**MINUTE RECORD**

**CITY OF WEEPING WATER**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/MONTHLY MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Mayor Michael Barrett called the monthly meeting of the Weeping Water City Council to order at 7:10 p.m., on September 14, 2020 at City Hall with the following members of the council answering roll: Ray Frew, Kelly Nutter and Michael Kindle. Absent: Lawrence Mozena. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the September 3, 2020 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Kindle to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 special meeting as presented. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports-There was no Fire or Rescue Report available. Jeff Buffington presented the Maintenance report requesting that applications be taken for a snow plow driver for the upcoming winter season, which meant with full council approval. The Water/Wastewater Report were presented for council review.

The following Ordinance was presented: ORDINANCE NO. 652 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA TO VACATE THE EAST-WEST ALLEY LYING BETWEEN SOUTH RANDOLPH STREET ON THE WEST, SOUTH ELM STREET ON THE EAST, WEST P STREET ON THE NORTH AND WEST Q STREET ON THE SOUTH, BLOCK 2, CARTER’S ADDITION, CITY OF WEEPING WATER, 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; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Nutter, seconded by Frew that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 652 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Kindle to adopt Ordinance No. 652 on third and final reading by title only. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. 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.

The following Ordinance was presented: ORDINANCE NO. 653 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH WAGES, SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Frew, seconded by Kindle that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 653 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Nutter to adopt Ordinance No. 653 on third and final reading by title only. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. 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.

Forming a Ball Team Committee was discussed and tabled for further review.

It was noted that General Excavating was awarded the bid for the Gospel Run Project with a low bid of $145,263.

Mayor Michael Barrett opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget for the City of Weeping Water, Nebraska for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 with the following members of the council answering roll: Ray Frew, Kelly Nutter and Michael Kindle. Absent: Lawrence Mozena. There being no public objection, the public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Michael Barrett opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the final tax request for the Weeping Water, Nebraska budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 with the following members of the council answering roll: Ray Frew, Kelly Nutter and Michael Kindle. Absent: Lawrence Mozena. There being no public objection, the public hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

The proposed budget was discussed by the Mayor and City Council which requests a total of $306,878 in property taxes, which represents a calculated levy before exemption of $0.438929, with an exemption of bonded indebtedness in the amount of 20,830, resulting in a net calculated levy subject to the limit of $0.409135.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Nutter to adopt Resolution No. 20-05 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND TO SET THE SAME USING THE BASE LIMITATION PERCENTAGE INCREARSE OF 2.5% AND ALSO USING THE ADDITIONAL 1% INCREASE. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Kindle to adopt Resolution No. 20-06 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA TO SET THE TAX REQUEST FOR THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

The following Ordinance was presented: ORDINANCE NO. 654 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Frew, seconded by Kindle that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 654 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Kindle to adopt Ordinance No. 654 on third and final reading by title only. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. 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.

Don Jewell with the Weeping Water Historical Society gave a presentation to the council in regards to a proposed trail walk, noting that some benefits of the walk would include keeping the history of Weeping Water alive, outdoor exercise and drawing people into town. At this time, they are not asking for funding from the city, but would like permission to erect some signage along the trail, which meant with council approval.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Frew to approve the placement of a bench at the ball field, requested by Arvin Patton. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried. It was noted that the maintenance department would need to know an exact location before bench can be placed.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Kindle to direct the city attorney to prepare and file a substitution of trustee and deed of re-conveyance to release the deed of trust securing the reuse loan for Grandpa Snazzy’s as receipt of all sums due was acknowledged. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Nutter to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-07 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA FOR THE SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2020 FOR THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Kindle to authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the Master Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Motion by Nutter, seconded by Frew to approve the request of Teresa Duncan to construct a new home at 207 W Park Street with a variation in the front yard setback as allowed by Section 4.09(C) of the Zoning Ordinance when the structure will conform to the average existing setback provided that 30% of the frontage on that side of the street is occupied by structures and a minority of the structures have conformed with the front yard setback requirement. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Correspondence received was presented for council review which included information from Keep Cass County Beautiful regarding ways to improve county wide recycling. Motion by Kindle, seconded by Nutter to approve the following claims: Salaries-15,191.76; NE Dept of Rev, sls, whlg, lodge tx , annual recycle fee-3,325.75; Ameritas, emp ret-636.14; Utilities: Black Hills Energy-179.85; Windstream-586.14; Verizon-501.40; OPPD-6,127.24; EFTPS, whlg-3,703.95; United Healthcare, emp ins-4,427.25; PeopleService, prof-14,283; Cass County Refuse, reimb-12,968.90; Post Office, pstg-360; Payment Network Service, prof-157.59; Cede & Co., gospel run bond pmts-20,320; Card Service Center, sup-703.31; SYNCB/Amazon, sup-629.93; Lauren Harms, ump fees-25; Meeske Hardward, rep/maint-570.07; Roger Johnson, prof-2,710.15; Lincoln Journal Star, publ-113.20; Miller, Monroe, Farrell, city ins pkg-42,556; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-7; Mid America Pest Control, maint-70; Linda Fleming, reimb pstg-8.70; Olsson, prof-375; Meeske Auto, maint-189.07; Farmers & Merchants Bank, wire fees, tk pmt, NSF check-1,041.50; Concrete Industries, st imp-5,599.33; Kerns Excavating, rep, dump fees-6,151.70; One Call, lct fees-9.21; Layne, annual pump test-500; West-E-Con, rep-10,899.55; Register of Deeds, lien rel-10; WW Fire Dept, equip-1,620.30; Danko, pump test, sup-916.98; Matheson Tri-Gas, sup-75.33; Quick Med Claims, reimb-892.52; Page My Cell, annual fee-550; Beins Construction, imp-2,550; Menards, rep-57.91; Duncan Enterprises, maint-623; Stop N Shop, fuel-610.12; Broad Reach, bks-175.59; Baker & Taylor, bks-817.76. On roll call those voting aye: Frew, Nutter and Kindle. Voting nay: None. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

The next city council meeting will be held October 12, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

/s/Michael Barrett, Mayor

/s/Linda Fleming, City Clerk