

CITY OF RANDOLPH  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Council convened in open session on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the. Notice was given in advance by publishing in the Randolph Times. Council acknowledged by Receipt of Notice. Present were Mayor Bradley, Councilmen Kuhl, Bargstadt, Backhaus, Bazata, and City Attorney Holloway. Staff members present included Utility Employee Korth, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Rayford, and Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Benton.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Bradley advised those present of the posted information regarding the Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Review Proposed 2020-2021 Budget. Clarification to audience, 26% year over year budget increase is primarily due to projected Section 205 Flood Risk Management Phase 2 project costs. Costs may be covered by a combination of financing with USDA and bonds.
2. Douglas Street Bridge – USACE Flood Risk Section 205 Phase 2 Project. Suggestion proposed to not replace Douglas Street Bridge due to increased costs of USACE Flood Risk Section 205 Phase 2 Project. Majority of responses from those attending public hearing were in favor of rebuilding Douglas Street Bridge in USACE Flood Risk Section 205 Phase 2 Project.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council approved subsection items 1-6 of Consent Agenda.

1. Approve minutes of September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting
2. Jeff Hartman Resignation from Randolph Fire Volunteer Dept
3. Tim Lemmons Resignation from Randolph Fire Volunteer Dept
4. Approve SDL for Jerry’s Hilltop, 10/17 Schnoor/Kuhl Wedding at Auditorium
5. Approve SDL for Drunken Moose, 11/14 Nordues Wedding at Auditorium
6. Approve SDL for Jerry’s Hilltop, 11/21 Rath/Hart Wedding at Auditorium

**III. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Presentation from Roger Protzman, JEO. JEO helps numerous communities with engineering, planning, and architecture on recreation, streets, and utilities projects. Currently working with City of Randolph on GIS mapping water systems for 2021, in collaboration with a \$10,000 grant from State of Nebraska Public Drinking Water Program.
2. Council approved Claims as submitted.

BE-Ameritas 532.67

TS- Appeara 149.09

RE-AXA Equitable 2,103.32

LT-Backer Tree Service LLC 2,000.00

GS-BACKUS SAND & GRAVEL 37.35

SI- BARCO 350.11

UT- Black Hills Energy 114.96

BE-Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NE  
3,630.12

SU-Border States Industries Inc. 1,794.14

GO -Brian Winkelbauer 440.00

SU -Business Card 512.03

CI- Casey Roofing LLC 4,895.00

UT-CITY OF RANDOLPH 9,120.35

CH -Colonial Chemical 334.89

SU-Core & Main LP 2,866.69

TE-D C Communications	19.97	TX-NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	7,532.41
SU-Danko Emergency Equipment	258.77	FE-Nebraska Public Health Lab	629.00
TA-EFTPS	12,295.52	UT-NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	53,394.67
FB-Frozen Cow	150.00	PU-Northeast Nebraska News	293.93
LE-Grossenburg Implement	1,200.00	ME-OVERHEAD DOOR	383.25
SU-H O A Solutions, Inc.	104.98	RM-PAUL'S WELDING	62.44
EM-Hartelco	14.00	SU-SAM'S HARDWARE HANK	403.81
SU-Hawkins	25.00	ME-Sargent Drilling	900.00
EF-JEO Consulting	543.75	SU -Sioux Sales Company - The Police Store	37.95
SU-JIM'S FOOD CENTER	24.74	AF-UECO	716.74
LT-JT Carpentry	2,000.00	SU-Uline	623.48
LA-L P Gill, Inc.	2,307.90	GA-US 20 LLC	416.53
SU-LEITING AUTO SUPPLY	108.80	UT -US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	4,771.50
TR-Lied Randolph Public Library Treasurer	825.00	BE-V S P	168.50
FB-Mahaska	150.60	SU -WATTIER TRUE VALUE	1,727.31
FE-Midwest Laboratories Inc	271.50	SU -WESCO	11,585.20
LF-Monson & Holloway	9,210.00	SU -West-Hodson	47.58
AF-ne Dept of Environment and Energy	150.00		

3. Council approved Randolph Farm Supply Claim of \$1331.44.
4. Council approved 2020-2021 Budget as proposed.
5. Council approved Resolution 2020-13 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance, Annual filing of the One and Six Year Plan. Same plan as previous fiscal year: the proposed plan included the addition of the portion of Nebraska Street lying directly between East Broadway and East Wayne Street, and the addition of Wayne Street from Nebraska Street to Douglas Street.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-13

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification form.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

6. Motion by Kuhl, seconded by Bazata to approve Resolution 2020-14 setting the Property Tax Request. ROLL CALL YEAS: Bargstadt, Backhaus, Bazata, Kuhl. NEAS: None

#### RESOLUTION 2020-14

WHEREAS, CITY OF RANDOLPH, Nebraska Revised passes by Statute a majority 77-1601.02 vote a resolution provides or that ordinance the setting Governing the tax Body request; of and the property

WHEREAS, tax a request; special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the CITY OF RANDOLPH resolves that:

- The 2020-2021 General Fund property tax request be set at \$175,289 and the 2020-2021 Community Development Agency property tax request be set at \$9,615.
  - The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4%.
  - The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.480161 per \$100 of assessed value.
  - The City of Randolph proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.49998 per \$100 of assessed value.
  - Based on the proposed tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the CITY OF RANDOLPH, will exceed last year's by 26%.
7. Council approved Resolution 2020-15 authorization to sell Sholes Road property.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.625 ACRES OF ABANDONED CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY CONTIGUOUS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 606 S. BRIDGE STREET, RANDOLPH, NEBRASKA, AND LYING NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WAYNE STREET AND S. BRIDGE STREET, ALL IN CEDAR COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, the City of Randolph is the owner of the following described real estate:

APPROXIMATELY 1.625 ACRES OF ABANDONED CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY CONTIGUOUS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 606 S. BRIDGE STREET, RANDOLPH, NEBRASKA, AND LYING NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WAYNE STREET AND S. BRIDGE STREET, ALL IN CEDAR COUNTY, NEBRASKA; see attached Exhibit A for aerial depiction of said real estate;

WHEREAS, there are no current delinquent real estate taxes or special assessments payable to Cedar County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Randolph to sell said real estate;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Randolph, Nebraska, that said parcel of real estate be sold to Richard Olson and Deborah Olson, husband and wife, for the sum of \$2,000.00 and other valuable consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney is directed to prepare an ordinance directing the sale of said parcel of real estate to Richard Olson and Deborah Olson, husband and wife, for the sum of \$2,000.00 and other valuable consideration.

8. Council approved to rebuild and include Douglas Street Bridge during USACE Flood Risk Section 205 Phase 2 project.
9. Council approved appointment Craig Flaming to Planning Commission.
10. Appointments to Park Board were tabled. City Council requesting that the Park Board evaluate and provide an update on active/inactive members for the October 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
11. Council approved appointment Jerad Gubbels and Kyle Gorsuch to the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department.
12. Discuss and approve creation of three Committees or modify current Boards: Committee ideas: City Beautification, Cemetery, & Downtown Revitalization Committee (first step to be eligible for funding match from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District) Modify Board ideas: Park Board → Parks and City Beautification Board. Library Board → Library and Cemetery Board. Planning Commission → Planning and Downtown Revitalization Commission. Attorney Holloway mentioned some cities have Tree Board, as an alternative idea to the Beautification Committee. Additionally by laws will need to be created for any boards prior to approval. Topic tabled.
13. First reading of Ordinance 704 of approved 2020 Annexation plan - EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RANDOLPH TO INCLUDE SAID REAL ESTATE. Survey results still were not available at time of meeting, tabled until October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting.
14. Department Reports were presented by Chief Eller, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Rayford, and City Administrator Benton. Chief Eller in collaboration with Northeast Community College, was able to research surveillance video and solve a case with local vending machine thefts. Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Rayford is sourcing multiple vendors to further digitize the Cemetery records and bring information online; also in the works is an expanded payment portfolio including online bill pay and use of debit/credit card at City Hall. City Administrator Benton reported that training for Utility Employees Dickes and Korth is on track for water and wastewater. Utility Supervisor Lackas is attending Backflo training in this fall. USACE Flood Risk Section 205 Phase 1 project has been awarded to Shinn Kellogg, LLC. A preconstruction meeting is planned end of September, limits of construction to be marked by week one of October, and construction to begin before Thanksgiving. Coordinating with Electrical Superintendent Beck, Sparklight, Black Hills Energy, and CenturyLink to relocate all utilities under Middle Logan Creek correlating to Phase 1. Phase 2 is being designed by USACE. Tentative plans are to be appraising properties in February/March 2021, property acquisitions in April/May, contract award & construction start fall 2021. Planning on starting a fundraising campaign in 2021 for some pool renovations including zero entry access and a Splash pad. Upcoming meetings are Library Board Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 545pm, Planning Commission Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 630pm, City Council Meeting Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 630pm

#### IV. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Benjamin Benton  
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Randolph City Council will be held on Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 630pm at the City Offices, 212 E Broadway St, Randolph, NE 68771.