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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 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2018, 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 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Egr. Mayor Egr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson were present. Council member Long was absent. Mayor Egr informed all of the individuals present of the location of the poster regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Item #1 was postponed pending the arrival of the City's attorney, Curt Bromm.

- 2) Discussion was held regarding the possibility of putting a city sales tax measure on the ballot. The City Clerk explained the information that one of the City's attorneys, Maureen Freeman-Caddy, provided to the Clerk prior to the meeting regarding legal boundaries for City officials and employees campaigning for a sales tax. Mayor Egr asked the council members whether they felt it was worth paying for JEO's assistance in getting a sales tax measure passed. Council member Beck inquired whether engaging the services of Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) would be more appropriate, as the City already pays dues annually to that organization. It was questioned whether the former Economic Development Committee would consider becoming active in order to assist in organizing community meetings and raising community awareness for the ballot measure. The Mayor and Council also discussed where funding to pay for JEO's consultation would come from as well as the timeline for putting this measure on a ballot.
- 1) The City's attorney, Curt Bromm, arrived during the discussion of item #2, so the Mayor and City Council revisited item #1. Curt Bromm informed the Council that, although there had been no official word from the State of Nebraska, he had been informally notified that the federal government was rejecting the City's no-build resolution for the trail project. Mr. Bromm provided preliminary numbers on what the federal government needed to be repaid by the state and what the City would, in turn, need to repay the State of Nebraska. Mr. Bromm was also told

that, if the City would like to potentially repay the expenses incurred over 2-3 fiscal years, it would likely be necessary to write a proposal explaining the rationale for that request. An appeal of the no-build's rejection is also possible but not necessarily feasible. They discussed the reasoning for the rejection and what expenses would be included in the City's repayment to the state. Mr. Bromm advised the Council to begin thinking about the proposal in relation to the City's budget discussions, and the City's accountant, Ed Schroeder, concurred that attempting to finance the repayment over a series of fiscal years would be the City's best bet to prevent a need to raise taxes.

- 3) A budget workshop was held. The Mayor and City Council discussed different possible upcoming projects as well as some potential changes to payroll and employment. The timeline for additional meetings regarding next fiscal year's budget was laid out for the Mayor and Council to include a meeting in late July, another after August 20th, and a final meeting and public hearing in September.
- 4) No council discussion was held.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Katy Mattheis, Clerk/Treasurer

Darin Egr, Mayor