**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF WILBER, NEBRASKA**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025  7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Roger Chrans 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 January 1, 2025. The following were present. Mayor Roger Chrans, Councilmember Randy Sasek, 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, Craig Vyhnalek for Wilber Fire & Rescue, Randy and Heidi Pospisil and June Kucera.

The Mayor 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 Mayor called for recognition of visitors if anyone in attendance wishes to address the Council. No one addressed the Council.

Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 regular meeting with the reconsideration of the motion made at the December 10, 2024 meeting to approve the claims list including the claim of Johnson Services of which $126,689.98 is being paid out of the ARPA funds. The new motion is to approve the claims list including the claim of Johnson Services of which $125,947.60 is being paid out of the ARPA funds. Roll call vote. Yes. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to approve the list of claims. Roll call vote. Yes. Linhart, Brozovsky, Lempka 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, sup, 2186.10; AKRS Equipment, sup, 42.74; Alley Surveying, se, 550.00; Ascensus, an, 3287.80; Beatrice Ready Mix, sup, rp, 2154.60; Black Hills, ut, 502.11; Blue Cross, in, 12,188.01; Bound Tree, sup, 284.03; City of Wilber, ut, 3236.04; pr, 51,100.22; Constellation Newenergy, ut, 222.84; Crete Area Med Center, se, 1200.00; Crete Lumber, ex, 200.00; Culligan of Crete, sup, 18.25; DBL Design, eq, 7974.00; Dvoracek Memorial Library, tr, 20,000.00; Eakes, sup, 219.63; Farmers Elevator, sup, 1823.00; First Natl Bank, sup, ex, 2419.57; F & M Bank, hsa, 1680.00; First State Ins, in, 695.00; Hometown Leasing, eq, 66.77; IRS, pr tx, 10,680.11; JC Slama, rb, 300.00; Jindra Irrigation, se, 555.00; ; Karpisek’s, sup, 60.38; K & G Body, se, 200.00; Lori Rezny, rb, 27.45; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, sup, 377.49; Melissa Beeman, rb, 161.68; Mutual of Omaha, in, 334.71; Olsson, pf, 696.90; Quadient, ex, 697.00; Sack Lumber, rp, sup, 268.26; Saline Co Jr Leaders, ex, 100.00; Saline Co Clerk, se, ex, 16,891.89; Saline Co Treas., se, 309.17; Schuerman Welding, rp, 484.88; Seward Co Independent, ex 167.85; Sid Dillon, sup, 78.20; Spring Creek, rp, 212.45; Steffes Motors, eq, 22,750.00; Stryker Sales, eq, 96,935.33; Tad Eickman, pf, 2000.00; Verizon Wireless, ex, 163.97; Walker Uniform, se, 34.98; Windstream, 787.46; Zander Enterprise, sup, 4736.00; Border States, rp, 80.26; City of Hickman, eq, 33,025.00; Core & Main, sup, 1513.80; Crete Ace; rp, 92.29; Dutton-Lainson, sup, rp, 7782.01; Echo Group, sup, 40.64; Food Mesto, sup, 27.17; Hydro Opti., se, 250.00; League of Ne Municip., ex, 425.00; Midwest Labs, ex, 174.57; Municip Supply, sup, 798.93; Nebr. Public Health, ex, 268.00; Norris PP, ps, 78,929.96; One Call, se, 13.56; Sargent Drilling, const, 3697.81; Wasteconnections, se, 20,219.38; WAPA, ps, 16,135.03; American Family, in, 601.00, State of Ne., st, 8025.10; wh, 1510.80.

Ordinance #984 was read by title. Sasek introduced Ordinance #984 an ordinance of the City of Wilber, Saline County, Nebraska, relating to sales and use tax as implemented pursuant to Ordinance No. 919, adopted June 14, 2016; to eliminate and terminate said sales and use tax; directing the publication of this Ordinance and prescribing the time when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect; and to provide for publication of this Ordinance in pamphlet form and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three days be suspended. Councilmember Brozovsky 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.

