

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 and John Dahlgren; Tamela S. Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer, Spencer Cumley, City Foreman & Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. **Absent:** Susan Eisenhauer.

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 September 14, 2020 special budget hearing meeting minutes. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to accept the September 14, 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.

Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to accept the September 21, 2020 special 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:** 9559.62; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 2742.62; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 394.27; **NW Mutual**, retirement 868.14; **PCDC**, July 2020 sales tax 7041.61; **Windstream**, phone @ swr plant 58.80; **Casey's Business Mastercard**, equip fuel 396.69; **NPPD**, electric service @ wells & swr plant 2933.65; **Hamilton Equip. Co.**, Bobcat mini excavator 29,600.00; **SYNC/Amazon**, library materials 256.45; **Capital Bus Systems**, library licensing & maintenance 132.50; **U.S. Cellular**, tablet monthly service 53.53; **Verizon Wireless**, emergency cell phone, home connect & jetpack 95.68; **Spectrum**, internet & phone @ shop 154.97; **Fairview Golf Club**, donation for City Council meetings 160.00; **Seneca Sanitation**, garbage service August 2020, 5702.63; **Core & Main**, new meter reader gun 1366.52; **Dollar General**, office supplies 10.35; **Gale**, library materials 2820.99; **League of Municipalities**, 2020 annual league conference 395.00; **Municipal Supply of Omaha**, curb arches, curb boxes, clamps 3595.21; **Nebr. Dept. of Environment & Energy**, M. Kuhlmann wastewater license renewal 150.00; **Nebr. Public Health Environmental Lab**, wtr samples/lead & copper 114.00; **Pawnee City Thriftway**, bleach, wtr, ice 39.07; **Protex Central Inc.**, new batteries for panel 60.80; **Quill Corp.**, office supplies for library & city office 989.34; **Sargent Drilling**, well & pump tests 900.00;

WinNelson, tube for 600 4th street 545.00; **Bok Financial**, wtr bond pymt 126,115.00; **Feld Fire**, motor, hose & turbojet 8533.85; **SYNC/Amazon**, library air purifier & filters 1026.98; **Johnson Service Co.**, slip lining 13,218.00; **Mahoney Concrete**, concrete for bike/walk path 14,940.00; **Miracle Mudjacking**, mudjacking voids under pool 10,220.00; **Petty Cash Fund**, reimb. postage, band-aids 8.92. 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.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the Treasurer's report for the end of the year fund balances as of 9/25/2020. Clerk Curtis noted on the agenda that Council Members have until Sept. 30th to finish out their budgets. Some balances will be transferred to reserve accounts to go towards designated purchases.

Maguire Iron--Water Tower Repairs & Maintenance Proposal: Jamie Mays was present to explain needed repairs to the water tower and Maguire Iron's maintenance plan proposal. Maguire Iron has been in business for over 100 years and specializes in making water towers just like Pawnee City's water tower. They self fabricate all their own hatches and vents and everything else that would go inside of a water tower. This maintenance plan would include painting the water inside and outside, replace lettering on the tower and make needed repairs. The total cost would be spread out over four years for \$47,296.00 per year and then \$14,440.00 starting on year five which would be the annual maintenance plan cost so that the City would not have to come up with a large lump sum again to repair the tower. From the foundation up, it will be Maguire Iron's responsibility. If there would be a problem in year five with the paint, then Maguire Iron will have to take care of it at no extra cost to the City. Maguire Iron would guarantee their work as long as it was under the maintenance program. The maintenance plan will include an annual inspection with a report and regular washouts. Maguire Iron will be traveling to Lake Jackson, Texas, next week where they have the brain eating amoeba inside the drinking water system to clean it out. Also, without good quality water, there would be no beer! The maintenance program itself does give you peace of mind and if you do a GASB 34 accounting system, this is a GASB 34 compliant program which allows you to maintain almost a 100% of the value of that water tank. It would cost almost \$1 million to \$1.5 million to replace just the tank itself. Maintenance is always cheaper than building new. Mr. Mays gave the analogy of changing the oil on a regular basis on your vehicle or waiting for the engine to blow and replacing the engine. Council Member Zelenka commented that she was interested in the maintenance plan because the City will then be proactive with needed maintenance and repairs. Clerk Curtis explained that Jake Dugger previously met with Council member Zelenka, Clerk Curtis, Foreman Cumley and Deputy Clerk Wiers to explain the needed repairs and maintenance plan. It was a great presentation and peace of mind knowing everything will be in compliance. Jamie explained if the State of Nebraska would change the rules and regulations, Maguire will make the necessary updates at no additional costs. Mr. Mays explained that Maguire will not cover the fill line itself. It is wrapped in insulation going from the base of the cone up to the belly of the tank. Those pipes last around fifty plus years. They are not painted in any way and they are wrapped in insulation. They rust from the inside out. Because there is no way to protect it, that is the only item in the maintenance plan that they don't take care of. A person can't look at it to check on its condition without tearing all apart and the insulation protects it from loose moisture. It's the same principle as pipes that are kept underground. Council Member Dahlgren

