**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF WILBER, NEBRASKA**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024  7:00 p.m.**

Council President Randy Sasek called the regular meeting to order at the Cultural Center at 110 W Third Street in Wilber, Nebraska at 7:00 p.m.  The meeting notice was published in the Wilber Republican on November 27, 2024. The following were present. Council President Randy Sasek, Councilmembers Allen Brozovsky, Tim Lempka and Kent Linhart. City Attorney Tad Eickman, City Clerk Lori Rezny, City Treasurer Melissa Beeman, Water/WWTP Operator Jason Ripa, City Superintendent Tim Krivohlavek, First State Insurance representatives Matt Weeden and Amanda Bodfield, Allen & Brooke Hormandl, two students from W-C Schools, Miguel Gomez and Brad Pomajzl. Arriving at 7:30 p.m. Scott Havel and Lucas Havel and Sheriff’s Deputy Haley. Absent was Mayor Chrans.

The Council President stated that the open meetings act is posted in the meeting room and is available for public inspection.  Roll call shows four Councilmembers are present.  The Council President called for recognition of visitors if anyone in attendance wishes to address the Council.  No one addressed the Council.

Linhart moved and Brozovsky seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to approve the claims list as presented including the claim of Johnson Services for the sewer relining project in the amount of $293,464.50 of which $126,689.98 is being paid out of the ARPA funds. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims were as follows.  Description of claims for this legal, an-annuity; bond-bond expense, pymt, interest; const-construction; eq-equipment; ex-expense; ga-garnishment; gr-grant reimb; in-insurance; ml-mileage; mi-miscellaneous; pf-professional services; pr-payroll; ps-power supplier; rb-reimbursement; rp-repairs and maintenance; st-sales tax; se-service; sup-supplies; loan-srf/loan pymt; tr-transfer of funds; ut-utilities. 41 Auto Parts, rp, 250.26; American Family, in, 601. 00; American Legal, pf, 670.00; Barco, sup, 129.02; Beatrice Concrete, sup, 2339.71; Black Hills Energy, ut, 216.57; BCBS, in, 12,188.01; Border States, sup, 3118.17; Bound Tree, sup, 466.25; Card Services, sup, 165.96; Charles Hroch, se, 95.00; City of Wilber, ut, 3606.94; Constellation Newenergy, ut, 89.49; Core & Main, sup, 5248.72; Crete Ace, sup, 104.97; CAMC, se, 2700.00; Crete Lumber, sup, 32.49; Dustin Burns, rb, 133.71; Dutton-Lainson, sup, 2913.10; Eakes, sup, 217.66; Echo, sup, 750.28; Elec Pump, rp, 1169.50; F & M Bank, bond, 1763.00; Farmers Coop, sup, 1154.80; FNBO, sup, 243.25; First State Bank, bond, 40,001.00; First State Ins., in, 105,277.00; Hawkins, sup, 26.73; Hometown Leasing, eq, 66.77; Hydraulic Equip, sup, 473.95; Johnson Services, se, 293,464.50; rp, 1275.00; Kovar Sales, rp, 19.35; Leading Edge, sup, 1591.56; League of Ne Municip, ex, 1334.00; Lincoln Winwater, sup, 1205.70; Lowes, sup, 131.66; Matheson, sup, 628.83; Midwest Labs, ex, 211.12; Municip Supply, sup, 11,757.90; Mutual of Omaha, in, 334.71; Ne Rural Water, ex, 400.00; Ne Public Health, ex, 75.00; Norris PP, ps, 63,817.07; North Central Emergency Veh., eq, 223,070.00; One Call, se, 9.94; Petty Cash, rb, 1000.00; Power Manager, rb, 58.43; Premier Power, rp, 14,300.00; Sack Lumber, sup, 44.95; Saline Co Clerk, se, 16,666.66; Saline Co Treas., se, 309.17; Sargent Drilling, const, 1275.00; Seward Co Independent, ex, 45.40; Shop Qwik, sup, 1443.94; Tad Eickman, pf, 2000.00; Titan Machinery, rp, 286.00; Verizon, ut, 82.31; Vyhnalek Ins, in, 3093.00; Walker Uniform, se, 34.98; Waste Connections, se, 20,219.38; WAPA, ps, 12,665.50; Wilber Plumbing, rp, 85.00; Windstream, ut, 346.50; City of Wilber, pr, 44884.80; State of Nebr, st, 8208.33; w/h 1497.57; F & M Bank, hsa, 1680.00; Ascensus, an, 3290.67; IRS, pr tx, 9792.29.

Ordinance #983 was read by title. Brozovsky introduced Ordinance #983 an ordinance of the City of Wilber, Saline County, Nebraska, providing for the annual designation of the amount of compensation and salary which shall be received by appointive officials, employees, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of said City and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three days be suspended. Councilmember Lempka seconded the motion to suspend the rules requiring the ordinance be read three times and upon roll call vote on the motion the following was the vote. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved for passage of Ordinance #983. Publishing this ordinance in *The Wilber Republican* one time in pamphlet form, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Linhart. The Mayor then stated the question, “Shall Ordinance #983 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote, the following was the vote. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE #983

Whereupon the Council President announced that the introduction of Ordinances was now in order.

Whereupon it was moved by Councilmember Lempka and seconded by Councilmember Linhart that the minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Council of the City of Wilber, Saline County, Nebraska in the matter of passing and approving Ordinance #983 be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume be incorporated in and made a part of these proceedings the same as though it were spread at large herein. The Mayor called the roll, and the following was the vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

First State Insurance representatives Matt Weeder and Amanda Bodfield were present to present the City’s general insurance renewal for December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025 with Continental Western Group. This is the 3rd year of a 3 year bid. The total cost of the renewal is $105,277.00. After some discussion, Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to accept the insurance renewal as presented and to pay the invoice amount of $105,277.00. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Sasek seconded to accept the Certificate of Vote by the Saline County Clerk from the election held November 12, 2024 for the positions of two City Council members. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Elected City Councilmembers Tim Lempka and Kent Linhart were sworn into office by City Attorney Tad Eickman and the oath of office forms were signed by both Councilmembers which signatures were witnessed by Tad Eickman.

Linhart moved and Brozovsky seconded to open a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of a Class I Liquor License application for El Centenairo Restaurant at 210 W 3rd Street, Wilber, NE. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0. Miquel Gomez introduced himself and explained that he and his family will be opening the El Centenairo Restaurant at 210 W 3rd Street in Wilber and are applying for a Class I Liquor License. After some discussion, Council President asked if there was any public comment by those in attendance regarding this liquor license application. No public comment was received. Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0. Linhart moved and Lempka seconded to approve the Class I Liquor License application for El Centenario Mexican Grill, LLC dba El Centenario Mexican Grill. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Reorganization of the Council was next on the agenda. Brozovsky nominated Randy Sasek as Council President. There being no further nominations for the Council President, a roll call of members to approve the nomination was as follows. Voting yes were Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek.

The Council President made the following recommendations for Municipal appointments. Those appointments are as follows. Lori Rezny as Municipal Clerk, Melissa Beeman as Municipal Treasurer, Tad Eickman as Municipal Attorney, the Crete Area Medical Center as a group for Municipal Physicians, Saline County Sheriff’s Dept. as Municipal Law Enforcement, Scott Havel as Municipal Fire Chief, Olsson as Special Engineers for the City of Wilber, Tim Krivohlavek as Municipal Utility Superintendent, Municipal Street Commissioner, Municipal Building Inspector, Municipal Electrical Inspector, Municipal Plumbing Inspector and Municipal Zoning Inspector. Linhart moved and Brozovsky seconded to approve the appointments as recommended by the Council President. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to appoint Justin Stark with Olsson as Wilber City Street Superintendent from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. City Superintendent’s License Number S-1534 Class A, Nebraska Engineer License E-13167. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Linhart moved and Lempka seconded to declare the following banks as City depositories, First State Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Jones Bank and City Bank & Trust. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded to reappoint Doug Ripa & Trevor Watson to the City’s Planning Commission for a 3-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to reappoint Joe Gifford and Harry Pulliam to the City’s Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to reappoint Joyce Wusk & Shari Coleman to the Dvoracek Memorial Library Board for a 5-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to approve the Agreement Renewal and Certificate of Compliance for Maintenance Agreement 42 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $300,000.00 for the Wilber, NE 2024 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining project for a total contract price of $593,464.50, with this change order the price is locked in for 2025. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Havel and Lucas Havel arrived at 7:28 p.m. and gave a presentation on building a Grass Rig truck by the Wilber Fire & Rescue Dept. members. The Dept. will use donation funds they have received for some of the smaller items needed to put the Grass Rig together. The total cost is estimated to be $55,000.00 to $60,000.00. After some discussion, Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to approve the building of a Grass Rig truck by the Wilber Fire & Rescue Dept. members at a cost not to exceed $60,000.00. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0. The matter of replacing the nozzle controller on the 93 Ladder Truck was tabled until more information can be gathered.

Saline County Sheriff’s Deputy Haley presented the monthly Sheriff’s Report. Water/WWTP Operator Jason Ripa presented a quote for the repairs of the pump at the Wastewater Plant. Currently the City only has one pump, and Jason would like to purchase a new pump and then use the old pump as a standby. After some discussion, Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to approve the cost of the repairs of the current pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for $9610.00 and to purchase a new pump at a cost of $18,664.00. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brad Pomajzl was present to check in with the Council regarding his property at 324 N Railroad. He continues to clean the property as time and weather permits.

Discussion regarding the new Downtown sound system was discussed. It was agreed that equipment will be ordered through the City then the Nebraska Czechs of Wilber will reimburse the City for the cost of the equipment and labor for the sound system less the $10,000.00 that the City previously has committed to the cost of the sound system.

City Superintendent Tim Krivohlavek had several items of business to bring before the Council. Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded to authorize Tim to spend up to $25,000.00 on the purchase of a used pickup truck. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to purchase 1321 used electric meters from the City of Hickman at a cost of $25 each for a total of $33,025.00. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to purchase pallet racks for the City’s North Building at a cost of $4736.00. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to spend up to $125,000.00 for contract labor through Premier Power for building power lines. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Council President informed the Council and the public that the City is taking applications for the Youth Sports Director Position until December 20, 2024. Alan and Brooke Hormandl were present to express concerns about the Youth Sports Director position and Youth Sports program. City reports were given by Dept. Heads after which Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.