

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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 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: Donnie Fisher, Bruce Haughton, Ric Helms and Susan Eisenhauer; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer, Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk and Spencer Cumley, City Foreman. **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 Helms moved to accept the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Haughton 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: **6/8/2021 Payroll:** 8,479.88 **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 2439.06; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 358.63/Sales-Use Tax 3394.41; **John Hancock**, retirement 1069.77; **Binder Bros.**, Wtr sup/leak 213.754; **Casey's**, equip fuel 156.81; **NPPD**, elec 5568.75; **League of Muni**, Swr Class/Acct & Finance Conf 430.00; **Diversified Drug Testing**, pre-emp/drug/alcohol testings 384.50; **Consumer Reports**, Libr mag sub 49.00; **Recycling Enterprises of NE**, pickup recyc 900.00; **Pollman**, str boring- wtr leak 948.00; **Winnelson**, driveway tube 420.11; **Windstream**, City phn serv 201.88/Libr phone serv 210.51; **Wtr Deposit Refunds:** F. Blecha, 9.64; M. Villeneuve 89.30; **Capital Business Sys**, IT Contract 676.38/City copier overages 81.04/Libr copier contract 135.50; **Emily Sisco**, atty fee retainer 1000.00; **MidWest Labs**, swr samples 427.00; **H&H Auto**, rep parts/supplies 422.68; **OPPD**, elec wells 306.29; **Seneca Sanitation**, May garb service 6203.50; **Meyer Labs**, traffic paint 97.90; **Matt Kuhlmann**, zoning-June 800.00; **OneCall Concepts**, digger locates 12.69; **Pawnee True Value**, sup/rep parts 348.82; **PC Thriftway**, bleach/paper towels 12.53; **Pawnee Republican**, publ 454.81; **Pawnee Co Rural Water**, pond wtr hydrants 58.50; **Pawnee Co Reg of deeds**, file wtr lean release 10.00; **Brodart Co**, Libr office sup 37.84; **Demco**, Libr office sup 205.26; **Econo Signs**, Dr. Rick Jackson Trail sign-S/H 86.08; **Barco Muni Prod**, paint/survey flags 206.08; **Amazon Capital Serv**, rep parts/sup 116.17; **Tichy Land Survey Co**, survey RR property 500.00; **Martha Stewart Living**, Libr mag sub 15.00; **Fire Hall Project DD #1, #2 & #3: JEO Consulting Group**, 58,700.00 / **SEND** 8715.36 / **Thiele GeoTech**, 482.60. Council Member Haughton 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 May Treasurer's Report:** Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2021. Council Member Helms inquired if this report showed any claims spent after May

31<sup>st</sup>? Clerk Curtis stated this Treasurer's Report only shows the balances on everything as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, but anything that had been spent out of their funds in June, would not show on this report.

**Sheriff Braden Lang:** Sheriff Braden Lang met with the Council to report that former Deputy Sheriff Ryan Boverhuis was no longer employed as a Deputy for the County. Sheriff Lang also reported that the person that had been living above Pete's Pharmacy had been evicted, so her vehicle will no longer be on the street. Discussion was had again about parking the wrong way with Sheriff Lang stating he was going to start issuing tickets to anyone he sees parked like that. Council Member Helms discussed the continued issues of the resident at 10<sup>th</sup> & B Street continuing to work on his vehicles/motorcycle right on the City ROW including shop tools sitting right on the edge of the road. Council Member Haughton stated that he had been up to talk with him, as a member of the Pride Committee after receiving a complaint that there was "junk all over the place". The property owner keeps his place mowed up very nicely and the only way we are probably going to resolve this situation is to have him put a privacy fence up around his property. Haughton continued that the problem with doing that was he did not believe this individual would be able to handle doing something like this on his own and also the lack of funds the gentleman had, so he was not real sure how to resolve the situation. Council Member Helms stated that he knew the Sheriff's Department had spoken to this individual about this issue last year and maybe it's time to issue a ticket? Council Member Haughton stated he would continue to visit with this individual about putting up a privacy fence. Clerk Curtis stated to not forget to tell the individual that if he did want to put up the fence, he would need to get a building permit first before doing so.

