

**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Mark Ripp, Eric Schroeder, and Samuel Davidson, absent: Amber Ostronic; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, and City Attorney Joe McNally, absent: Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments. A Creighton resident suggested snow removal be moved to even/odd street clearing. Discussion was held. Current policy is no vehicles on the streets and the entire street will be cleared. Resident asked if the public could vote on it, McNally stated no, that is what the council is for. No further discussion or comments.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. Several board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet. The yearly library report will be given in February. No report for Keep Creighton Beautiful or Park/Tree Board, and no nuisance properties were reported.

Mayor Morrill opened the hearing at 6:39 PM for the administrative plat lot split:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 17; thence N 89 54'44" E ( assumed bearing) on the north line said Lot 17, a distance of 846.70 feet to the West right of way line of State of Nebraska Highway #13; thence S 03 28'16" E on said west right of way line, a distance of 232.99 feet to the south line of Lot 17; thence S 89 54'48" W on said south line of Lot 17, a distance of 860.20 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 17; thence N 00 08' 55" W on the west line of said Lot 17, a distance of 232.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.557 acres of land, more or less

ACT Nelson shared information. This was the lot previously discussed for the location of the fire hall, now they are selling to a party who will build a house. The hearing remained open for questions or concerns.

Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting December 14, 2023. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Davidson made a motion, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; Ripp abstained from his bill and ayes on the other bills, Two Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 10, Resolution 2024-1 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. ACT Lindsay shared information. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve Resolution 2024-1 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morill asked if there was any further discussion regarding the administrative plat lot split. Schroeder questioned the zoning of the location. ACT Nelson stated it is residential and McNally stated zoning would be a separate issue from the lot split. Morrill closed the hearing at 6:43 PM.

A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Ripp, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the administrative plat lot split. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

ACT Nelson shared that sealant was applied to the parking lot at NENCAP. This is the last bill for the project. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve the CDBG Agreement 20-EMCV -02 # 3 in the amount of \$5,485. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 14. Discussion was held on the termination of QMC EMS billing services. Per the contract, a 60-day notice is needed to terminate. ACT Nelson shared that the Ambulance and the City are experiencing communication issues with the company. McNally has reviewed the contract and has no issues with the termination. A motion was made by Ripp, seconded by Schroeder, to approve providing a 60-day notice of termination for the QMC EMS billing services. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 15. McNally shared contract information for Ambill, the new billing system the Ambulance would like to use. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp to approve the Ambill contract for EMS billing services effective after 60 days. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

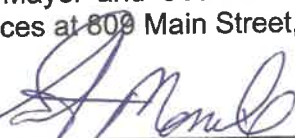
Chief Duncan emailed the monthly Police Report.


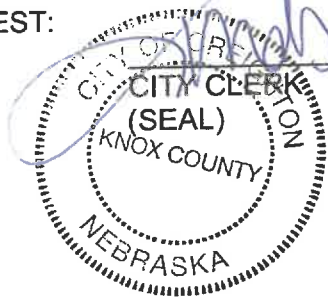
ACT Nelson gave an Administrator Report.

Council Member Schroeder shared he heard good things regarding Santaland and the community during December.

Mayor Morill reported that Pancake Days will be held at the Creighton Community Center this year.

All business complete, Schroeder made a motion to adjourn, Davidson seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
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**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, February 8, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Mark Ripp, Eric Schroeder, and Samuel Davidson, absent: Amber Ostronic; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, and City Attorney Joe McNally, absent: Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. Several board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet. The yearly library report will be shared later in the meeting. No nuisance properties were reported.

The Library Annual Report was given by Library Director Lisa Macke.

Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting January 11, 2024. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

A brief discussion was held on the reported work hours of CCC & Inn employees. ACT Nelson shared details of a recent meeting she had with the employees. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to approve the February 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 10, consider payment to Otte Construction Company. Clarification was given that this payment was not included in the amount listed in the Treasurer's Report. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson to approve the payment to Otte Construction Company for Application #2 in the amount of \$31,337.10. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Chief Duncan emailed the monthly Police Report.

ACT Nelson gave an Administrator Report.

Council Member Ripp shared he heard praises from the public regarding snow removal.