asked if a person could look at the inside condition of the pipe with a camera. Jamie explained you could try and there may be some pitting but you would have to tear it all apart to fix the pitting and you usually don't do anything until a hole breaks through. Council Member Helms asked how this pipe would be replaced. Jamie explained you have to bring it in through the bottom in sections and rig the tank with a pulley system, pull the pipe up and start welding it in place all the way back down to the bottom. Council Member Helms inquired what material could be used so it doesn't rust on the inside. This pipe is made of stainless steel and you flange it with rubber gaskets but you are looking at 5X the cost to go stainless steel in that section. It would cost around \$50,000 to replace it and it would last around 50 years. You could spend \$250,000 to replace it but you still have to insulate it. You can't replace part with a different metal as it will not work because you can't weld different metals. Some people have tried PVC pipe but it seems that there is so much movement that it ends up breaking over time. They are the only company that has a 60,000 sq ft fabrication shop to make ladders, vents, hatches, etc. They roll their own beams and take care of everything in house. Clerk Curtis explained that the City had been taking money from the Utility account and putting it into a reserve account to save money for water tower repairs but this would be easier to budget for since it is a set amount. Jamie explained that this maintenance plan has helped other cities plan for water tower repairs and that the water tower is usually the largest valued asset that most cities have so maintaining it is very important. Council Member Zelenka stated with this plan, there is less chance the City would have to raise rates. Jamie explained this plan could allow a city to add on a distribution fee such as \$1.25 to every household to help pay for maintenance of the water tower. It's just another option. Council Member Zelenka said it puts us on a level playing field and we meet all the standards set by the government and we are being proactive. Council Member Zelenka made a motion to approve the water tower repair and maintenance program with Maguire Iron as stated in their agreement. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Jamie explained that the tank will have to be off line for four weeks to paint and repair so we will have to do pre-planning this Winter and complete the work in the Spring. We will have to work together to maintain the system pressure while it is offline. They will provide pressure relief valves so they can put them on the fire hydrants and that will help do it. They may also use our variable frequency drives at the Wells and put them on a pressure transducer so the Wells can speed up and slow down to provide system pressure. Jamie asked about the CJ Foods pet food plant North of town. It will be necessary to manage their water flow and usage since they don't have their own well system and do some pre-planning this Winter. Jamie will be the person the City will work with to help manage the system pressure.

