lang continued that they had talked about doing electronic collars and obviously they either didn't do it, or it didn't work because he has done that with dogs that he had when he was growing up and it worked immediately. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that she had one for her dog and it worked fine. Sheriff Lang stated that unfortunately there has been a lot of talking and nothing has been done to change things. Mayor Hatfield stated he would get back with the City Attorney and they will get the ball rolling for the next Council meeting or before. Sheriff Lang then discussed a parking ticket he had issued that afternoon for a pickup that was parked going the wrong way in front of the City office.

Report on Pawnee County Task Force Meeting held 2/11/2022: Vickie Zelenka stated that the Pawnee County Task Force did not meet this past Friday and she wasn't sure when their next meeting was scheduled, but she will plan to report back to the Council at that time.

Review the Library's 2020-2021 Annual Statistical Report: Lola Seitz, Head Librarian & Linda Bowman, Library Board President met with Council to go over the Library's 2020-2021 Annual Statistical Report. Ms. Seitz stated that although they are still doing some front door delivery, it is getting much better with the Covid numbers going down. Lola stated that she will be getting the information for National Library Week in April to Clerk Curtis sometime in March. Vickie Zelenka added that she also has two GED students participating in class at the Library. Council Member Haughton inquired if Ms. Morehead was retiring this summer? Librarian Seitz stated that Colleen is currently working on a new program that includes K-5 elementary students that come to the Library one to two times a month to learn how to use the Library including checking out a book, etc.

Suzanne Borchert, Fairview Golf Course – Review Email/Discuss improvements to the Clubhouse & asking to use some of the City's ARPA funds: Suzanne Borchert representing the Fairview Golf Course met with Council to request the use of some of the City's ARPA Funds to assist with improvements to the Clubhouse. The Fairview Golf

Course will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year, so they wanted to make some much needed improvements that consist of new HVAC, a new ceiling and making the restrooms so that the clubhouse can be open year-round. Ms. Borchert stated that they were told by the Ag Society that they would no longer need the shower facilities that are currently in the restroom areas next to the clubhouse as the Ag Society is putting new updated shower facilities in the new building that is going up soon. Ms. Borchert stated that the Fairview Golf Course is asking for \$3000 of the City's ARPA money to go towards this project instead of the original \$5000 as they have received \$2000 in funding from another source. Suzanne stated that she is also the Village Clerk for Steinauer and in doing research on how the ARPA funds can be spent, it looks like this would qualify for the ARPA program under tourism and for the input of air conditioning in a meeting space. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the City donating not less than \$3000 nor more than \$5000 to go towards the Fairview Golf Course Clubhouse renovations from the City's released ARPA Funds. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Suzanne stated they are not sure when they will be getting started on this project as they are going to need to balance it between their golf fundraising tournaments and they don't want to interfere with the county fair and the board members are telling her that there is no way it can be done before the first golf tournament during Memorial Day weekend but she's still trying. Council member Eisenhauer stated that she just wanted to remind Suzanne that there is a deadline for using the funds. Ms. Borchert then inquired if they just needed to submit detailed receipts or a bill to the City. Clerk Curtis stated that she was uncertain as to how everything with these ARPA funds actually worked. Ms. Borchert stated that she agreed that the instructions on this ARPA funding was as clear as mud. Clerk Curtis stated that at the end of this month she would be attending the Midwinter League Conference and then mid-March she was going to Clerk's School where sessions on the ARPA funding were scheduled at both, so she is in hopes to have a clearer idea on how this all is supposed to work.

Katie Schlund, Discuss moving her 30' King Spirit Toy Hauler to town: Ms. Schlund did not show up to attend tonight's Council meeting.

Review/Approve VanHorne Park Gift Agreement and the proposed sign to be placed at the (South) VanHorne Park: Council reviewed the VanHorne Park Gift Agreement and the proposed sign to be placed at the VanHorne Park (South). Council member Eisenhauer moved to approve the Mayor signing the VanHorne Park Gift Agreement and proposed park signage. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Semi-Annual Audit from PCDC performed by Citizen Advisory Board: Council Member Helms moved to approve the Semi-Annual Audit from PCDC performed by Citizen Advisory Board. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review Choices Treatment Center, Inc. email & letter; review/pass Proclamation for Gambling Awareness Month: Mayor Hatfield proclaimed March as Problem Gambling Awareness month for the City of Pawnee City, Nebraska. The purpose of the proclamation is to provide awareness that problem gambling does exist. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to accept the Proclamation of March as Problem Gambling Awareness month.

Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated all present in favor of the motion; whereupon motion carried.

Review PCAL Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report: Mayor Hatfield stated that now that he has retired and went to only working part-time he was able to attend the Pawnee City Assisted Living board meeting in January. Mayor Hatfield stated that he was really impressed with how well everything is going with the new management team in charge of PCAL facility. Hatfield stated they have two new people moving in this month with another one looking into it, which would make them at full capacity for the first time. They are also at full staff right now, even with some Covid cases going on throughout the employees. It was voted upon to approve shutting down all smoking at PCAL, making it a non-smoking campus. There is a program to help assist the one smoking resident and one employee that are smokers to quit. Mayor Hatfield stated that it was also brought up about the PCAL roof leaking during the December windstorm with Hatfield telling them that the Insurance adjustor came to look over the claim, it was decided that it was caused by such high winds blowing the rain in the roof vents, but the roof did not sustain any damage from the storm.

Clerk Curtis to discuss CCCFF Grant application for finishing interior of Cornerstone Community Building: Clerk Curtis stated that Liz Cody with SENDD had asked her to put this line item on the agenda just in case we needed additional information from the City Council with finishing the application process. Clerk Curtis stated that she was a little discouraged with SENDD as she had reached out to Ms. Cody at the beginning of January for assistance on a few areas of this grant application, especially the narrative portions. Curtis had again reached out to SENDD a couple more times for Ms. Cody to look over the portions of the application that Clerk Curtis had already completed but did not hear anything from Ms. Cody until Friday when Clerk Curtis was scheduled to be out of the office that afternoon. Then today Clerk Curtis spent most of the day on and off the phone and emailing back and forth with Ms. Cody all day on this CCCFF grant application that is due tomorrow. Clerk Curtis stated she appreciated the assistance from SENDD but was just frustrated that she waited until the very last minute to start looking everything over. Clerk Curtis reported that she felt the City had a very good, solid application for this grant with a lot of supporting documentation to go along with it. The City will find out who gets awarded the CCCFF Grant money on March 15th.

Fire Hall Project Expenses: Review Project Funding Sheet typed up by Clerk Curtis: Clerk Curtis stated the project funding sheet showed what funds were left in the ReUse account that could be used to pay a portion of AHRS' pay application #6, but then those funds would be gone, and the City would need to pay the remaining balances due on the remainder of Fire Station Project. Clerk Curtis stated that she had gotten a very detailed email from Marshall Stephens with USDA that there were four additional hurdles that the City would need to jump over in order to even possibly qualify for any USDA-RD funding on the Fire Station Project. Mayor Hatfield stated he had read over the list of hurdles, and they were going to be very time consuming for Clerk Curtis to do for a "possible loan funding" with USDA. Clerk Curtis continued that she had been working with USDA-RD for over a year on trying to obtain additional funding for the Fire Station Project since the bids came in so high. One of the major problems that she has dealt with is that she has went through three USDA Community Specialists throughout this whole process and when she gets shoved off to a different one, it's like starting out all over again as she has to explain where they were at with everything and each time someone has just kept asking for

continuous items to meet their "guidelines", then she jumps through those hoops to only find out there are four more additional hurdles that she has to go through to "maybe" obtain some funding is so very, very frustrating. Council Member Eisenhower stated she agreed that she wasn't sure it would be worth Clerk Curtis' time to continue with all of USDA's "to-do's" for under \$200,000 in "possible" loan funding. **ReUse Payment #2 on Fire Station Project:** Council Member Helms moved to approve ReUse Pymt #2 in the amount of \$32,450.00 towards Pay Application #6 to AHRs Construction for \$117,725.40 and JEO Consulting Group's January Invoice for \$742.50 and Pay Application #7 to AHRs Construction for \$45,158.50 for a total of \$131,176.40 to be paid by the City only as the ReUse and CDBG Grant funds have all been expended. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. **Vertical Screen at Sewer Plant:** Foreman Cumley reported that they had recently gotten a huge mophead out of the vertical screen down at the sewer plant. It is no longer making that clunking sound and it's also collecting trash items in the basket, but the bristles still need to be replaced, so he is still trying to line everything up to get that done.

