**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**June 4, 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, Jeremy Collier & Phyllis Schwab. Absent David Sladek. 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 Schwab to approve the minutes from May 7, 2024, regular meeting. On roll call voting aye Milton, Schwab, and Collier. Nays none. Absent Sladek.

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

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

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

The claims approved were as follows: May Payroll, 25189.04; EFTPS, 7334.33; NE Dept of Rev SWH, 1215.84; Ameritas life Ins, fe 2873.83; Allison Meints, re 50.00; American Legion, su 504.00; Aqua-Chem, su 2090.70; Baker& Taylor Books, su 25.12; Beaver Hardware, su 516.15; Blue Blossom Florist, se 179.98; BCBS, fe 2962.12; Brother’s Equip, su 19.31; Center Point Large Print, su 93.48; Jacob & Johnathan Clouse, fe 850.00; Dennis Haakenson, re 11.25; Diode Comm, fe 46.45; Dorothy Hamilton, re 44.98; Drake Refrigeration, se 2168.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites, fe 739.80; Farmer’s Union COOP, su 97.60; First for Women, fe 64.99; Gabrielle Theis, re 50.00; Gale, su 98.21; Global Chemicals, su 957.72; Heather Black, re 95.31; Heather Long, su 63.90; Hometown Leasing, fe 95.61; Malorie Lawver, re 48.93; Mastiff Systems, se 122.50; Mutual of Omaha, fe 1794.00; NDEE, fe 6708.34; Ne Pub Health Envion Lab, fe 46.00; NWRA, fe 105.00; Nick’s Farm Store, su 572.99; Diane Odoski, re 144.93; People, fe 30.00; Personnel Concepts, fe 399.00; Reader’s Digest, fe 13.92; Sandry Fire Supply, su 171.00; Sargent Drilling, fe 6249.15; Marvin Slepika, fe 2000.00; Marvin Slepika, su 200.00; Southern Cast Iron, fe 39.95; Southern Lady. Fe 32.00 Southern Living, fe 25.00; Aliscia Stutzman, re 95.63;US Cellular, fe 538.00; Verizon Wireless, fe 82.44; Vyhnalek Ins Agency, fe 9668.00; April Wegehaupt, re 98.00. Total Claims Approved: 77632.50

Second 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.

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

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to approve starting wage for new police officer at $21 hourly. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Collier, and Milton. Nays none. Absent Sladek

Friend Community Healthcare System -No report

Building Inspector, No report

Brent Milton, Fire Chief, gave update on the progress of the new fire hall.

Motion by Schwab, seconded by Collier to instruct the City Clerk to call Brad Slaughter to inform him to start paperwork for a ½ cent increase in sales tax. On roll call voting aye Schwab, Collier, and Milton. Nays none Absent Sladek.

Police, No report.

Pool, No report.

Public Works, No report.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to enter into executive session for strategic planning. On roll call voting aye Collier, Schwab, and Milton. Nays none. Absent Sladek. Entered executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Collier, seconded by Schwab to exit executive session. On roll call voting aye Milton, Collier, and Schwab. Nays none. Absent Sladek. Exited executive session 8:06 p.m.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Collier seconded by Schwab, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, and Schwab. Nays none. Absent Sladek. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 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