Jerred Meier, Architectural Dept. with JEO—Present Scope of Services and Fee Proposal as Architect for New Fire Station Project: Mr. Meier reviewed the Scope of Services for the Pawnee City Fire Station. It will be about an 8000 sq ft. station. This is for fees through the bidding phase, construction administration right now which will be billed hourly and get us through until the bidding phase. Crystal Dunnekacke with (SENDD) Southeast Nebraska Developmental District was also present to explain the CDBG Public Works grant. Mr. Meier explained that they will work with SENDD on construction of the fire hall. Once the process "gets rolling," JEO will meet with the City, SENDD and Fire Department to discuss the specifics of the project. The fee will be part of the grant. Council Member Zelenka made a motion to approve the Scope of Services and Fee Proposal from JEO as architect for the new fire station

project for \$64,200. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Crystal Dunnekacke explained the asbestos inspector was on site today to inspect the property at 1332 F Street, where the new fire station will go. She talked with Bob Miller, PCDC, to review the waiver of appraisals, fair market value donation stuff so we have to submit a copy of that with the title search to the State to okay to approve the donation and then we will go through that with the City and sign a contract with JEO and get ready for construction.

Deb Niss—PRIDE Committee updates on nuisance properties: Deb Niss submitted a list of properties to the City Council that the PRIDE Committee had compiled and considered necessary to be condemned. Bruce Haughton was also present from the PRIDE Committee. Deb Niss had previously accompanied Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk to look at properties that needed mowed and nuisances. She explained that it is hard to explain to a property owner that their yard needs cleaned up and structures need repaired. On a positive note, the PRIDE Committee will soon be recognizing last year's winner and this year's winner for overall Home of the Week which will include \$25.00 in Pawnee Chamber Bucks. Deb Niss did write some letters to people and one was to Dollar General's main office which included pictures of the fence behind their building. Dollar General assured Deb that it will be repaired. Mrs. Niss had contacted the owners of 1129 G Street (Maxwell Construction). The company is willing to sell this property but are planning to complete repairs on the property before putting up for sale. Council Member Zelenka explained that she is working with the daughter and owner of 630 I Street to sell this property to the Pawnee Co. Memorial Hospital. The owner is living in a care facility. Mrs. Niss reviewed the properties on the list which include: 1145 G Street, 439 F Street, 630 I Street, 848 I Street and 1043 M Street. 1145 G Street: the outbuildings are falling down. 439 F Street: has been condemned before but nobody has lived in it for quite some time now. 630 I Street: has a hole in the roof. 848 I Street: the green house on the corner. It has broken windows, run down, overgrown vegetation and has an unlicensed vehicle in the yard. Mr. Haughton explained the owner has some severe health issues but she is willing to have the house condemned and would need help to complete the demolition process plus probably would need up front money for the asbestos inspection and there are so many unknowns there. Council Member Helms asked if the owner wants to keep the property. Mr. Haughton said the owner would probably give the property to the City. Helms replied, "the City doesn't want the property." Helms said he knows a local contractor that would probably clean up the property and it wouldn't cost the owner anything. Much discussion was had on how to get the property cleaned up and if it would be eligible for demolition funds from the City and PCDC and who would ultimately own the property. An asbestos inspection would cost around \$375.00 and depending upon what is found, it may cost a lot to clean up the asbestos materials and then it has to be hauled off to a landfill that can accept it. Crystal Dunnekacke explained that after an asbestos inspection, they will give you an estimate on what it will cost to remove the materials and complete the abatement or the owner can remove the materials themselves. Crystal explained that in Humboldt there were several properties at one time that had asbestos inspections and were demolished with the Economic Development group "Humboldt Shares" donating money to help with the cost. Deputy Clerk Wiers explained to the group that the owner of the property at 848 I street has difficulty maintaining the property where she lives so she will certainly have difficulty keeping this property mowed once the building has been demolished and it would be better if she gave the property to someone else. Discussion followed on who would be willing to take the