A Report and update from Council Member Haughton: Review/Discuss the email from Alan @ AHRs & the quote from Blue Valley to repair the new Fire Station Doors: Council reviewed the email from Alan Schmitz with AHRs regarding the damage to the new fire station doors and the quote from Blue Valley Door Company for \$1840.05 to replace those sections of the doors that sustained damage. Council Member Haughton stated that when he first looked at those doors he thought they weren't really dents, just scratches that aren't even very noticeable and could probably even be covered up with a little bit of paint, but Mr. Schmitz informed him that he would not be able to release the buildings until those panels are replaced. So, when he and Foreman Cumley had met with Mr. Schmitz he had mentioned to Alan that it was still AHRs' building so would he consider turning it into their insurance company for coverage? Alan had stated that he would talk with their insurance guy, but he countered very quickly with if it is our building yet, then why was your City Crew up here removing snow? Haughton stated that the City was at a catch twenty-two, so we just started measuring and looking and he still wasn't convinced how it happened until he went down and looked at the City's skid loader. Council Member Haughton continued that the City's skid loader put those marks in that door and most of you know that. He doesn't know who the operator was, and he doesn't even want to know and if he did know he would not mention his name. Haughton continued that to him, it was an accident, but he was totally convinced that the City's skid loader put those marks in there after working with Alan and measuring everything. So with that all said and this isn't a big situation as these things happen all of the time, it was an accident, but Council Member Haughton stated he felt that the City needed to consult with our Insurance Carrier and try to put our carrier on the hook for the \$1800 because the panels are going to need to be replaced as Alan made that statement very clear. Council Member Haughton stated that we do not want that to be another hold up with finishing the Fire Station, as we've already got some electrical panels that have been backordered that have been holding us up. Clerk Curtis stated that there is nothing to turn into our Insurance carrier LARM because it's not our building yet and LARM does not have anything on that new Fire Station even on their books for the City. At this time Mayor Hatfield stated he would like to say something as he has been the Mayor and on City Council for a few terms now and he's worked with our current City Crew and the City Crew before them and he honestly feels that if these guys would have done it, they know we have accident reports, and they would have filled it out. Hatfield continued that he stands behind our City Crew

100% that they didn't do it, but the City will pay it, but he's telling you right now if he hears anyone shooting their mouths off about our City Crew doing something, hell's going to be paid because he's tired of them going around shooting their mouths off about our City Crew doing this and doing that when he knows for a fact if these boys would have done it, they would step up and say they did it. Mayor Hatfield also stated that he knew that they did not clean the snow off up by the new fire station doors because the person that was running the skid loader didn't want to do anything to the new doors so that City Crew Member and our City Foreman went up there and shoveled that part by hand, so Mayor Hatfield stated the City will pay it but it better be dropped and that is his final word. Mayor Hatfield stated that any bucket is the same on any Case skid loader, so if you measure them, they're going to measure all the same, so he's just saying let's drop it, we'll pay it and be done with it, over, now make a motion. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to pay the \$1840.05 to Blue Valley Door Company to have the door panels replaced at the new Fire Station. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated all present in favor of the motion; whereupon motion carried. Council Member Helms stated to Mayor Hatfield if he knew why the City Crew was up there removing snow? Mayor Hatfield stated they were told to do so. Council Member Helms stated that he had told them to do that. Mayor Hatfield stated that they shouldn't have been. Council Member Helms stated his suggestion was.....Mayor Hatfield stated that is not what he had heard, that it was not a suggestion, that he had heard.... Council Member Helms then asked Foreman Cumley what he had told him to do? Foreman Cumley stated that Ric had said that the City Crew might as well start cleaning it or get used to cleaning the snow off because they are going to have to do it in the future. Council Member Helms thanked Foreman Cumley as that is exactly what he had told him. Mayor Hatfield asked Council Member Helms if he had checked to see if the City even owned the building? Mayor Hatfield continued you should always ask questions. Council Member Helms answered all he had done.....no, no, no he did not, all he did was..... Mayor Hatfield stated we need to move on! At which time Council Member Helms stated that the Mayor was the one that was moving on, "sorry about that buddy but you're the one that was wrong here." Mayor Hatfield repeated again, that he was sorry, but they didn't do it. Council Member Helms stated that whether they did it or not..... Council Member Eisenhauer stated it was water under the bridge and we needed to move on. Mayor Hatfield stated he agreed, that was why he stated we are moving on with the meeting. ***Discuss the City picking up citizens limbs left from December windstorm:*** Council Member Haughton stated that he has noticed a lot of limbs piled up on the sides of citizen's yards since the December windstorm took place. Foreman Cumley stated that he does not have a problem with the City Crew picking them up, but feels they need to call into the City Office and be put on a pickup list, much like they do for the City-Wide Clean up each year. More discussion followed with Clerk Curtis to make up an advertisement to go into the newspaper to have Pawnee City citizens call into the City Office to be placed on a Tree Limb Pickup List with limbs to be placed at the curbside by March 3rd for the City Crew to pick them up sometime after that date. Council asked Ray to include this in his council meeting story.

