**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**March 5, 2024**

Mayor Knoke called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Advanced notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Sentinel, the appointed method for giving advanced notice. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Judith Knoke presided, and City Clerk John R. Schwab recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Kristen Milton, David Sladek, Jeremy Collier & Phyllis Schwab. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

Mayor Knoke led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

As required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Mayor Knoke announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act has been posted on the south door of the City Hall meeting room for all in attendance to review.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Schwab to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024 regular meeting, and February 13, 2024, Special Meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, Schwab, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Sladek, seconded by Collier to approve the February Treasurer report. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, Collier, Sladek. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Sladek to approve the claims and payroll. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, Sladek, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Milton to approve the Hospital financials. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none.

The claims approved were as follows: Feb Payroll, 21228.42; EFTPS, 8723.01; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1470.62 ; Ameritas life Ins, fe 4230.56; 34 Electric LLC, se 333.06; Baker& Taylor Books, su 55.75; Barco Munic Products, su 2074.22; Beaver Hardware, su 114.38; Black Hills Energy, fe 901.61; BCBS of NE, fe 2962.12; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, su 219.67; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Culligan Water Service, se 167.55; Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Eakes Office, su 743.72; Farmers Union COOP, su 839.99; Follett School Solutions, fe 1045.63; Gale, su 95.21; Hometown Leasing, fe 93.01; Judith Knoke, re 20.00; Seth Knoke, re 20.00; Rosemarie Markus, se 50.00; Mastiff Systems, se 100.00; Midwest Labs, se 214.67; NEMSA, fe 260.00; Nebr Sign, se 201.66; Diane Odoski, re 201.70; One Call Concepts, fe 24.38; Principal Mutual Life Ins, fe 224.80; Qwik 6, fe 1122.70; Summit Fire Protection, se 124.00; Marvin Slepika,,fe 2000.00;Tim Schrunk, re 15.96; Waste Connections of Nebraska, se 6308.41. Total Claims Approved: 57177.14

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to give the mayor permission to get bids to fix the elevator at the library. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning. On roll call voting aye Milton, Schwab, Sladek, and Collier, Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to approve the rezoning application and sign and to let the Public Works supervisor to order 3 signs. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Discussion of Dog Park no action taken.

Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to table the pool Mgr. , Asst. Mgr. item until the end of meeting, On roll call voting aye Schwab, Sladek, Milton, and Collier. Nays none.

The Mayor, reported on behalf of the Friend Community Healthcare System.

Mark Stutzman, Building Inspector gave his report.

Billy Baugh, Public Works Supervisor gave his report.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Milton to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none. Entered executive session at 8:39 pm.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to exit executive session. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none. Exited executive session at 9:13 pm.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to hire Heather Black as Pool Manager, Stacy Kirchoff, and Emma Olsen as Assistant Managers for the 2024 Pool Season per the Mayor’s recommendation. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Schwab, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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John R. Schwab, City Clerk/Treasurer

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Friend, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on March 5, 2024; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted and were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Friend, Nebraska will meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday April 2, 2024,** at the City Hall, which meeting will be open to the public. Agenda for said meeting is kept current and is available in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Request to be on the agenda must be in the City Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk/Treasurer