property more discussion followed about cleaning up properties and its possible effect on attracting people to move to the community. Mrs. Niss explained that a lot of time we focus on the bad properties but it is also really hard to pick a “Yard of the Week” because there are many nice homes and yards in the community. Council Member Dahlgren stated that at one time there were many beautiful homes on G street but that isn’t the way it is anymore. There is a whole block on one part of G street that has run down looking homes. Bruce Haughton explained the house located at 1149 D Street has a broken window and overgrown weeds and PCAL would like to buy it. Bruce talked to the owners last Sunday and PCAL was interested in buying it to just clean up that corner. Discussion followed about previous owners and the continued dilapidation of the property compared to what it looked like a few years ago. Council Member Helms asked DC Wiers if she had any information about this property. Deputy Clerk Wiers had talked to Nina Travis, one of the owners of the property, a few weeks ago and Miss Travis stated they had thought about fixing up the house but she wanted to move a trailer onto the property, so, Wiers had emailed information to Miss Travis about the demolition process. Now, there is a truck parked in the yard without any wheels and sometimes there is an RV parked in the driveway. 1043 M Street: There was a fire there at one time and now the property sets empty with many vehicles parked in the yard. Crystal Dunnekacke explained that once a property has had a fire in it, you can go ahead and burn it down the rest of the way without having an asbestos inspection. This has been done in Humboldt and the Fire Dept. has done it as training for its members. Dunnekacke explained that there are two forms that have to be completed and she can give the City more information about this. It was stated that the Pawnee City Fire Dept. will not do this. Bruce Haughton explained that he visited with one of the owners of 1145 G Street and she would like to demolish the property but she wanted to wait until next Spring because she is thinking about building a new house there. Mr. Haughton continued to talk about other properties that are nuisances but they were referred to by name and those people had not been notified of this mention so those names have not been listed. Mayor Hatfield stated he will contact the Board of Health members and set up a meeting to review the houses on the list to be condemned.

Review PCAL Financials: Board member Bruce Haughton was present to answer questions. Mr. Haughton stated that the number of residents is increasing and they now have 16 -17 residents with a 22 bed capacity so they are over 50% capacity which is what is needed to break even. Mr. Haughton explained they would need around 19 people to be able to get caught up.

Review/Take FINAL Action on: Housing Rehab Program #17-HO-36081: Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to approve Housing Rehab FINAL Draw Downs #11 & #12 for a total of \$8,625.55 for DD #11 to SENDD for \$6,305.26 and for DD#12 to SENDD for \$2,320.29. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Dahlgren made a motion to approve Housing Rehab Performance Review—Risk Analysis Compliance Checklist. Council Member Helms seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve the Housing Rehab Financial Report. Council Member Dahlgren seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING PROJECT—Review/Approve Drawdown for FINAL Pay

Application: Council Member Helms made a motion to approve Drawdown #15 for a total of \$57,824.20 to AHRS Construction, Inc. for their FINAL Pay Application for Retainage with \$43,665.76 from ReUse Grant and \$14,158.44 from City Match. Council Member Dahlgren seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. The outside of the Cornerstone Building has been completed.