**Matt Kuhlmann, Zoning Administrator & Mike Wilcox:** *Discuss building fence along trail North of 11<sup>th</sup> & J Street:* Matt Kuhlmann, Zoning Administrator and Mike Wilcox met to discuss the fence Mr. Wilcox was putting up along the trail north of 11<sup>th</sup> & J Streets. Mr. Kuhlmann handed out grant easement paperwork on the sanitary sewer main and a map showing what streets and alleys have been vacated and what streets and alleys that are still open. Kuhlmann stated that Mike Wilcox had started putting up a fence along the trail without getting a permit and when he started looking at the area, there were lots of unanswered questions as to there being some streets up in that area that are closed and then some platted streets that have not been closed. Matt stated he had talked with Evan Wickersham with JEO and he told him where he thought the survey marker was located at but he feels that the area needs to be surveyed so the City knows exactly where the platted, but unopened portion of K Street basically is actually located. The City will also need an easement or something so they can have access to the Sewer Main in that area and if there was a sewer backup in that area, they would not be happy if the City couldn't get a piece of equipment back in there to take care of the problem. Council Member Helms stated that Mr. Kuhlmann had mentioned a 10' easement on the Sewer Main, is that on both sides? Mr. Kuhlmann stated a 20' easement altogether and as far as he is concerned all of those streets up there except for 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street & J Street and also 13<sup>th</sup> Street from J to M Street where the trail is actually located, they can pretty much be all closed because with the trail running right through them, they are never officially going to be used as a street and the City has no idea how much other stuff has actually already been located on the street ROW, etc. Discussion was had on which streets could be closed up there that would never have a possibility of needing to be opened. Mr. Kuhlman stated that 13<sup>th</sup> street is actually right where Anna Mae Davis' driveway is now and there was a resolution in there that vacated a section of 13<sup>th</sup> Street between I and J Streets to help the Davis' meet their

setbacks when they put in their new house right there, but the City has a bunch of streets and alleys up there that go nowhere. Council agreed with that statement. Mike Wilcox stated that before the walking trail, East of where the trail is located now is where his East fence line was located. He had a South fence and an East fence that they utilized but when the walking trail came about, you will notice that they put in a wider tube in down there so they could have a drive, West of the walking trail and that's why they have a gate there. Wilcox continued that when that walking trail came about, they understood that his fence was going to move West whenever such time that the City was done with that walking trail. Wilcox stated that they had waited several years for this concrete to finally get done so that they could get their new fence line put back in. As far as the street being open or closed, there is a gate for access. Wilcox stated he has a garage where he lives that the sewer line runs underneath the garage so if the fence has to go because of construction or because they turn that into a road, that's on him. He stated that as far as the building permit, the South fence came out so that you could re-do the tube (culvert) on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and nobody ever said anything to him when he had to take the fence out, that he'd need to have a building permit to put it back again and then like he'd said they hadn't put back in the East side of that fence because they just weren't sure when that portion of the walking trail was ever going to get paved. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she understood that that portion of the walking trail was never going to be paved. Clerk Curtis stated that the whole walking trail had been originally planned to all be concrete but when the costs came in way over budget they had to make some changes to rock, with plans to concrete those areas later on. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she didn't know that. Mr. Wilcox stated he didn't have a problem getting a building permit or if he needed to ask for a variance for his fence, he will gladly do that. He didn't realize that he needed to get either as they have been waiting all of these years for the City to get that portion of the walking trail paved so they could actually put their fence back in so he didn't know what steps he actually needed to do in order to get this all done. Council Member Helms stated he needed to ask this question, if Mr. Wilcox had continued on with what he was doing with his fence, there where that tube was extended for the walking trail, he's going to put a gate in there? Wilcox stated yes, a 16-foot gate in there. Wilcox continued that because of the walking trail and the way the drive is, he couldn't fit a square corner in there, so they thought they would angle that. Helms stated he hopes the City never has to access that, but there is a sewer main in there that they may need to have access. Mr. Wilcox stated yes and they granted a 20' easement for that with the City back when that was done. Foreman Cumley stated there is a manhole just South of the street up by the bridge, over on the West side. Matt Kuhlmann stated that yes, Mr. Wilcox can apply for a variance with the planning commission. Kuhlmann went on to state that the maps up at the Assessor's office are not exact either, so that is why he feels it would be best for the City to get that area surveyed so they know exactly where everything is supposed to be located. Mike Wilcox stated that the City was never going to take out the walking trail in order to open up those streets up there, so why are you going off of the full width of the 70' street and can that be changed? Mr. Kuhlmann stated that was up to the City Council on whether they vacate the whole street or possibly just a portion of it. Council Member Helms stated he would not have a problem with it. Council discussed this further inquiring to Mr. Wilcox how far away his fence was located on the West side of the walking trail? Wilcox stated he never did measure it, he went further West than what the City has been mowing from West of the power polls so that the power trucks, if they needed to get in there, there was still room for them to work. Council Member Helms inquired if there was room between the fence and the walking trail for a heavy truck to get in there. Wilcox stated that if not, there is access to get in on the other side. Foreman Cumley stated the City doesn't necessarily want heavy