Mayor Morrill stated him and ACT Nelson attended a strategic planning meeting in Center on Monday.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Schroeder seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 6:44 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, March

**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members, Eric Schroeder, Samuel Davidson and Amber Ostronic, absent: Mark Ripp; Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, and City Attorney Joe McNally, absent: Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. Several board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet. Jane Wilmes reported for Creighton Ambulance, there was an article in the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan about the new telehealth system in the ambulance. A demonstration will be given to the council before the next meeting. ACT Nelson and Mayor Morrill explained the sewer rate information in the packet, it will be added to the agenda next month for discussion. Jane Wilmes reported that Creighton Recycling received a \$1000 donation from Lathan Asbra. Regarding nuisance properties, Chief Duncan shared that he has talked to a few property owners and notices will be sent out soon.

Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting February 8, 2024. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Davidson made a motion, seconded by Ostronic, to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 9 regarding the grant through Nebraska Game and Parks. Sarah Strehle was present to give some clarification regarding accepting the grant and the next steps. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson to accept the award from Nebraska Game and Parks Grant for the walking trail and to authorize Mayor Morrill or ACT Nelson to sign further documents pertaining to the project. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Information on Agenda Item Number 10 was included in the council packet. Davidson made a motion to approve Creighton Reuse Housing Board recommendation on CR-HR-12, seconded by Ostronic. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 to close Main Street for BerryPepper Days June 14-16, 2024, seconded by Ostronic. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved on to Agenda Item Number 12 regarding the NENCAP parking lot project. Ostronic made a motion, seconded by Davidson to approve CDBG 20-EMCV-20 for general administration in the amount of \$4887.50. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Schroeder made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Reuse Housing Board to renew Gene Shaffer for another 5 years, seconded by Davidson. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved on to Agenda Item Number 14, raising part time police officer wage. Chief Duncan shared that a part time officer is normally needed during BerryPepper Days or when one of the full-time officers is laid up. Discussion was held. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ostronic to raise the part time police officer wage from \$20 to \$25 per hour. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morill started discussion on Agenda Item Number 15 regarding engine brakes within City limits. Discussion was held and information was shared by Chief Duncan. Schroeder made a motion to have City Attorney Joe McNally draft an ordinance prohibiting engine brakes within city limits, seconded by Davidson. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Agenda Item Number 15 was regarding payment #3 to Otte Construction. A brief discussion was held. An itemized list of receipts was included in Otte correspondence and will continue to be included going forward. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Ostronic to approve payment to Otte Construction Company for Application #3 in the amount of \$173,097.90. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

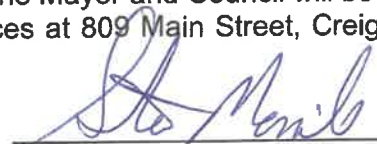
Chief Duncan emailed the monthly log and nuisance property letters will be mailed soon.

ACT Nelson gave an Administrator Report. Nebraska Municipal Review printed an article in the latest issue featuring the new fire hall.

Council Member Schroeder shared positive reviews he heard about a guest stay at the Inn.

Mayor Morill did not have anything additional to share.

All business complete, Davidson made a motion to adjourn, Schroeder seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
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**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
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**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Mark Ripp, Eric Schroeder, Samuel Davidson and Amber Ostronic, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, City Attorney Joe McNally, and Water Commissioner Kevin Sonnichsen.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. Several board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet. ACT Nelson reported on Keep Creighton Beautiful. During their recent meeting, Sarah Strehle was present to address KCB concerns regarding the walking trail and the butterfly garden. Council Member Schroeder and ACT Nelson stated the KCB planters around town were given positive reviews at the Community Meeting in March. Jane Wilmes reported that Recycling has an upcoming event with the schools during Arbor Day week. Regarding nuisance properties, Attorney McNally stated he has an upcoming court date on a nuisance property from two years ago.

Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting March 14, 2024. RCV; All Ayes

Ripp made a motion, seconded by Ostronic, to approve the April 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; All Ayes

Ostronic made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve Keep Creighton Beautiful's recommendations of new members including Alice Hoferer, Terri Homan, and Jane Yule. RCV; All Ayes

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 10 regarding Ordinance 817 Engine Braking. ACT Nelson stated this was Chief Duncan's recommendation. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp to waive the three readings. RCV; All Ayes. Ostronic questioned fines and how to notify the public of this change. Nelson and McNally stated signs will be posted at city limits and the ordinance will be posted in the paper if approved. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ostronic, to approve Ordinance 817, prohibiting mechanical engine breaking. RCV; All Ayes

Information on Agenda Item Number 11, regarding bids for the Bazile Creek Water Main Relocation Project, was included in the council packet. Three companies submitted bids: Plumbing & Electric Service, Inc \$65690, Philip Carkoski Construction & Trenching, Inc \$69114, and Rutjens Construction, Inc \$87132. Miller & Associates recommends going with the lowest bid. Mayor Morrill state P&E Service is the same company doing work on the new fire hall. Ripp made a motion, seconded by Schroeder, to accept the lowest bid of \$65690 from Plumbing & Electric Service, Inc. for the Bazile Creek Water Main Relocation Project. RCV; All Ayes.



