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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SAUNDERS, STATE OF NEBRASKA HELD AT CITY HALL, YUTAN, NEBRASKA ON THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2019, AT 6:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting notice, a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the (Affidavit of Publication) (Certificate of Posting Notice) attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Egr. Council members Thompson, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson were present. Mayor Egr informed all of the individuals present of the location of the poster regarding the Open Meetings Act.

- 1) The chairman of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) was not in attendance, so City Administrator Bockelmann explained to the council that any joint projects between the City of Yutan and the CRA would need to be limited to the blighted area. He also informed the council that he is waiting on some answers from the CRA attorneys and that he is also working with the Saunders County assessor's office on identifying how much revenue has been generating by each phase of the Melvin Sudbeck Homes tax increment finance (TIF) project. Brief discussion was held regarding what projects have been suggested within the blighted area. One potential joint project that was discussed was the paving of County Road 5 adjacent to the Itan Parkview subdivision.
- 2) A budget workshop was held. One of the first potential projects discussed was the purchase and installation of electronic meters for every residence in the city. The city administrator mentioned that grant opportunities would likely be available to lessen the financial burden of this endeavor. Council member Peterson asked whether there would be any cost incurred by the homeowner in that process and was told by the city administrator that, like other communities, the City of Yutan would take on the total cost of purchasing the meters and City employees would install the meters at no cost to the homeowner. Different training opportunities for City employees were discussed, and City Administrator Bockelmann pointed out to the council that there was also proposed funding in the budget for council members to attend training offered by the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The council also discussed increasing the police department's coverage to approximately 80 hours per week. The possibility of transitioning to a full-time department was also considered. Council members Peterson and Beck expressed interest in the council having more control over when those added hours are scheduled, noting a desire for more nighttime and weekend patrols. It was noted that transitioning to a full-time department would likely require increases to other areas of the police department's budget, including insurance, wages, employment benefits, and fuel. Different park improvement projects were also proposed, including the addition of a slide or other equipment to the train park and a parking lot at Hayes Ballfield. City Administrator Bockelmann told the council that he and the maintenance department are in the process of gathering bids for numerous proposed street projects. The purchase of mosquito

spraying equipment or budgeting for contracting out regular mosquito spray applications was also discussed; it was noted that grant funding for this may also be available. The city administrator informed the council that he is waiting to hear back from the City's accountant about whether the skid loader loan payments should be made from the bond fund or remain in general. The need to complete a utility study to determine whether the infrastructure's water and sewer capacity will be sufficient for planned developments was strongly emphasized by the city administrator and members of the council. The city administrator also suggested updating the water and sewer maps to include the newer developments in town, and he mentioned a \$10,000 grant for this purpose that he is aware of.

- 3) The council discussed wanting to hold another budget workshop in late July or early August, and it was decided that the next workshop's date and time would be determined at the regular July council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Katy Neukirch, Clerk/Treasurer

Darin Egr, Mayor