



City Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:15 pm

Meeting Location

1029 Court Street, Gibbon, Nebraska

1. Opening Procedures

a. Call to Order

Minutes:

Mayor Leon Stall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Open Meetings Notice is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Announcement of Open Meetings Act

d. Roll Call

Minutes:

Derrick Clevenger: Present; Bob Krier: Present; Kevin Kraenow: Present; Seat Vacant

2. Submittal of Requests for Future Items

Minutes:

None

3. Time to Speak on Agenda Items

Minutes:

None

4. Appointments

a. Motion to Appoint Barry Hemmerling as City Attorney, Matthew Smallcomb as City Administrator, Susan Tonniges as City Treasurer and Pamela Rasmussen as City Clerk

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to appoint Barry Hemmerling as City Attorney, Matthew Smallcomb as City Administrator, Susan Tonniges as City Treasurer and Pamela Rasmussen as City Clerk, seconded by Bob Krier. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

5. Presentations and Proclamations

a. Buffalo County Sheriff's Department--Contract Law Enforcement

Minutes:

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department— Sergeant Joe Andersen: Sergeant Andersen reported there were parking violations and complaints but otherwise was a normal month.

b. Mayor Report--Leon Stall

Minutes:

Mayor Report—Leon Stall: Mayor Stall declared a vacancy on the City Council due to the mayoral election. The term will expire in December of 2026. There will be an appointment motion to act on later in the meeting. Mr. Stall reviewed a new website proposal that features easy accessibility via the website, social media, or mobile devices. The current website is not user-friendly, and it is difficult to update. It would be easily updated and could serve as both a communication tool for the public and a marketing platform for the city and its organizations. Mayor Stall gave an update on the progress of the DTR meetings. Downtown revitalization is an important process for the future of the downtown area in Gibbon. The process began when the city received money from the railroad to repair the street that was damaged from a derailment. City officials would like to apply for grant money that would need to have matching funds possibly more than doubling the money, thus taking the steps for the Downtown revitalization. The first two meetings and surveys have been completed. The next meeting will be on January 15th at 5:30 p.m. and is important to have as much input from the community to move forward with projects in the downtown area.

c. City Administrator Report--Matt Smallcomb

Minutes:

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb provided the monthly operations report. Mr. Smallcomb let the council know the roof at the community center and city hall had been fixed. There have been issues with heating on the west side of the building. There will be HVAC companies looking into this as we believe there are also return air issues too. Mr. Smallcomb let the Mayor and Council know that the Union Pacific Railroad will be meeting with GreenBrick the owners of the elevator that was damaged from the last train derailment.

Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on the 11 months walk through at the fire hall with BD Construction. There were a couple of issues and BD will be coming back to get them resolved. The 3rd Annual Christmas in the Park went well. There were 35 trees displayed this year and with the great weather many people attended.

Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on street repairs. Trail Drive street repair has been completed and there will be work done on Court Street this week.

He also informed the mayor and council that the WWTP has a vacancy due to Edward Griffin's resignation. Mr. Smallcomb has been in contact with a gentleman from Minden that is a certified operator, and we are currently trying to hire him to be here part-time.

d. City Attorney Report--Barry Hemmerling

Minutes:

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: No report.

e. City Treasurer Report--Susan Tonniges

Minutes:

City Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges let the mayor and council know the auditors were done with the onsite audit and will most likely have a final audit report in March. The audit went well.

6. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Bob Krier. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

- a. Buffalo County Sherriff's Department Report
- b. Treasurers Report
- c. Planning Commission Report
- d. Building Permits
- e. Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report
- f. Library Report
- g. Animal Permit Renewals
- h. GVFD Application

7. Resolution and Motions

- a. Consider a Motion to Approve the Appointment of Brenda Avina-Hernandez to fill the Vacancy on the City Council

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve the appointment of Brenda Avina-Hernandez to fill the vacancy on the city council, seconded by Bob Krier. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Nay Yea: 2; Nay: 1; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 1

- b. Consider a Motion to Approve Year End Compensation in the Net Amount of \$100 for City Employees

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve the year end compensation in the new amount of \$100 for city employees, seconded by Derrick Clevenger. Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 1; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

- c. Consider a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2024-16 on the Proposed George Spencer Subdivision

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 on the proposed George Spencer Subdivision, seconded by Kevin Kraenow. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA to approve the preliminary plat for the George Spencer Subdivision. WHEREAS, the owner of: A tract of land being part of Government Lot Four (4) in Section Eighteen (18), Township Nine (9) North, Range Thirteen (13) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Government Lot 4 in said Section 18 and assuming the South line of said Government Lot 4 as bearing S89°37'E and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S89°37'E on the aforesaid South line a distance of 352.00 feet; thence N00°32'04"E a distance of 811.48 feet; thence N89°27'56"W a distance of 24.00 feet; thence N00°32'04"E a distance of 21.00 feet; thence S89°27'56"E a distance of 24.00 feet; thence N00°32'04"E a distance of 490.50 feet to a point on the North line of said Government Lot 4; thence N89°38'36"W on the aforesaid North line a distance of 366.00 feet to the Northwest Comer of said Government Lot 4; thence S00°04'18"E on the West line of said government lot a distance of 1,322.81 feet to the place of beginning, has submitted a preliminary plat for the creation of George Spencer Subdivision and the Planning Commission has recommended said preliminary plat be approved. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBBON, NEBRASKA, that the preliminary plat for George Spencer Subdivision be approved and that the owner proceed with the preparation of the final plat. Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

d. Consider a motion move forward with a contract with Apptegy as the city website host.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve moving forward with a contract with Apptegy as the city website host, seconded by Kevin Kraenow. Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

8. Other Items

a. Next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting date is changed from Monday to Observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

b. February Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting date is changed from Monday to Observe Presidents' Day.

9. Adjourn

Minutes:

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Krier. Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Stall adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

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