A list of the Park Board approved applicants for summer help including pool staff, field caretakers, and coaches was included in the council packet. A motion was made by Davidson to approve the Park Board's recommendations to hire summer help, seconded by Ripp. RCV: Ayes – Schroeder, Davidson, Ripp; Nay – Ostronic.

Discussion was held on pool staff wages. Schroeder inquired about other communities' wages. ACT Nelson stated that according to information shared in the clerks' group she belongs to, our rates are similar to other communities, but we may have to adjust again next year. McNally stated minimum wage requirements do not apply to the pool staff. Ostronic asked if pool entrance fees will increase this year. ACT Nelson has spoken with Maycee Zimmerer, pool manager, this is something that the Park Board will discuss. A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Ostronic, to approve the new wages for pool help which include the following: Pool Manger: \$16.00/hour or \$16.50/hour with WSI Certification, Assistant Pool Manager: \$14.00/hour or \$14.50/hour with WSI Certification, Lifeguards: 1<sup>st</sup> year \$12.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$12.50/hour, and 3<sup>rd</sup>+ year \$13.00/hour. RCV; All Ayes

Mayor Morrill moved onto Agenda Item Number 14, the walking trail grant project. It is mandatory to reach out to at least three engineers, which was done. Two declined the project and one agreed to submit a proposal, correspondence from all three engineers was included in the council packet. A brief discussion was held on the trail only allowing non-motorized vehicles. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to accept Miller & Associates as the engineer for the Walking Trail Grant Project. RCV; All Ayes

Agenda Item Number 15, regarding change order No. 3 for the new fire hall, will allow the switch from natural gas to propane. Mayor Morrill stated it would cost \$85,000 to put in a gas line. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to approve change order No. 3 for the Creighton & Rural Fire Rescue Facility. RCV; All Ayes

Ripp made a motion to approve pay request No. 4 in the amount of \$47,277.90 to Otte Construction Company, seconded by Ostronic. RCV; All Ayes

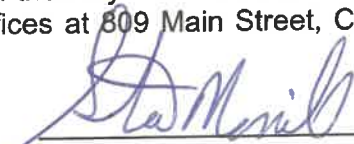
Chief Duncan emailed the monthly log.

ACT Nelson emailed the Administrator Report and is included in the council packet. It was agreed to move the June meeting to Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> due to BerryPepper Days starting the evening of Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Schroeder shared that ACT Nelson, Mayor Morrill, and himself attended the recent daycare meeting. He stated there is a daycare shortage, lots of ideas but not a lot of solutions. He mentioned a short term plan is to incentivize in home daycare. The next meeting is April 25, Schroeder encouraged council members to attend.

Mayor Morill shared that the fire department received a \$200,000 grant.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Davidson seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
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**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Mark Ripp, Eric Schroeder, Samuel Davidson and Amber Ostronic, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, and City Attorney Joe McNally. Water Commissioner, Kevin Sonnichsen, was absent.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

Brittney Koenig, Account Manager with NPPD, gave a presentation on how they are serving the community of Creighton and the State of Nebraska. Corey Boyle is the local NPPD manager in Creighton.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. All board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet.

Mayor Morrill opened the hearing at 6:44 PM concerning the activities of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and to give citizens the opportunity to be heard regarding the CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) grant, 20-EMCV-020. ACT Nelson read the notice of the public hearing and stated they are working on closing out the NENCAP parking lot grant.

Mayor Morrill opened the hearing at 6:46 PM concerning the Class C Retail Liquor License: Ronald Wagner & Lisa K Wagner, dba The 812, C-126363, 812 Main Street, Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, 68729. Mayor Morrill asked if there were any questions, there were none at this time.