A Report and update from Foreman Cumley: Discuss what to charge local communities to sewer jet their mains: Foreman Cumley reported that the Village of Steinauer had contacted him to get pricing on the City jetting sewer lines in Steinauer. Foreman Cumley had the Clerks get him copies of invoices from the last couple of years that Auburn Board of Public Works had charged the City to come out to jet their sewer mains. Auburn's last billing to the City in 2021 was \$100/hour equipment charge; \$50/hour labor charge and federal mileage rate per mile. After doing some calculations

Foreman Cumley's recommended rate charges for communities within our County and smaller close by communities such as Humboldt are: \$75/hour equipment charge; \$45/hour labor charge and mileage at the federal rate which is 58.5 cents per mile. Council Member Eisenhower stated she thought those were very good rates to start with as we can always raise them up if we find that we are losing money by jetting these sewer mains for other communities. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve our City Crew to assist other communities within our County and for close by communities in neighboring counties to jet out their sewer mains at the Sewer Jet Rate Schedule of \$75/hour equipment charge; \$45/hour labor charge and charge mileage at the federal rate, which is 58.5 cents per mile at this time. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Discussion was had on starting a special sewer jet savings reserve account and have all of those funds made from jetting other communities sewer mains go directly into that account. Council Member Eisenhower stated then funds from that account could be used to pay for maintenance on the Sewer Jet Trailer. More discussion was had on if when the City were jetting out another community's sewer mains and something happened, like a sewer main received damage, would our City's LARM insurance would cover something like that, or do we need to have the community sign a waiver or something? Foreman Cumley and Clerk Curtis stated that the City had never signed any sort of a waiver with Beatrice, Falls City or Auburn Board of Public Works when they come and jetted out one of the City's sewer main. Clerk Curtis stated she will reach out to LARM and get their opinion on if the City is covered for using the Sewer Jet Trailer in other communities or how the City should handle this. ***Discuss purchasing a separate small portable fuel barrel to fill up the Sewer Jet Trailer:*** Foreman Cumley stated that last week when the City Crew used the Sewer Jet Trailer on our own sewer mains for most of the day, they almost burnt a full tank of fuel. That made him think that if he has two City Crew Members doing a section of town at a time this summer that it is not feasible to have to go to Casey's or back to the shop each time to fuel it up. He also thought it would be hard to track how much fuel that sewer jet trailer is using since the Street fund pays for most of the diesel back in the shop tank. Council Member Helms stated that the fuel that comes out of that fuel barrel comes from Friedly Oil and is a lot cheaper than filling up at Casey's each time. Foreman Cumley stated he had visited with Matt Kuhlmann about putting up a separate fuel barrel down at the Sewer Plant but decided there was going to be too many regulations and permits to jump through being that close to the creek. They had talked that maybe it would be best to get one of those truck bed fuel tanks like the farmers have in the back of their pickups to use and it could be stored at the sewer plant or in the back shop when it isn't being used. Council member Helms stated that was operative red fuel that was being put in that back shop fuel barrel, right and they're not filling the dump truck with that right? Foreman Cumley stated that only the equipment gets filled out of that fuel barrel. Helms recommended that the City get a 150-gallon nurse fuel tank that bolts right to the back of the flatbed pickup and just keep it on there because that is the pickup that will be pulling the Sewer Jet Trailer, so it would all be together on the jobsite. Helms stated that the nurse tank could be filled right out of that back fuel barrel. Council Member Helms inquired how big of a tank is on the jet trailer. Foreman Cumley stated it is only about a 20 to a 25-gallon tank. More discussion followed with Foreman Cumley stating he would check with NAPA and see what Renee had available in truck bed fuel tanks.

Review past meeting minutes and Info from Kelli Bacon asking if Pawnee City is interested in becoming a Certified Local Government: Council was in agreement that they were still not interested in becoming a Certified Local Government as they did not see it being much of a benefit with the amount of time it would take to jump through all of their hoops.

Correspondence: Council reviewed the email from League on USDOT Advanced Notification: Rural Electric Vehicle Toolkit Release. Council Member Helms moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor