

**CITY OF YUTAN  
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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SAUNDERS, STATE OF NEBRASKA HELD AT THE CITY OFFICE IN SAID CITY ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017, AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Egr. Councilmembers Beck, Long, McLaughlin, and Peterson were present. Mayor Egr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Egr then informed all of the individuals present of the location of the poster regarding the Open Meetings Act. The minutes of the regular meeting on November 20, 2017, and the special meeting on December 1, 2017, were approved as mailed with a motion from McLaughlin and seconded by Long. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

- 1) Claims - Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Beck to pay all claims. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Beck and Peterson. NO: McLaughlin. ABSTAIN: Long. Mayor Egr was asked for his vote. YEA: Egr. Motion carried. Claims list: Badger Meter 95.23; Bromm 967.50; Cardmember Services 2,115.02; Chieftain Comm. Club 1,500.00; CJK 250.00; Craig Witte 4,572.87; Cubby's 304.12; Dana Pettinger 56.97; Frontier Coop 98.86; Gretna Sani 125.00; Int Rev 1,707.30; Int Rev 1,835.86; Jackson Services 29.75; Jayhawk 299.00; JEO 1,967.50; L&L Towing 454.12; Long Construction 1,425.38; Lowes 414.63; Menards 44.14; Metering & Tech Solutions 3,493.05; MUD 301.59; Midwest Laboratories 28.50; Midwest Service & Sales 454.35; Municipal Service & Supply 995.00; NDEQ 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 1,773.19; Nebr Public Health 302.00; NRWA 175.00; Odeys 189.00; One Call 24.63; OPPD 4,506.85; Outdoor Rec 6,731.00; Payroll 13,273.92; Petty Cash 23.16; Terry Luthy 18.16; The Schemmer Associates 161.23; Ty's Outdoor 282.66; U.S. Cellular 146.68; U.S.P.O. 182.28; Van Horn 28,129.00; Vine St Market 4.99; Wahoo Concrete 679.00; Windstream 228.66; Insufficient Chk 72.80; Insufficient Chk 189.04
- 2) Open Discussion from Public – Tim Ortmeier asked to speak during agenda item 12.
- 3) This item was moved to after item 8, because the building inspector had not yet arrived to the meeting. Building permits #1504-1505 were submitted. A motion was made by McLaughlin and seconded by Peterson to approve permits #1504-1505 as submitted. Upon roll call vote was as follows. YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.

- 4) Supervisor's reports were submitted.
- 5) Ed Schroeder, CPA presented audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. A motion was made by Long and seconded by McLaughlin to accept audit completed by Ed Schroeder. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.
- 6) No discussion was held regarding the change in downtown parking.
- 7) Bob Hannan was in attendance to represent the Starduster's. The council explained some of their concerns with the current plans for the configuration of cars parked downtown for the car show. It was suggested that the amount of traffic expected for baseball/softball tournaments could create an issue with the car show. Mr. Hannan suggested that the traffic for the tournaments be rerouted around the planned car show area, and Councilmember Long asked who would be responsible for rerouting this traffic, as last year resulted in many individuals getting lost on their way to the ballfields. Mr. Hannan stated that 196 cars participated last year but that he couldn't know how many cars would participate this year. Councilmember Long proposed placing signs to direct traffic for the ball tournaments to prevent potential issues. Peterson suggested also telling the coaches directly to take an alternate route on County Road 5, rather than 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, to the ballfields. The current plan was accepted, given that some of the provisions discussed are attempted to prevent issues.
- 8) Representatives from JEO were in attendance to present the findings from the infrastructure study they conducted. They explained the water/sewer usage need estimates, the approximate timeline for the project, and different financing options.
- 9) Councilmember McLaughlin explained that he received estimates from different companies in regards to a yard waste disposal site and that there would be a surcharge to the City for picking up extra containers for yard waste to offset the company's fuel costs. Utility Superintendent Wilke stated that he also communicated with a local dumpster company, who suggested placing the containers behind a fence to prevent individuals from attempting to dispose of materials other than yard waste. Councilmember McLaughlin suggested having citizens dispose of yard waste at a designated location for one year to see how much it would be utilized by residents and if it would be cost-effective to provide a dumpster for this purpose in the future. It was decided that this item would be tabled to be discussed on a future date.
- 10) **ORDINANCE 733– AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS ON THE CITY STREETS AND PENALTIES;** Discussion was held regarding Ordinance #733. It was noted by the council that the City Attorney did not recommend the passage of this ordinance, as it could present a conflict with state statutes. Tim Ortmeier expressed his belief that golf carts would create unnecessary nuisances and possible liability for the City. A motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance #733 was made by Beck and seconded by Long. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried. A motion to deny Ordinance #733 was made by Long and seconded by Peterson. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: Beck. Motion carried.

- 11) ORDINANCE NO. 734—AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF YUTAN, NEBRASKA;** Discussion was held regarding the salaries of City employees. It was decided that a 17% raise would be given to the City Clerk-Treasurer, a 3% raise would be given to the Utility Superintendent, and a 3% raise would be given to the Police Chief. A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Beck to waive the three readings of Ordinance #734. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Beck and seconded by Long to approve the passage of Ordinance #734. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.
- 12)** Discussion was held regarding concerns about the Yutan Police Department. Tim Ortmeier spoke in favor of the interlocal agreement the City has with Saunders County, as it allows other agencies to aid the City in apprehending criminals and leave city limits in pursuit of criminals. He expressed his belief that this agreement is beneficial to the safety of both law enforcement officers and the general public at large. He also stated that the loss of the cruiser was nothing in comparison to the injury or loss of life that could have occurred. Councilmember Beck expressed his frustration at a lack of police coverage. Matt Thompson mentioned that the lack of coverage may correlate with police department wages and that a raise might bring more officers into the City to work more often. Police Chief Hannan explained that he is having difficulty getting the allowed hours covered and explained that he will be interviewing more officers to potentially work for the City. However, Police Chief Hannan expressed agreement with Matt Thompson's assessment that the department is not offering enough in salaries to attract and retain devoted employees. Mayor Egr suggested that having a set of officers working regularly would be beneficial to the town, as more residents would feel comfortable with officers they recognize. Police Chief Hannan requested one month to allow him to handle employees that are routinely not working their scheduled shifts as well as interview and potentially hire new candidates. Councilmember Peterson emphasized the need to inform all new hires that they would be required to work certain dates/times as needed (for example, every Friday night). Police Chief Hannan stated that he has done so in past interviews and would do so in future interviews as well.
- 13)** No council discussions were held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**Reorganization meeting was opened by Mayor Egr at 8:48 p.m.**

- 1-3)** A motion was made by McLaughlin and seconded by Peterson to approve the appointments listed in items 1, 2, and 3 of the agenda (Reelect JC Long as City Council President; appoint Katy Mattheis as City Clerk-Treasurer, Tim Hannan as Police Chief, Eric Wilke as Utilities Superintendent and Building Inspector, Curtis Bromm of Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer as City Attorney; Council Committee Appointments: Parks and Recreation—Darin Egr; Water, Sewer, Streets, and Equipment, and Police—J.C. Long; Zoning, Building and Industrial—Jim McLaughlin; Personnel and Finance, Ordinances and Legal—Claude Beck; Library—Johanna Peterson) with the addition of Jim McLaughlin to serve with JC Long on the Water, Sewer, Streets, and Equipment Committee. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Long, Beck, McLaughlin, and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.
- 4)** A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Beck to appoint JEO Consulting Group as City Engineer/Zoning Administrator. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Beck, Long, McLaughlin and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.
- 5)** A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by McLaughlin to appoint Steven Parr of JEO Consulting Group as Street Superintendent. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Beck, Long, McLaughlin and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.
- 6)** A motion was made by Long and seconded by McLaughlin to approve making payments to employees for their individual retirement fund. Upon roll call vote was as follows: YEA: Beck, Long, McLaughlin and Peterson. NO: None. Motion carried.

No council discussions were held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Yutan City Council will be held January 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Darin Egr, Mayor

Katy Mattheis, City Clerk-Treasurer