**MINUTE RECORD**

**CITY OF WEEPING WATER**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2020**

Mayor Michael Barrett called the monthly meeting of the Weeping Water City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., on December 14, 2020 at City Hall with the following members of the council answering roll: Ray Frew, Kelly Nutter, Lawrence Mozena and Michael Kindle. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the December 3, 2020 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Kindle to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstaining: None.

No one spoke during Open Forum.

Monthly Reports: Fire Report-Seven calls for the month. Motion by Mozena, seconded by Nutter to approve the applications of Tyler Essary and Carter Mogensen to the Jr. Fire Cadet Program. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. Elected officers for 2021 are as follows: Chief-Daryl Ervin; 1st Asst. Chief-Scott Schreiner; 2nd Asst. Chief-Brad Schreiner; Training Officer-Mike Mogensen; Asst Training Officer-Jeremy Essary; President-Andrew Dehne; Vice President-Mitch Wachter; Treasurer-Rayce Hoole; Asst Treasurer-Nicholas Babcock; 1st Captain-Jeremy Ridge; 2nd Captain-Brandon Nash. No rescue report was available. Jeff Buffington presented the Maintenance Report noting that the mowing equipment has been winterized for the season. Alan Frenzel presented the Water/Wastewater Report. Ken Halverson with Nebraska Rural Water Association presented the Follow Up Assessment for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Discussion was held regarding overdue water bills. Starting January 2021, residents with outstanding balances of two or more months will have their service shut off. Bobby Lawrence walked into the meeting at 7:40 to present the Rescue Report. Motion by Nutter, seconded by Kindle to accept Jessica Graphenteen and Alan Barnes to the Ride-A-Long program with the Rescue Department. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. Health Board-Updates on property concerns were noted.

The following ordinance was presented: ORDINANCE NO. 657 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA TO VACATE THE NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK 2, CARTER’S ADDITION, CITY OF WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SUBJECT TO THE CITY RETAINING A UTILITY EASEMENT OVER THE SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE SAME TO REVERT TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS SUBJECT TO THE CITY’S UTILITY EASEMENT; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, EXPRESSLEY INCLUDING ORDINANCE NO. 652; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Mozena, seconded by Nutter that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 657 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mozena, seconded by Nutter to adopt Ordinance No. 657 on third and final reading by title only: On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. Said ordinance will be posted in the manner provided by law, with a true, correct and complete copy being on file in the City Clerk’s office.

Additional insurance coverage for computer fraud was tabled for further review.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Mozena to approve the following claims: Salaries-9,421.81; Ne Dept of Rev, sls, whlg, lod tx-2,007.95; Ameritas, emp ret-638.93; Utilities: Black Hills Energy-603.18; Windstream-637.15; Verizon-504.54; OPPD-4,043.14; EFTPS, whlg-2,519.48; United Healthcare, ins-4,427.25; PeopleService, prof-14,569; Cass County Refuse, reimb-12,467.90; Post Office, pstg-270; Payment Network Service, srv chg-245.52; Card Service Center, bk-34.24; SYNCB/Amazon, imp-199.53; Brandie Morlaes, prof-62.50; Gregg Young Chev, equip-29,386; NDEE, well pmt-18,287.55; JP Cooke, sup-30.70; Office Depot, sup-262.78; Meeske Hardware, sup-312.98; Sirkdot, equip-2,548; Mid America Pest Control, maint-70; Roger Johnson, prof-1,765.90; Lincoln Journal Star, publ-89.64; American Legal, ord pgs-650; Immense Impact, web subsc-549.45; Dana F Cole & Co, prof-1,525; Farmers & Merchants Bank, pmt-861.50; Stop N Shop, fuel-231.10; Express Lane, fuel-41.09; Quick Med Claims, reimb-334.63; Matheson Tri Gas, sup-72.90; NE City Fire & Rescue, trning dues-480; Baker & Taylor, bks-647.02; Smart Apple Media, bks-171.60; One Call, lct fees-18.84; Core & Main, equip-8,443.17; Miller, Monroe Farrell, work comp audit-4,216; McKenzie Stump Removal, maint-250. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Barrett called a temporary recess of the current city council at 8:45 p.m. A huge thank you was extended to Ray Frew for his 18 years of service on the city council.

City attorney Roger Johnson administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilman, Lawrence Mozena, and newly elected Councilman Sharon Heneger and the meeting was reconvened with the newly organized City Council, with all members of the council answering roll. Absent: None.

Motion by Kindle, seconded by Nutter to approve Lawrence Mozena as the Council President. On roll call those voting aye: Nutter, Mozena, Kindle and Heneger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mozena, seconded by Kindle to approve the hiring of Melissa Douglas-Bergmann for office help two days a week beginning in January of 2021, at a wage of $11.75 per hour. On roll call those voting aye: Heneger, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mozena, seconded by Kindle to approve a new streetlight in the 600 Block of S. Elm Street between P and Q Streets. On roll call those voting aye: Heneger, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Renewing membership into Cass County Economic Development Council dies for lack of a motion.

As part of the annual reorganization meeting a motion by Kindle, seconded by Nutter to approve the following Appointments and Standing Committees for the ensuing year: Maintenance Supt.-Jeff Buffington; City Clerk/Treasurer-Linda Fleming; City Attorney-Roger Johnson; City Engineer-Olsson; City Street Superintendent-Justin Stark; Water/Sewer Maintenance-contracted through PeopleService; City Council President-Lawrence Mozena; Water/Sewer Committee-Kelly Nutter and Lawrence Mozena; Streets/Alleys Committee-Michael Kindle and Sharon Heneger; Finance Committee-Mayor, Clerk and all Council Members; City Depositories-Farmers & Merchants Bank and First Nebraska Bank, Weeping Water, Nebraska. On roll call those voting aye: Heneger, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Following review of the City Boards & Committees, it was noted that the following have agreed to term renewals, which met with full council approval: Wyman Mather-Planning Board; Fritz Staack-Housing Authority Board and April Cover-Library Board. Josephine Newell has graciously agreed to be on the Planning Board, replacing Marty Rupp who elected not to renew his term.

The following Ordinance was presented: ORDINANCE NO. 658 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ALL OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER BY ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2021, TO REPEAL PRIOR ORDINANCES; TO REQUIRE FILINGS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Mozena, seconded by Kindle that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 658 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. On roll call those voting aye: Heneger, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kindle, seconded by Mozena to adopt Ordinance No. 658 on third and final reading by title only. On roll call those voting aye: Heneger, Nutter, Mozena and Kindle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Said Ordinance will be posted in the manner provided by law, with a true, correct and complete copy being on file in the City Clerk’s office.

It was noted that an allocation from the Eugene C. and Lenore K. Day Foundation Trust in the amount of $8,000 has been received to assist with costs incurred for improvements to the campground.

It was also noted that the City of Weeping Water was sent a Notice of Approval from Nebraska Department of Economic Development of the 2020 CDBG Planning Grant in the amount of $39,075 which will be used to update the city’s Comprehensive Plan.

Correspondence received was presented for Council review.

The next city council meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

/s/Michael Barrett, Mayor

/s/Linda Fleming, City Clerk