Ripp made a motion, seconded by Ostronic, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting April 11, 2024. RCV; All Ayes

Ostronic made a motion, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the May 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; All Ayes

Information on Agenda Item Number 12, regarding Miller and Associates recommendation for 2024 Chip and Seal, was included in the council packet. Five companies submitted bids: Figgins Construction Company, Inc \$33,745.98, The Road Guy Construction Co. \$36,577.00, Sta-Bilt Construction Company \$48,950.10, Topkote Inc. \$51,992.18, and Midwest Coatings Company, Inc. \$57,831.97. Brief discussion was held regarding the street along the Creighton Livestock Market. ACT Nelson did state that the chip seal locations may be changed, and they reassess as they are working on streets. Miller and Associates recommends accepting the lowest bid. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to accept the lowest bid of \$33,745.98 from Figgins Construction Company, Inc. RCV; All Ayes



Mayor Morrill moved on to Agenda Item Number 13, applying for a grant through the Nebraska Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund for a new swimming pool. Sarah Strehle was present to share information regarding the grant and opinions on the current pool. She stated our current pool is subpar and many Creighton residents drive out of town to other community pools. There are several outdated mechanics and cracks therefore, several repair and maintenance issues could arise within the next 5-10 years. By applying for the grant, we would be investing in the well-being and happiness of our community members. Strehle shared that the maximum grant amount is 1.6 million and a matching requirement of 50/50. The City of Creighton must have 1.6 million on hand to apply for the grant. She stated she would plan on putting out a community survey to find out the pool priorities of the community, the slide may be able to be reused, and the bath house could be kept the same or revamped if there is enough funding. Discussion started on funding this project. Mayor Morrill stated we currently have the walking trail project and the new fire hall construction; the City doesn't have 1.6 million right now and utilizing a bond would raise taxes. Schroeder mentioned interest rates are not great right now, a new pool may require additional upkeep, and a Creighton has several retired citizens who would be helping pay for this project – what are their thoughts. Attorney McNally stated the answer must be “no” if the funds aren't available right now. Strehle would like to move forward with community surveys to see how the community feels and if there would be any donors. ACT Nelson stated the pool passes state inspection every year and suggested we review this topic at budget time. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to not apply for the grant through Nebraska Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation fund for a new swimming pool. RCV; All Ayes

Mayor Morill started discussion on water and sewer rates. Randy Hellbusch with Nebraska Rural Water Association was present to review the information he prepared regarding the City's current and suggested rates. He calculated a 3-year average of water and sewer expenses and revenue. Average annual water expenses are \$400,991.33 and average annual revenue is \$463,145.12. Average annual sewer expenses are \$254,014.81 and average annual revenue is \$252,929.57. Randy stated costs are increasing for materials, labor, and EPA regulations, including the new PFAS rule, which will increase operating costs. Another unknown is the Lead and Copper rule once inventory surveys are completed. ACT Nelson stated we revised the Ordinance in 2018 that pushed off the 3<sup>rd</sup> rate increase. The current water rate is \$53/bi-monthly + \$3.75/100 cubic feet, suggested rate is \$61/bi-monthly + \$5/100 cubic feet. The current sewer rate is \$48.20/bi-monthly + \$3.25/100 cubic feet based on winter months usage, suggested rate is \$56.80/bi-monthly + \$3.65/100 cubic feet, based on winter months usage. Discussion was held on current versus suggested and what that would do to the average bill. Attorney McNally stated that the City is required under their bond to be self-sustaining and our hands are tied on what the City can do, rates must increase. Discussion was held on continuing the discussion until the next meeting or write the ordinance and have the three readings for the public to attend. The City is also able to delay the implementation of the ordinance, it was discussed to wait until October. Randy stated he cannot project years out if this will sustain the City, but smaller increases are more palatable than one major increase. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to have Attorney McNally write up the ordinance for projected water and sewer rates based upon Randy Hellbusch's recommendation. RCV; All Ayes

Mayor Morrill asked if there was any discussion regarding the Class C Retail Liquor License: Ronald Wagner & Lisa K Wagner, dba The 812. There being none, Mayor Morrill closed the hearing at 7:30 PM.

Ripp made a motion, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the Class C Retail Liquor License: Ronald Wagner & Lisa K Wagner, dba The 812, C-126363, 812 Main Street, Creighton, Knox County, Nebraska, 68729. RCV; All Ayes

Mayor Morrill moved on to Agenda Item Number 17, Miller and Associates agreement for the walking trail. ACT Nelson emailed the agreement to the council members and Attorney McNally reviewed it. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to accept the agreement with Miller and Associates for the walking trail grant. RCV; All Ayes

ACT Nelson shared that the Park Board received and recommends three more lifeguard applicants, total is eleven lifeguards for the summer. Ostronic made a motion, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the Park Boards recommendation for hiring summer help for the pool. RCV; All Ayes

No further discussion was held on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regarding the CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) grant, 20-EMCV-020, Mayor Morrill closed the hearing at 7:33 PM.

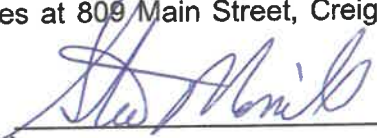
Chief Duncan emailed the monthly log.

ACT Nelson included a report in the council packet. She added that she and Water Commissioner, Kevin Sonnichsen, participated in a Zoom meeting with Avera. Avera is planning a renovation and addition. She would like to set up a team meeting with City employees, Ambulance, Fire Department, hospital, and Knox County Dispatch to review the Disaster Response Plan. It was last used in 2019.

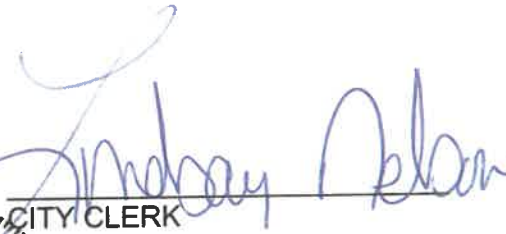
Council member Ripp congratulated ACT Nelson on her Master Municipal Clerk award.

Mayor Morrill also congratulated ACT Nelson. He commented on the importance of reviewing the disaster response plan.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Schroeder seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
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**CITY OF CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Creighton, Nebraska was held in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street in said City on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steve Morrill and Council Members Mark Ripp, Samuel Davidson and Amber Ostronic, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (ACT) Lindsay Nelson, Deputy Clerk Lynn Yule, and City Attorney Joe McNally. Council Member, Eric Schroeder, and Water Commissioner, Kevin Sonnichsen, were absent.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Mayor was given notice before the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrill at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Morrill presided, and Deputy Clerk Yule recorded the proceedings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Morrill publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that a Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster was on display on the west wall of the meeting room.

Mayor Morrill asked if there were any public comments. Jane Wilmes presented a Thank You note from the VFW Post 1151 and VFW Post 1151 Auxiliary for waiving the fee for use of the Community Center for their meeting.

Mayor Morrill continued to the Board reports. Several board reports were emailed and included in the council meeting packet. Jane Wilmes reported that the Creighton Ambulance had 28 runs in May and 5 in June so far. They had some recent repairs on the ambulance unit. Attorney McNally updated the council on nuisance properties.

Ripp made a motion, seconded by Ostronic, to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting May 9, 2024. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

Davidson made a motion, seconded by Ripp, to approve the June 2024 Treasurer's Report. RCV; Ripp abstained from his bill and ayes on the other bills, Two Ayes. One Absent.

Mayor Morrill moved on to Agenda Item Number 9, Ordinance 818 Water and Sewer Rates – First Reading. Attorney McNally prepared the numbers based on the recommendation from Randy Hellbusch with Nebraska Rural Water Association. The new monthly fee for water service shall be \$30.50/month, which is \$61.00 on the City's bi-monthly billing cycle, plus \$5.00 per 100 cubic feet of usage per billing. The new monthly fee for sewer service shall be \$28.40, which is \$56.80 on the City's bi-monthly billing cycle, plus \$3.65 per 100 cubic feet per billing. Discussion was held on an implementation date. It was asked if the City could switch to monthly billing, discussion was held on postage and what it would take to switch. ACT Nelson said her, and Deputy Clerk Yule could do some calculations to figure out the cost difference of monthly versus bi-monthly billing. The Council decided to table this item and the first reading.

Ripp made a motion, seconded by Davidson to approve Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$170,800.20 to Otte Construction Company. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

ACT Nelson shared that two more lifeguards applied, it would be good to have more who can pick up hours for those who can't work. Ostronic made a motion, seconded by Ripp to approve the hiring of summer help. RCV; Three Ayes. One Absent.

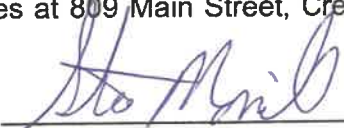
Chief Duncan emailed the monthly log.

ACT Nelson included a report in the council packet.

Council member Ripp stated that Officer Duncan did a nice job on the street painting for BerryPepper Days.

Mayor Morrill had nothing else to add.

All business complete, Ripp made a motion to adjourn, Davidson seconded the motion. All present in favor. Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Meeting of this date was held pursuant to published notice in the Creighton News, Creighton, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, in the meeting room of the Creighton City Offices at 809 Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m.

  
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