Report and update from Foreman Cumley: *Discuss 2020 Well & Pump Testing Results from Sargent Drilling;* The Well results were very good. The pump efficiency was 85% and anything above 70 is really good for pump efficiency. *DHHS awarded the City the Public Water System Security Grant for up to \$10,000 to assist with purchase of a generator at the Wells;* This will help with the purchase of a back-up generator to have at the Wells. *Mini Excavator has arrived;* Most everyone was aware of this. *Premier Pools & Spas;* Council Member Eisenhauer received emails from Premier Pools and Kevin Lane with EcoFinish. Kevin Lane said he has no resources to offer on the peeling liner and the City needs to work with Premier Pools but the City received an email from Premier pools that their employees are able to make more money on unemployment so they don't have any employees to perform work on the liner so they cannot even give the City a quote on what it will take to repair it. Paul Ryan, the architect from Prochaska & Associates that worked with Premier Pools, has asked to be "kept in the loop" with any future correspondence about the pool. It was stated they thought Premier Pools and Kevin Lane were "in cahoots." Council Member Helms asked if there is somebody else that can apply the EcoFinish. According to Kevin Lane, Premier Pools is the only contractor around that knows how to apply it. Council Member Helms asked if Miracle Mudjacking could fix the liner. Howard Bebout from Miracle Mudjacking told Foreman Cumley he is going to watch some videos on how to apply the EcoFinish liner and see if they even want to do this and look into it. Howard does a lot of epoxy work so he felt like it was something they may be able to do. ***Review/approve Miracle Mudjacking proposal to remove/clean/replace all joint caulking on pool;*** Howard Bebout submitted a proposal to replace the caulking on all the construction joints, the outer perimeter of the pool and replace the top step on the east end of the pool for \$30,000. The crew had cleaned out some of the old joints and they had not even used an 1/8" of caulking but they had used some of the foam backer and then a thin layer of caulking over it. Howard's recommendation was to let them redo all of the old joints properly and fix the top step because the concrete is disintegrating. Howard will get back to us about repairing the EcoFinish. Council Member Helms asked if anybody has any idea how much it will cost to repair the EcoFinish? Clerk Curtis explained no because Aaron from Premier Pools didn't submit a proposal before he became ill with Covid-19. Howard Bebout said the voids were not as bad as reported by Premier Pools. The biggest void found was 4" deep not 14" as reported earlier. He said the pool was structurally sound but the joints and the stair do need repaired. They would chisel out all of the old joints and put in at least 1" of caulking. Howard told Cumley that he could come up with an epoxy and paint but it won't match the current liner and the worse case scenario would be to replace the liner but the liner the Pool has now is not adhering to the surface like it should. Council Member Dahlgren asked how much the liner cost and Clerk Curtis explained that the total updates to the Pool had cost \$176,000. Council Member Helms asked if the Pool will be ready to open next Spring and Foreman Cumley explained Miracle Mudjacking is hoping to complete the work listed in the proposal yet this Fall and then hopefully, complete the liner next Spring before the Pool opens next year. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve the

proposal Miracle Mudjacking submitted for \$30,000 to repair all the joints in the pool and replace the top step on the east end of the Pool. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Discuss trail concrete work; Foreman Cumley explained the City Crew is going to finish the shoulders on the concrete because they put the concrete right on top of the hard surface that was there so Council Member Eisenhauer asked Cumley to put a foot of rock chips on each side of it so it will still be eight feet wide if needed. ***Make a motion to accept donations from interested community members to finish concreting the Dr. Rick Jackson Trail;*** John Wherry has come forward and asked how much it would cost to finish concreting the trail and if the public could donate funds towards the cause? Foreman Cumley explained there is approximately 1,965 feet left on the trail to concrete and it would cost around \$58,950 for Mahoney Concrete to lay concrete 6 ft. wide like what was just completed. Council Member Helms said he has a “rough” quote from Pavers to asphalt the rest of the trail for \$48,000 and this would be 8 feet wide with 4” of asphalt. Pavers said could go with 3” (since there wouldn’t be much traffic on it from vehicles) for around \$38,000 next Spring. \$30,000 has been budgeted for the project. Clerk Curtis explained the total amount of the project has to be budgeted even if donations are accepted. Council Member Helms explained that the City could get the rest of the trail completed with asphalt for about half the cost of concrete with a wider track. Mahoney stopped the concrete a few feet from the edge of the bridge. Council Member Helms made the motion to accept donations from interested community members through the Community Foundation to continue concreting the rest of the Dr. Rick Jackson Trail. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Clerk Curtis explained that people could donate to the Trail through the Community Foundation and the money would be earmarked for the City and then the donation could qualify as being tax deductible.

RJ Hickey & Sixth Street Businesses: re: Street Parking Suggestions & Mitchell

Turnbull—re: parking suggestions: Mr. Hickey explained that he had talked to all of the 6th Street businesses including Shirley’s Place, Haughton’s Beauty Shop, Creative Thoughts and Kathy’s Beauty Shop. Sue Pope, owner of Creative Thoughts, was also present. Shirley’s Place is okay with the two-hour parking except he has two employees that are not okay with it. They only want to park on 6th street because they don’t feel comfortable parking in the alley and walking in the alley behind the building because of snow and ice and not enough light back there. Hickey said he has talked to at least three people who said they will continue to park on 6th street and take the parking ticket if the City writes them a parking ticket because it will cost the City more money to prosecute it. Hickey also reported that a business owner had been told not to park in front of her business and she won’t park there for one day but moves right back two days later. Council Member Helms explained to Hickey that it was his idea to put that parking restriction on 6th street but only on the North side. The South side of 6th street would be left alone. Employees and business owners could park across the street from where their business are. Hickey explained but that is not what was voted on. Hickey recommended to stick with the 2 hr. parking like it was voted on as long as the True Value employees could park on F street by the FSA office and the FSA office told them where they could park so they don’t take up parking for their customers. The problem is Teresa Hinrichsen’s sidewalks don’t always get cleaned and True Value has two employees that don’t want to walk that far in the Wintertime. Sue Pope stated she liked Council Member Helms’ idea. Sue explained that if you own a business

downtown, it would be nice to be able to park in front of your business for more than two hours. She has perishable products and she doesn't want to walk 1 ½ blocks in the Winter to deliver flowers, which is a little upsetting but she is willing to work with the City or would it work for each business to have a designated spot where they could park for 15 minutes? Council Member Zelenka explained that from past discussions it was said for you to pull up in front of your business and load items that needed to be delivered. It's more about people that park in front of their businesses all day. Sue explained that she would have liked to have been notified before all of the restrictions were made on parking downtown. Maybe people would have been more willing to work things out. Mitch Turnbull was present for the parking discussion. He explained that if you only put the restrictions on G street then there are people who had been taking all of those spots and then those people would have parked on 6th street and create problems there for those businesses and it wouldn't be fair to them and be parked in front of those businesses for eight hours each day. In order to protect all of the downtown businesses, this is where the two hour parking idea came about. Sue explained that at one time all of the courthouse employees used to park on the south side of sixth street in front of the courthouse and there are 30+ spaces to park on the South side of the courthouse. There is absolutely no reason why they can't park there. Council Member Dahlgren explained that business owners don't need to be parking across the street in front of their businesses either. Health providers urge patients to walk more so why would it hurt for business owners to park a block away from their business. Sue explained she doesn't mind parking a block away but she would like to park in front of her business when it is time to deliver flowers. Turnbull suggested to Sue Pope to not have his mother park behind his business so Mrs. Pope could back up to her business in the alley and be right by her back door. Sue Pope explained that all the water drains in the alley to behind her building and then it freezes and it is dangerous to walk on. Council Member Dahlgren explained that he is renting the Donahue building right now. If a business would go in there then all the downtown employees that park there and across the street would have to park somewhere else but it doesn't bother him to have those people park in front of his business. Turnbull explained that on the days that district court or county court is in session, it is difficult to find a place to park around the courthouse without any restrictions. Turnbull explained that you can sell a lot more stuff if it is convenient to your customer and you have it on hand. For example, a person needed a pipe fitting and you drive by True Value but all the parking spots were taken, you will then drive over to NAPA where you know there will be a spot there. Customers will pay more for something that is convenient. Much discussion was had about current and past business owners not allowing their employees to park close to the business in spots used by customers. Mr. Hickey had suggested going back to angled parking on G street as there was years ago but Foreman Cumley had looked into that and there is not enough room on G street to do that after the sidewalks were redone. He also suggested making a gravel parking lot behind Faesser & Donahue's office which would get rid of some of the alley cats. Turnbull reminded Mr. Hickey that there were True Value employees that didn't want to park back there. Turnbull said it wouldn't bother him to park back there. Sue Pope asked about signs to know where they can park and Council Member Zelenka explained that there will be two signs for each block. Mrs. Pope asked who is going to enforce this? The Sheriff's office would be the one to enforce it. Council Member Zelenka said she thinks the goal is to try and settle something that has been an issue for years and how can we get customers into businesses easier such as an elderly couple that wants to visit two or three businesses and then get a bite to eat. Pope: they probably can't get that done in two hours. Sue Pope suggested adding handrails downtown on the sidewalk where there are steps to walk up