trucks driving on that concreted walking trail. More discussion followed with Wilcox stating that the end game for them is to not try to encroach on the walking trail but they're trying to fence off that area to put goats in that area and they can clean up that creek area. Helms inquired about a flood gate. Wilcox state he was going to put up a cable and hang a gate right there. Helms stated that he'd have to do something because that culvert tube has a 5–6-foot pipe. Wilcox stated whatever they need to do to get it right, that's what they will do. Council Member Helms inquired that if he were to make a motion on this, would the City still need to do a survey? It was the consensus of the group that it would be best to still have a survey done up of that area so that the City knows exactly where the street is supposed to be located at that they are dealing with. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to get Rob Tichy do a survey on the area where Mike Wilcox is building his fence beside the walking trail at the City's expense. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Discuss New Health Insurance options through NACO or Local Ins. Agency:**

Dennis Maggart, NACO was present and Linda Hinrichsen, Community Ins. could be available by teleconference to answer any questions the Council may have on the Insurance quotes included in the agenda packet. Mr. Maggart went over the four different BCBS Plans and the one United Health Care Plan that best matched what the City's current BCBS Blue Pride GPB20 Plan was. Dennis stated that both providers will give credit for deductibles that the employees have met going into the new plan year, which starts July 1st. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that the employees were most interested in going with the United Health Care Plan as it provided coverage with only a \$15 copay for Mental Health, Physical Therapy and Chiropractic whereas with their current BCBS Plan all of those services were only covered after the \$2000 individual / \$4000 family deductible was met. Mr. Maggart stated that the UHC plan was very good but wanted to make sure that the employees checked with the Drs and hospital in this area to make sure that UHC was an approved provider. Deputy Clerk Wiers stated she was pretty sure that UHC was approved with all of our Doctors and hospital here. The other difference that Mr. Maggart wanted to explain was that the BCBS Plan was age rated, so it was a higher premium the older the employee was vs. the UHC Plan was a composite rating so the single coverage was the lowest cost, with employee/children and then employee/spouse premiums being a little higher, no matter what age the individuals were on the plan. More discussion was had on all of the plans included in the agenda packet. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the City going with the United Health Care B15T Gold Plan through NACO. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Discuss/Approve Wage Recommendations from Wage Committee:** Council Member Eisenhauer stated that she and Council Member Fisher as members of the wage committee had met to discuss employee wages. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that they had went through all of the Employee Job Performance Evaluations and had written up a short paragraph explaining how they came up with the proposed wage increases on each employee but felt that needed to be done in executive session. Council Member Eisenhauer moved that they go into closed session for the purpose of discussing in detail the criteria for proposed wage increases for individual employees to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Mayor Hatfield stated a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing in detail the criteria for proposed

wage increases for individual employees to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting has been adopted at 8:15 p.m. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to come out of executive session at 8:33 p.m. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Eisenhauer then handed out the spreadsheet showing the proposed raised from the Wage Committee. Eisenhauer stated that on her spreadsheet she had employees proposed at a mix of 5-7% or slightly above wage increases. Eisenhauer stated that by bumping up the City Crew members that have been there for over a year, that gets them to the just slightly above the entry level pay of the \$19/hour from the County. Also stating that the County employees need to have a CDL but do not have to obtain any of the state mandated water or sewer licenses that our crew members do. Council Member Helms stated he had never seen a 5 to 7% wage increase ever, across the whole country. Helms continued that a 3% wage increase is the max you see across the country. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that all of the City Employees only received \$.25 raise last year except for the Library Employees, who received a 4% wage increase. Council Member Helms stated that the year before all employees received a \$1/hr raise straight across the board and that was a big percentage and if you go any place around the Country you don't see any 5-7% increases. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she would beg to differ. Council Member Helms felt that a 3% increase was the top raise you would ever see all around the Country. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that you honestly believe that when the Library employees received a 4% wage increase right here last year? Council Member Eisenhauer stated these were their best-case scenarios. Eisenhauer's point is that she feels they deserve this sort of a raise and she does not want any of our employees feeling like they are not appreciated for all of the work they do for the City. Eisenhauer continued that she felt this would prove to the employees that their year in having to deal with Covid, while ALL continuing to work as they didn't get to do what other businesses did. They did have their office door locked for a while, but still let many customers come inside and continued to deal with the public throughout the entire year of the pandemic. In addition to all of the other items that she had listed from how they all did on their job performance evaluations. Council Member Haughton stated that one thing is that if the Council passed these raises, then the City employees should not be going to look for other work, not saying that it couldn't happen, but this should be a good incentive for them to stay. Haughton continued that going back to that \$1 raise across the board, these proposed wage increases are generally not too far off from that. Council Member Helms inquired if Warren had passed his water certification? Foreman Cumley stated that Warren took it upon himself to take his water certification test before he was hired full time this past year. Council Member Helms stated that there's two things right there that I want to bring up, Warren should be making more and Matt should be making more than what he is making, too. More discussion was had on bringing employee wages up closer to co-worker's wages that have the same certifications but may not have been here as long. Council Member Eisenhauer inquired who on this list Council Member Helms felt were getting too much of an increase? Council Member Helms stated he felt a 7% raise is too much for the two higher paid employees that we already have. Eisenhauer inquired so Spencer and Tammy? Helms stated Spencer, Tammy, Kellie as he felt they were making some pretty good money to begin with. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she would still like to keep Kellie where she is at especially because she has turned down two job offers that she could have been making more per hour at and chose to stay with the City. Council Member Helms inquired to Deputy Clerk Wiers how far she would have to travel for those jobs? Deputy Clerk Wiers stated 35 miles but the one had free health insurance included in their benefit package. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she would

