**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**May 7, 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 Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve the minutes from April 2, 2024, regular meeting, and April 23, 2024, Special meeting. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Milton, Sladek, and Collier. Nays none.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: April Payroll, 21837.49; EFTPS, 6350.20; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1093.55; Ameritas life Ins, fe 2922.84; 34 Electric LLC, se 930.59; AMGL CPA’s & Advisors, se 250.00; Aqua-Chem Inc, su 945.73; Aquafix, su 269.12;BNSF Railway Co, fe 1276.83; Baker& Taylor Books, su 91.50; Barco Munic Products, su 324.79; Beatrice Concrete Co, su 835.06; Beaver Hardware, su 74.23; Black Hills Energy, fe 532.24; BCBS of NE, fe 2962.12; Brandenburgh Hauling, se 863.61; Brother’s Equip, su 15.91; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Consumer Reports, su 32.10; Core & Main LP, su 2344.33; Culligan Water Service, su 208.50; Danko Emergency Equip, su 21.04; Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Friend Public Schools, fe 880.00; Gale, su 97.46; Hometown Leasing, fe 95.61; Rosemarie Markus, se 50.00; Mastiff Systems, se 100.00; Chris Michl, fe 436.80; Midwest Labrotories, fe 556.51; Midwest Radar & Equip, se 82.00; Ne Pub Health Envion Lab, fe 30.00; NMC Exchange, se 2331.69; Nebraska Generator Service, se 872.59; Nickel Automotive, se 582.15; Diane Odoski, re 166.37; One Call Concepts, fe 19.04; Principal Mutual Life Ins., fe 112.40; Qwik 6, fe 1372.83; Mindy Rohrig, re 15.52; Saline County Register of Deeds, fe 22.00; Sandry Fire Supply, su 815.00; Schindler Elevator Corp., se 3787.12; Sid Dillion Chevrolet Buick, se 141.49; Marvin Slepika, fe 2000.00; US Cellular, fe 269.00; Verizon Wireless, fe 82.44; Vyhnalek Ins Agency, fe 2949.00. Total Claims Approved: 63.038.63

First of three readings:

Mayor Knoke introduced and read Ordinance 24-807

**ORDINANCE NO. 24 - 807**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 23-800, CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 154 ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA TO REGULATE WHEN BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AS A PRINCIPLE USE, CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING UNITS, SPECIAL TYPES, AND TO REGULATE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS IN B-1 OR B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICTS, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTING OR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT

No action Taken

Discussion of City Dump – No Action Taken. Postponed until next meeting.

Discussion on updating Planning & Zoning Regulations – No Action Taken. Postponed until next meeting.

Mayor Knoke presented her recommendation to hire Caleb Kotus for Police Officer position. Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to hire Caleb Kotus as Police Officer. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve the permit for Fowl. On roll call voting aye Sladek, Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Sladek to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve the Roll subdivision. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Collier, Milton, and Sladek. Nays none.

Motin by Collier, seconded by Sladek to donate $3500.00 to the Friend Volunteer Fire Department for fireworks. On roll call voting aye Milton, Schwab, Collier, and Sladek. Nays none.

Jared Chaffin from Friend Community Healthcare System presented a report of the Hospital.

Building Inspector, No report

Shawn Gray, Chief of Police, gave his report.

Heather Black, Pool Manager, gave her report.

Billy Baugh, Public Works Supervisor, gave his report.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Milton, seconded by Sladek, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Collier, Sladek, and Milton. Nays none. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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 May 7, 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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City Clerk

**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 June 4, 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