from the street to the sidewalk. Mayor Hatfield explained the crew is working on a handrail in front of the City Office and Foreman Cumley is working on something to install on the south side of the Cornerstone building. Clerk Curtis explained that the signs that have been discussed would state “Customer Parking only, all others 2-hour limit, 8 -5, Monday - Friday.” So, it’s not that customers only have two hours, it’s that all other people only have two hours. This would limit people who are living in apartments downtown and employees of businesses. Sue Pope explained that she was glad she came to the Council meeting because she wanted clarification on the parking. More discussion was had on how it may take customers more than two hours to complete their business and then possibly stop at a restaurant and their vehicle may be parked in one spot for more than two hours but the rule doesn’t apply to customers. Clerk Curtis commented that there are more parking spaces available since the Cornerstone Building is finished and no longer creates a hinderance to people driving around that corner.

Review/Approve Resolution #16 to designate “Customer Parking Only—All Others, 2 Hour Limit 8 a.m. – 5 pm. Monday -Friday on G Street from 6th to 7th Streets and 6th Street from G to F Streets: More discussion followed from the previous agenda items on whether to have the parking resolution cover both sides of 6th street since it will cover both sides of G street. Council Member Helms made the motion to install an appropriate number of signs on both sides of the street on G street from 6th to 7th and on 6th street from G to F on the north side only that state “Customer Parking Only—All Others, 2 Hour Limit 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.” Discussion followed about business owners and downtown employees being able to park on the South side of 6th street and courthouse employees had been asked not to park on 6th street. Clerk Curtis suggested trying the parking resolution as revised because it would be easier to add another street to the parking restriction than to take one away. Mitch Turnbull stated that most of the courthouse employees who work on the South side of the building park on the south side and employees who work on the north side, park on the north side of the building. Council Member Dahlgren said that one courthouse employee has said that they want to be able to see their car from inside of the courthouse. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Mayor Hatfield explained that 6th street would be open from G to F and North side only is restricted to two hours for people besides customers. Clerk Curtis explained that Resolution #16 would have to be amended before approved. Council Member Helms made a motion to approve Resolution #16 as amended. Council Member Dahlgren seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Report and update from Mayor Hatfield: *Discuss Citizen inquiry if the City plans to do a “tree dump pickup” this Fall, like in the Spring;* A citizen had asked if the City would sponsor this and pick up tree limbs and leaves like what they do in the Spring. The City has never done this in the Fall but there are some people that need to clean up their yard and don’t have a pickup to haul it to the tree dump. Clerk Curtis explained that it would have to be advertised and people would have to call in and put their name on a list with their address and designate tree dump items only and leaves would have to be bagged. Mayor Hatfield suggested that the City designates that leaves have to be contained in paper bags so that the crew then doesn’t have to deal with plastic bags that can’t be left at the tree dump. Foreman Cumley suggested that people could put the leaves in a hard container and then the crew members could dump them out in the loader bucket. Council decided it would be paper bags only and items have to be hauled to the

curb. Clerk Curtis, Deputy Clerk Wiers, Foreman Cumley and Utility Billing Clerk Poskochil will put a flyer together and bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

The City Council reviewed correspondence from July 2020 Total Sales Tax of \$18,944.62 with ½% Street Repairs Sales Tax totaling \$4,694.41 and \$4,256.55 being Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. Mayor Hatfield informed the Council that the Lincoln Food Bank will be at the North Park on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 11:30 to 12:30 for food distribution.

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 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST: Kellie A. Wiers, Deputy City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor