REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2017**

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A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Plainview, Nebraska, was held at the Council Chambers in said City on the 10th day of Jan at 7:00 o’clock P.M. Present were: Mayor Seip; Council Members: Huigens, Novicki, Naprstek, and Schlote. Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Mayor Seip opened the meeting and announced to individuals in attendance that a full copy of the new Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the east wall of the Council Chambers.

Schlote moved to approve minutes from the regular meeting Tuesday Dec 13th, 2016. Naprstek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Naprstek moved to approve the claims and payroll against the city. Schlote seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Yosten presented the police report. The new police car should be finished at the end of the month. An update was given regarding the investigation by State Patrol that resulted from verbal threats made to city staff during contact with Wanda and Daniel Hanks. There will be no charges brought against the Hanks by the State Patrol. Yosten had spoken to Daniel Hanks who asked for an extension to clean up his property that was declared a nuisance at the January 3 public hearing. Naprstek moved to extend the deadline to the end of April with Hanks present to report at the May council meeting. Schlote seconded the motion. Novicki, Naprstek and Schlote approved, Huigens denied. Motion carried 3-1.

Manor report was given by Juleen Johnson. The claim for damage during the power outage was submitted to the Manor’s insurance and a check was issued minus the $2,500.00 deductible. Johnson questioned who should be responsible for paying the deductible. Naprstek stated that the Manor was a stand-alone entity and by consensus of the Council it was agreed that the deductible payment was the responsibility of the Manor. Tom Smith has been hired as the new maintenance supervisor and began his duties on January 3rd. Health insurance for Manor employees will increase by 15.9% with each individual paying $7 per paycheck extra for coverage. Dennis Johnson will be meeting with Juleen Johnson and an agent from the Manor’s insurance company to discuss the policy. The Manor Board recommended to the council a 4% increase in Johnson’s salary along with a $100 allowance for cell phone. After discussion Schlote moved and Naprstek seconded to approve the raise and allowance. Motion passed 4-0.

Economic Development report was given by City Administrator Holton. Roger Synovec has retired as Economic Development director effective December 2016. The council will need to consider replacing the position or determine if it is still needed. Naprstek questioned using Joe Grof who is Pierce County’s Economic Development director. This would require sharing Grof’s services among all cities in the county. Holton also stated that Plainview was the recipient of two awards. The city will be honored in April as a Top Community of the Year based on projects completed during 2016. The Nebraska 150th committee has selected Plainview as one of 40 cities in the state to host a traveling display from the Omaha Children’s Museum.

Holton gave the administrator’s report. The superior generator was ran this morning to test and everything looked to be in working order. He thanked the council for allowing the staff to close the office to attend the funeral of former City Clerk/Treasurer Jayne Gentzler. The water leak in front of Healing Hands Chiropractic clinic is currently being addressed.

Mayor Seip recommended that Lois Moser be appointed to serve on the Handi-Van board for a 4 year term to end in June of 2020. Novicki moved to appoint Moser. Huigens seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Council president Naprstek was appointed to Municipal Board of Health.

The one and six year road plan was discussed. Council was encouraged to look at the information provided by JEO Consulting before the February meeting. Holton stated that the county will be paving 9th Street from Woodland Ave north for approximately 2 miles. The city would need to decide if plans would be changed to move the paving of 9th Street south of Woodland to Highway 20 to the proposal from JEO.

Keno grant applications were received from three organizations for the quarter ending in December.

Plainview Post Prom had requested $2,500.00 to help pay for the expenses of post prom activities for Plainview High School students. There was no representation from the committee at the meeting. Novicki moved to table discussion on the grant request until next meeting. Huigens seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Plainview High Bowling Club requested $850.00 to pay for license fees for the year. The club holds fundraisers throughout the year to offset other expenses. Members of the team were present to discuss why the bowling team was important and how it helps to serve the youth of our community. Naprstek moved to approve the grant. Schlote seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Plainview Volunteer Fire and Rescue requested $5,000.00 for a new power stretcher and stair chair. The number of calls that the volunteer EMT’s respond to each year, along with the age of volunteers and demographic of the population create a need for updated equipment. The department will submit an invoice after the stretcher has been purchased to receive the keno funds. Naprstek moved to approve the grant. Huigens seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0, Schlote abstained.

Mayor Seip appointed Huigens to the personnel committee.

Holton discussed the need to update the council chambers building and also suggested a change of venue to the Plainview Library. Moving the meeting to a new location would require a change in the code. Huigens questioned what the building would be for if not used for council meetings. Naprstek would like to see the building updated as needed. Holton will compose a list of updates and costs to present before the council at the next meeting.

Holton stated that Sterling West would be in the office on Wednesday January 11th with plans for new playground equipment. This will replace the equipment in the Band Shell Park that was torn down after being damaged last year. A complete set of drawings will be brought to the February council meeting.

Larry Babel was present to give an update on his properties that were discussed at the December meeting. City Administrator Holton had checked the properties and found that they had been cleaned up. Babel stated that a permanent door is to be installed to replace the tarp currently in place at the cabins on Highway 20.

City Attorney Bruce Curtiss presented an example employment agreement that would potentially be signed by the City Administrator and City Clerk/Treasurer. The personnel committee will meet to discuss creating an agreement.

Continuing discussion was held on updating Ordinance #510 for dangerous dogs. Curtiss noted that the standard that has been set for many years is not enforced. Questions were raised on the use of statistics in determining dog breeds that could be classified as dangerous. Naprstek stressed that we need to protect the general public and that the current ordinance needs to be followed by all dog owners. The ordinance is not set to punish those who care for their dogs humanely, rather to protect against those who do not take responsibility in raising their animals. Huigens suggested going through the ordinance and updating each section. Any updates that are made will need to be enforced. A special public meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 with all dog owners encouraged to attend.

Holton discussed increasing the per diem for city employees attending conferences to $40 per day. This would require a receipt to receive reimbursement. Schlote moved to approve the per diem. Novicki seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Novicki mentioned that clean up needs to occur in park from the recent wind storm. Naprstek reminded that snow needs to be removed from in front of the city offices.

Schlote asked if City of Plainview shirts could be purchased for the mayor and city council. He also suggested to move council meetings from the current stated time of 7:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Also a reminder that all city officials will need to update FEMA badges in case of an emergency.

It was moved by Naprstek, seconded by Novicki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

TIME: 8:58 P.M.

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Daren Seip, Mayor (SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Courtney Retzlaff, City Clerk/Treasurer

13529 NDEQ Pmt 34843.47

13530 Pierce Co Attorney NSF Check 10.00

13531 Plainview FFA Poinsettias 100.00

13532 NE Child Support Pmt 725.00

13533 Midwest Bank Qtrly Loan Pmt 11993.22

13534 League of NE Mun. Conf. Registration 445.00

13535 The Post Cafe Appreciation Party 690.30

13536 Madison Co Bank Qtrly Loan Pmt 10770.33

13537 Verizon Cell Phones 477.14

13538 Dearborn Natl Life Ins Ins 51.90

13539 Thriftway Market Su 46.02

13540 ADP Benefit COBRA Pmt 459.74

13541 City of Plainview Pool Sales Tax 5015.91

13542 City of Plainview Library Sales Tax 2848.43

13543 City of Plainview Manor Sales Tax 2848.43

13544 City of Plainview Eco.Dev Sales Tax 2848.43

13545 Personnel Concepts Su 20.90

13546 Midwest Bank Empl HSA 400.00

13547 NE Child Support Pmt 725.00

13548 Postmaster Postage 161.72

18428 Thru

18446 City Employee Payroll 12-15-16 15,184.95

18447 Thru

18456 City Employee Payroll 12-30-16 8,516.95

18457 Alby’s Electric Svc 535.57

18458 Bill Bonta Svc 120.00

18459 Bomgaars Su 33.99

18460 Eileen Bramer Su 27.53

18461 Bud’s Sanitary Service Svcs 4752.00

18462 Carrot-Top Industries, Inc. Su 172.33

18463 Casey’s General Stores Fuel 400.68

18464 Chad’s Tire Service Svc 1264.00

18465 Chamber of Commerce Su 800.00

18466 City of Plainview Utility Bills 7166.95

18467 City of Plv/Osm Housing Pmt 102.60

18468 Classic Rentals Su 88.97

18469 Combined Revenue Pmt 3168.96

18470 Cornhusker Auto Svcs 22.08

18471 Cornhusker Press Dog License Tags 83.17

18472 Curtiss Law Office Svcs 1250.00

18473 DD Steel Su 60.00

18474 Dept of Energy Electric Svcs 7998.74

18475 Donna Christiansen Reim 250.00

18476 Eakes Office Solutions Su 146.99

18477 Electrical Engineering & Equip Su 665.09

18478 Electrical System Sinking Fund Pmt 2000.00

18479 Electricomm, LLC Svcs 150.00

18480 Floor Maintenance Su 226.55

18481 Great Plains Communications Svcs 33.47

18482 Green Line Equipment Su/Svcs 659.61

18483 Highsmith Su 161.05

18484 Hometown Leasing Copier 86.00

18485 Ingram Library Services Su 635.30

18486 Kelly Supply Co Su 7.39

18487 Kimball-Midwest Su 122.34

18488 Kriz-Davis Co Su 5140.58

18489 L.P. Gill, Inc Svcs 11922.60

18490 Larry Petersen Reim 17.12

18491 Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc Su 26.31

18492 Midwest Bank Safe Deposit Box 12.00

18493 Mitch’s Food Center Su 244.76

18494 MEAP Power/RITA 68970.54

18495 NE Public Health Env Lab Svcs 132.00

18496 NMC Exchange LLC Su 2022.00

18497 One Call Concepts, Inc Su 28.77

18498 One Office Solution Su 21.25

18499 Pierce County Treasurer 2016 Real Estate Tax 1526.16

18500 Pitzer Digital Svcs 350.00

18501 Plainview Auto Supply Su 478.81

18502 Plainview News Su/Svcs 2431.17

18503 Plainview Rural Fire Pmt 4625.00

18504 Plainview Telephone Svcs 941.10

18505 Plainview True Value Su 524.98

18506 Schaefer Grain Su 460.00

18507 State Treasurer Dog License Fee 2016 48.50

18508 Steinkraus Service Fuel 10548.82

18509 Water Tower Bond Acct Pmt 2800.83

18510 Western Oil, Inc Fuel 27.01

ACH NE Dept. of Rev State W/H 1178.91

ACH United Health Care Health Ins 8485.85

ACH Ameritas Healthplan Vis Ins 199.80

ACH NE Dept of Rev Sales Tax 7672.46

ACH EFTPS Payroll Tax 6507.32

ACH Mass Mutual Pension 2147.96

ACH Comm. Merch. Bank CC Machine 948.36

ACH EFTPS Payroll Tax 4671.25

ACH Mass Mutual Pension 2304.22

ACH United Health Care Health Ins 7339.05

ACH Black Hills Energy Gas 1129.38