Sasek moved for passage of Ordinance #984. 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 #984 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote, the following was the vote. Roll call vote. Yes. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE #984

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

Whereupon it was moved by Councilmember Sasek 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 #984 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. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Randy and Heidi Pospisil and June Kucera were present to ask the Council to consider painting crosswalks on Hwy 41 at three intersections in the downtown area. The Council agreed to have Tim Krivohlavek contact the State Department of Transportation and to research options for placing crosswalks at the intersections as discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the Physician Medical Director Agreement for the City of Wilber Nebraska Fire & Rescue Department. Craig Vyhnalek was present to discuss the purpose of the agreement. After some discussion, Sasek moved and Lempka seconded to approve the agreement between the City of Wilber Nebraska Fire & Rescue Dept. and Dr. Noah Bernhardson, M.D. at a cost of $900.00 annually from January 14, 2025 to January 30, 2027. Roll call vote. Yes. Linhart, Brozovsky, Lempka and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Craig stated that the Department is still looking at options for a monitor nozzle for the Ladder Truck and also discussed the invoice for the power cots from Stryker in the amount of $96,935.33 which was included in the claims list approved by the Council at the beginning of this meeting.

The Fire & Rescue Department held elections of officers and presented those to the Council. After which Sasek moved and Brozovsky seconded to appoint Craig Vyhnalek as Municipal Fire Chief. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

The Dvoracek Memorial Library has presented a proposal for new LED lighting at the Library. They do have the lighting project in their budget. Tim Krivohlavek stated he presented the Library Director with a couple of options and after discussion, Brozovsky moved and Linhart seconded to approve the LED lighting project for the Library at a cost of approximately $11,397.36. The City employees will be installing the lights for the Library. Roll call vote. Yes. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

The survey for 701 N Shimerda Street was reviewed. It was agreed the property owner will need to move the items that are in the City’s right of way. City Attorney Tad Eickman will draft a letter to the property owners regarding this matter. The nuisance property at 606 W 7th Street has not had any improvement. The City will again address the issue with this property in early Spring.

Saline County Deputy Lucas Smejdir arrived at the meeting to present the monthly Sheriff’s report. The Council asked Deputy Smejdir to relay to the Sheriff to have deputies monitor the speed of vehicles coming through town on both highways.

Tim Krivohlavek reported to Council that Olsson will be doing some core sampling before giving a cost estimate to repair some streets that have been identified as in need of repair. The cost of core sampling will be $2000.00. Lempka moved and Linhart seconded to approve doing the core sampling. Roll call vote. Yes. Linhart, Brozovsky, Lempka and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on getting the question on the ballot to reinstate the ½ cent city sales tax which is being eliminated due to the Fire Hall bond being paid off. Tad Eickman will work on language for the ballot question and present it at the February Council meeting.

Advertising for sealed bids for the Farm Lease will be published in the Wilber Republican to be opened at the February 11, 2025 Council meeting. Also, advertising for sealed bids for a mini-excavator will be published in the Wilber Republican to be opened at the February 11, 2025 Council meeting.

Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded to approve the Mayor’s appointments of Councilmembers to standing committees for the following departments. Councilmember Sasek to Fire, Ambulance, Fire Sinking and Swimming Pool. Councilmember Lempka to Water, Sewer and Street & Bridge. Councilmember Linhart to Law Enforcement, Sanitation, Department Services and Amusement & Library. Councilmember Brozovsky to Parks, Landfill and Electric. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Lempka, Linhart and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

City reports were given after which Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded to go into closed session for the purpose of the protection of the reputation of persons regarding personnel matters and for protection of the public interest regarding legal strategies. Roll call vote. Yes. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0. The Mayor restated the purpose of the closed session is for the purpose of the protection of the reputation of persons regarding personnel matters and for protection of the public interest regarding legal strategies. Those attending the closed session were.  Mayor Chrans, Councilmembers Linhart, Lempka, Brozovsky and Sasek and City Attorney Tad Eickman. The doors of the meeting room were opened at 9:00 p.m. at which time Sasek moved and Brozovsky seconded to come out of closed session.  Roll call vote. Yes. Linhart, Brozovsky, Lempka and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Brozovsky moved and Lempka seconded to approve hiring Katie VanLaningham as Youth Sports Director at a salary of $2500.00 per month with an increase of 10% for the second year. Roll call vote. Yes. Linhart, Lempka, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Sasek moved and Linhart seconded to place Caleb Filip, the outgoing Youth Sports Director, on retainer as Youth Sports Consultant for 60 days from January 15, 2025 through March 15, 2025 at a rate of $2500.00 from January 15, 2025 to February 15, 2025 and $2500 from February 16, 2025 to March 15, 2025. Roll call vote. Yes. Brozovsky, Linhart, Lempka and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Lempka moved and Brozovsky seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Roll call vote. Yes. Lempka, Linhart, Brozovsky and Sasek. No. None. Motion carried 4-0.