agree to come down to a 5% increase for Spencer and Tammy, but I do not want to fluctuate on Kellie as I think she is very efficient and well worth it. Council Member Helms agreed that he felt Kellie was well worth it. Council Member Eisenhauer stated the question is how bad do you all want to keep the team that we have right now? Council Member Haughton stated he totally agreed with keeping this team together because if you pay your people well and you take care of your people, then they will give you more than what possibly they have been giving you. Council Member Helms stated he would not argue with that. Council Member Eisenhauer asked what % raise Council Member Haughton was thinking? Council Member Haughton felt the raises between the 5-7% were good but we may get some feedback from the public. Council Member Helms stated he agreed that the public was really going to probably question this and he was going to hear all kinds of stuff and so is everyone else. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she was prepared for that. Helms stated the first thing the public is going to say is that the City pays more than the County. Council Member Eisenhauer stated she would reply, isn't that wonderful that we have a staff that actually will stay with their job and so we don't have to train anybody when they leave because they are unhappy. Helms wasn't aware that the County was losing people, other than the Sheriff's Department. Council Member Helms stated that Spencer, Tammy and Kellie all three do a wonderful job and he wasn't kidding. More discussion followed about surrounding communities and how their wages might compare to the City's, comparing certifications, number of added employees on staff, different types of plants, etc. Council Member Helms stated that he felt that the wage committee had done a good job and had worked hard on getting all of this information gathered up for the Council, so he would agree with the 5% increases on Tammy and Spencer, but boost Matt's and Warren's salaries up some, then he would be in agreement with everything else and be willing to take the guff from the public just like the rest of the Council Members are going to take. Clerk Curtis inquired on raising Warren's wage up to \$18/hr as that is what they had raised Jr's wage up to the first year he became a fulltime employee then raising Matt's up to \$15/hr as she was pretty sure that the part-time Librarian was up to at least \$15.18/hour now not counting whatever raise the Library Board gives her this year. Council Member Helms stated he agreed with all of those changes and would vote for that. Clerk Curtis stated that she couldn't speak for Spencer but she, herself was very happy with a 5% wage increase. Foreman Cumley stated he was totally happy with that kind of a wage increase and he was happy that his Crew would now be making at least what the County guys were making especially with the City Crew needing to have two state licenses in addition to a CDL license. Council Member Fisher stated he agreed with what was said before that when you have a good working team together you hate to have them start thinking that we don't appreciate everything that they do working for the City. Fisher continued that if the Council has to answer a few questions to the public then we can do that and possibly come back with, "well how'd you like the snow removal job this past winter and when this past storm came through the Crew was picking up limbs off the streets before the end of the day". Mayor Hatfield stated that his boss has always said that when you get a good crew, you pay them because you want to keep them even if it costs you a little more. Hatfield continued that he felt the City has one of the best crews, that works together so well, that we have ever had in Pawnee City since he has lived here. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the City Employee Hourly Wages as follows: Tamela Curtis \$25.34; Spencer Cumley \$24.15; Kellie Wiers \$21.00; Matt Kuhlmann \$15.00; Sean McAhon \$19.14; Gary Droge Jr \$19.14 and Sheraud Warren \$18.00 with the three City Crew Members receiving an additional .25/hour raise once they pass their Sewer Certifications. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**A Report and update from Clerk Curtis: *Discuss Zoning Line Item on General Budget:*** Clerk Curtis inquired what the Council Member's thoughts were on Zoning Administrator Matt Kuhlmann's Salary in the Next Fiscal Year. Clerk Curtis stated that currently Mr. Kuhlmann is being paid \$600/month (\$7200/year) for being the Zoning Administrator and \$200/month (\$2400/year) for being the Sewer Certified Backup Operator. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that since they substantially raised Matt's wages as the Utility Billing Clerk, she felt they should leave these wages where they were. More discussion followed with Council Member Eisenhauer moving to keep Matt Kuhlmann's Zoning Administrator/Backup Sewer Operator salary the same at \$800/month for the next fiscal year. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**A Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *City Wide Clean-up:*** Foreman Cumley reported that the City-Wide Clean-up held June 7<sup>th</sup> went very well with only a couple trips made down to the transfer station. ***Discuss Part-Time City Crew Summer Help Ad with June 11<sup>th</sup> deadline to apply.*** The City only had one applicant turned in and since that time City Crew Member Sean McAhon has been released for light duty so has returned to work part-time. More discussion followed with the Council deciding there was no need to hire the temporary part-time summer help if City Crew Member McAhon was coming back to work. The Clerks will send out a letter letting the applicant know the job is no longer available. ***Discuss Water Tower Project:*** Foreman Cumley stated that the water samples came back good but then they had to send the sample results and also the final project report from Maguire Iron's Engineer to our State Engineer in order for him to clear the City to release the water tower valve for water usage. Hopefully, Maguire Iron will get everything sent up to the State Engineer first thing tomorrow morning so the City can be approved to use the tower again. ***Discuss City Pasture needing sprayed for thistles; invasive trees per FSA Office (CRP Contract):*** Foreman Cumley stated that the City had received a warning letter from the FSA office about invasive trees, mostly cedar trees, being on the City owned pasture ground that is in the CRP Contract. Council Member Eisenhauer discussed what needs to be cut down this fall/winter is when we need to start on this or anytime after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Eisenhauer then discussed there could be up to a 5% canopy of plum brush. More discussion was had on locust and cotton wood trees also being included in the invasive species of trees. Foreman Cumley stated that the pasture that Todd Albers rents are full of thistles. Council Member Eisenhauer stated that it says right in the contract with Mr. Albers that he will take care of the thistles. Eisenhauer thought it would be a good idea for Foreman Cumley to touch base with Mr. Albers to talk about the thistle problems and if he would assist the City in getting rid of the invasive trees. ***Discuss request from resident on spraying something on E Street (Village road) to keep dust down:*** Clerk Curtis stated she had received a complaint from a resident that lived North of 10<sup>th</sup> Street about the amount of dust that was on that road and had inquired if there was something the City could spray on it to keep the dust down. Much discussion was had on this matter with Council Member Helms inquiring if they did an overlay project in that area, did they have to follow the 1&6 year street plan. It was stated that doing road maintenance and overlay projects did not necessarily have to follow the 1&6 year street plan. Council stated they will continue to work on a way to fix the problem and as soon as they figure something out they will address it.

**A Report and update from Council Member Eisenhauer: *Discuss Pool updates:***

Council Member Eisenhauer stated they had hired a head pool manager, Raina Barloon along with two assistant pool managers Elli Stephens and AJ Hernandez, who also plans to be a certified lifeguard. They have also hired eight other lifeguards, with the newest guards to become certified very soon. They have all been working up at the pool getting it ready to go with the first layer of black paint for the deep end line being done and the second layer to be put on in the morning. They have received word from the State that all other lines can wait to be painted in August after the pool is drained. They can start adding water seven days after the last coat of black paint is put on. ***Discuss Trail tube issues:*** Council Member Eisenhauer stated that on Memorial Day she discovered there was a sink hole at the end of the concreted portion of the trail, right before the bridge. The hole went all the way down to the concrete tube as once the City Crew dug up that section, it was discovered that the tube had separated 2-3". The City Crew put a piece of tin on top of it, mortaring around the edges. Eisenhauer reported that this past Saturday's Jiggle Butt Run was successful. She also stated she was quite impressed that there had been a storm Friday and the City Crew had all of the tree branches cleaned up around town and on the trail yet that afternoon.

**A Report and update from Mayor Hatfield: *Discuss pond being built North of Pawnee***

**City:** Mayor Hatfield stated that he was aware that the pond that was being built by Tyler Binder North of Pawnee City was actually out of the City's jurisdiction, but it had been brought to his attention that the City's 10" water main also went under that creek that is planned to be flooded by that pond for irrigation purposes over by Table Rock. Larry Sinagoga met with Council to share his concerns because even though he is not opposed to the pond being built because he understands that a dam provides a good water source, he just didn't want it eroding the banks of the creek, that may result in the flooding of his road or the washing out of the City's 10" water main. He plans to also discuss his concerns with his county road with the County Commissioners. His main reason for coming to the Council meeting tonight was just to make the Council aware that they need to make sure their 10" water main is protected as Binders may be sending a maximum flow of 1000 gallons per minute through that little creek and to make sure there would not be any scouring of the water main. Mr. Sinagoga suggested looking at the "as-built" drawings so that the City can identify the depth of where that water main is and what types of flow that main was designed to withstand going over it. Council Member Haughton stated that possibly that dam is being built with the 100-year flood spec because it is going to run under the highway. Foreman Cumley stated he would look through the "as-built" drawings to see how deep their main is buried under that creek.

**Review City Attorney Emily Sisco's letter to Maguire Iron on surcharge:** Council reviewed the letter that City Attorney Emily Sisco had sent to Maguire Iron on the extra surcharge they were wanting to add to the City's first water tower contract payment. To date Ms. Sisco had not heard anything back from Maguire Iron.

**Review/Approve: CDBG Fire Hall Project 19-PW-014 Expenses:** Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve Drawdowns #4 & 5 for a total of \$11,421.35 with \$6,411.08 to JEO Consulting for Engineer/Architectural Services with \$5,337.59 from CDBG Public Works Grant and \$766.49 from City Match and \$5,307.27 to SENDD for Construction Management/Administration paid from the CDBG Public Works Grant only. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.



**Review/Approve Resolution #8–Pawnee Co Ag Society request for Special Liquor License during fair:** Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve Resolution #8–Pawnee Co Ag Society request for Special Liquor License during the Pawnee County Fair. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

**Review League Legislative Bulletin re: LB 26:** Clerk Curtis stated that during this past legislation session, Lawmakers passed LB 26, a bill exempting residential water consumption from sales tax. Clerk Curtis stated this will lower their sales tax input by about \$4200. This goes into effect on October 1, 2021.

**Review property valuations for 2021:** Council reviewed the property valuations for 2021 noting that the pasture ground had increased substantially.

**Approve Ordinance #993 amendment to 3-118 water rates (on Final Reading):** Clerk Curtis stated this was the line item that had originally been unintentionally omitted from the 6/14 agenda. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve Ordinance #993 amendment to 3-118 water rates on Final Reading. Council Member Haughton seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried..

**Correspondence:** Council reviewed correspondence on the Rabies Clinic flyer to be held July 10<sup>th</sup> at the City shop location. Clerk Curtis reminded everyone about their One-On-One Budget Workshops with Julie Bauman on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Susan (Pool & Parks): 9:00-10:00; Bruce (Water & Fire): 10:30-11:30; Donnie: (Sewer): 1:00-2:00 and Ric (Streets): 2:30-3:30 and the Budget Workshop Retreat is August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. Council Member Eisenhower moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST: Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk

Charlie E. Hatfield, Mayor