

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CORNERSTONE BUILDING, 601 G STREET, ALL IN PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Pawnee Republican, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Present: Mayor Charles Hatfield, Council Members Vickie Zelenka, Donnie Fisher, Susan Eisenhauer and Laura Poskochil; Kellie Wiers, Deputy City Clerk and Tamela Curtis, City Clerk/Treasurer; Foreman Spencer Cumley. **Absent:** None.

Mayor Charlie Hatfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the Posters stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the West meeting room wall, next to the storage closet, accessible to the public. At this time, all those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Zelenka moved to accept the March 25, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted the following claims for consideration: **4/09/24 Payroll:** \$10,884.44; **Union Bank & Trust**, FWH 3233.02; **NE Dept. of Rev**, SWH 501.22; **John Hancock**, retirement 1692.03; **Pawnee City Thriftway**, office supplies 11.38; **Coral's Cleaning Service**, office cleaning 120.00; **Amazon Capital Services**, IPC book 52.40; **Stehlik Law**, atty services, ReUse 729.00; **Biblionix**, license/maint. agreement 1430.00; **Lincoln Winwater Works**, resetters for farm accts. 1250.00; **NPPD**, electric @ swr plant & wells 2407.45; **Rose Holding**, rental fee for hydro-vac 6000.00; **Staak Furniture**, window blinds for city office 1080.00 & blinds for Cornerstone 4130.00; **T. Curtis**, mileage & meals for clerk school 316.55; **U.S. Cellular**, emergency cell phone 48.37; **Hilltop Creations**, countertop @ Cornerstone Bldg. 836.20; **Matt Kuhlmann**, April 2024 zoning services 800.00; **ACCESS**, IT hardware contract 209.98; **Brian Heinz**, clean windows @ fire hall 75.00; **Dollar General**, library supplies 12.25; **H&H Auto Parts**, maint. supplies 722.75; **Midwest Labs**, swr sample tests 301.07; **One Call Concepts**, digger hotline locates 16.26; **Pawnee Seamless Guttering**, replace gutters @ shop 2336.00; **Samuelson Law Office**, April 2024 atty services 1000.00; **OPPD** electric @ wells 306.33; **Nebr. Dept. Revenue**, March 2024 sales & use tax 2081.20. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve the claims as submitted. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review March Treasurer's Report: Council reviewed the March Treasurer's report with no questions.

Report from Sheriff Braden Lang: Sheriff Lang explained that he and the deputies are having difficulty exiting the driveway on the Southside of the Courthouse due to parked vehicles in the middle of the street near the driveway exit. He requested that the two parking spaces directly south of the driveway exit be vacated to ease exiting from the driveway. Council Member Zelenka moved to block two parking spaces in the center of the block on 5th street directly south of the courthouse. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Sheriff Lang explained that he had hired three part-time people to work for the department but scheduling has been a problem so he and Deputy Bredemeier have been working 24 hr. shifts. Due to insurance reasons, Pawnee County cannot have over 50 employees in a calendar year so he is not able to hire anymore deputies at this time. Sheriff Lang reported that a woman had recently reported being attacked by a group of high school-aged boys by the old grain elevator as she was walking. He is not sure about the validity of the report but the woman was treated for injuries at the local emergency room. This is very concerning for our community because things like this don't happen in our community. If anyone has information about this report, please contact the Sheriff's office. Council Member Eisenhower reported that someone had spray painted inappropriate pictures on the pickleball and basketball courts at VanHorne park. Sheriff Lang stated there have been reports from other communities about someone spraying graffiti on public property. Discussion was had about installing cameras at the park.

Betsy Samuelson, City Atty: Discuss Updates on Nuisance Issues at: 522 G Street, 1145 G Street, 112 12th Street: City Atty Samuelson explained Ed Raper has made a written request for a hearing so a "show cause hearing" needs to be scheduled. He has to be given at least a 7-day notice but not more than 14 days. Council Member Eisenhower moved to schedule a special hearing on the property at 522 G Street for April 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone Building to discuss nuisance issues on this property. Council Member Poskochil seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Mayor Hatfield asked City Atty Samuelson if Mr. Raper must be present for the hearing or if he can have someone represent him? City Atty Samuelson said that he could have an attorney represent him at the hearing or if he has a POA, that person could represent him. Mayor Hatfield had talked with Randy Gyhra about possibly tearing down the property at 522 G Street but Mr. Gyhra declined this job as the building is too close to the Union Bank & Trust building and he is concerned about damage to that building during demolition. City Atty Samuelson has not received a written request from Janice Lewis for a hearing on the 1145 G Street nuisance but Ms. Lewis had left a voicemail for Atty Samuelson that she was going to submit a written request for a hearing but did not follow through. Therefore, the next step will be to schedule demolition of the property at 1145 G Street. Foreman Cumley will contact Gyhra Construction to schedule the demolition and then the City Office will send a letter with notification of the demolition date to Ms. Lewis. Jeff Osborne recently appeared in court concerning his property at 112 12th Street due to the filing of criminal charges concerning the property. The judge has given him 30 days to get the property cleaned up and he must appear back in court on May 2, 2024. Atty Samuelson recommends waiting until after May 2nd to pursue any more action on 112 12th Street. Clerk Curtis and DC Wiers explained that his mother, Donna Henson, ordered a dumpster to be delivered last Friday and people had volunteered to start cleaning up the property with the goal of getting everything off the public road in front of the house. New pictures were taken today which show some progress that was made over the weekend. *Status on Dog Tickets in*

Court: City Atty Samuelson explained that she had filed petitions on 4 people to appear in court on April 4th. Four people have requested trials on dog tickets for unlicensed dogs. One person pleaded “no contest” and his sentencing will be May 2nd. There is a trial on a dog ticket scheduled for May 2nd and May 18th while one person would like to discuss the ticket first.

Erin McGuire, Wild Witch Cat Rescue, clarification from 3/25/24 Council Meeting on Wild Witch Cat Rescue being paid to implement the Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release (TNVR) Program in Pawnee City: Erin McGuire and Donny Schlund were present for this discussion. *Review Excerpt from 3/25/2024 Meeting Minutes; Review Sheet on Beatrice Human Society’s TVNR prices, etc.; Review emailed correspondence between DC Wiers and CMs Eisenhower & Poskochil;* Erin stated that when she talked with DC Wiers, DC Wiers had already paid the \$1000 to the Beatrice Human Society. DC Wiers interjected and clarified that DC Wiers had set up an account with Beatrice Human Society and they would invoice the City but no money has yet been paid to them. Erin then stated that the money was pledged to the Beatrice Human Society but that was not what she had talked about. It costs \$40 to spay or neuter each cat but costs her more than that for each cat and she would not be able to spay 25 cats. Council Member Poskochil stated that the City must have documentation and cannot write a lump sum check for \$1000 up front. Poskochil stated that SHARE (Safe Haven Animal Rescue Effort) has a mileage form that Erin could use for reimbursement. Council Member Poskochil suggested the City pay the \$40 per cat for spay/neuter and then the other expenses for medicine or treatment could be paid by other sources such as grants but a limit needs to be set on treatment because it’s possible \$1000 could be spent on one cat. Council Member Eisenhower agreed a limit needs to be set and the City doesn’t necessarily need to treat all feral cats because there are a lot of feral cats in the city. Mr. Schlund stated that obviously there is the \$40 charge for the spay/neuter but Erin also treats each cat for worms and fleas and there is the cost of the traps, so Erin would not be making money on this. She treats the cats so they don’t bring it back and infect other cats. Council Member Poskochil stated for City funding, the most clean-cut way would be to pay Beatrice Humane Society for the actual spay or neuter while SHARE can be a little more flexible because it is a nonprofit organization and not funded by tax dollars as agreed by Council Member Eisenhower. Council Member Fisher stated that according to the city auditor, it is critical that the City have receipts for expenses. Council Member Poskochil stated that Erin would have buy-in from the City for the spay/neuter but she could look at other sources for the other expenses such as grants which require a match. Erin stated she has used \$3800 of her own money for this program and SHARE gave her \$400 towards her expenses but she cannot do that anymore since she has three kids and expenses. Erin pays \$100 per cat. Erin stated she doesn’t get her nails done because of the expenses from spaying and neutering feral cats. SHARE had given Erin \$400 to help spay/neuter cats but she had spent \$600 on the same cats. Erin stated she is not sure how she feels about TNVR since her proposal has been twisted from 10 cats to 25 and this problem is serious and needs to be addressed. There are feral cats that are also diseased and dying. Erin stated that she starts out at 4:00 p.m. the day before she has made an appointment at the Beatrice Human Society and sets traps. She then gets up at 6:00 the next morning to pick up cats and drive to Beatrice to be there by 7:00 a.m. She then must spend all day in Beatrice or leave and then drive back to Beatrice later that day to pick up cats by 4:00 p.m. so sometimes she makes two trips in one day. Erin stated that she morally cannot release a sick cat back to its environment until after it has been treated. So, she would like to have flexibility in deciding whether to treat the cats. If the City cannot get behind that, she will find other ways to continue.

Clerk Curtis stated she had calculated the mileage per trip to Beatrice and return would be right around \$60. She suggested the City could get receipts for the spay/neuter and Erin could submit a request for mileage reimbursement but the City must have a receipt to prove why they are spending tax dollars. Council Member Eisenhower suggested creating a mileage form listing the dates Erin took cats to the clinic with verification of the cats being spayed/neutered and that they came from Pawnee City and one round trip. DC Wiers stated it is important to have receipts and she had talked with Kaitlin from the TNVR clinic at the Beatrice Humane Society and was able to set up an account with them so they could bill the City directly when feral cats from Pawnee City are spayed/neutered since they do this for other cities. This looks much better to the auditor than just a receipt. Kaitlin could send the invoice and receipts by email. They could also treat the feral cats at their regular clinic but that would be at an extra cost depending upon the ailment, medicine, etc. Council Member Eisenhower stated it would probably be more beneficial for Erin to treat the cats for worms and fleas than taking the cat to a veterinarian. Erin explained that it costs around \$2.30 per cat to deworm them and \$7.00 per cat to treat them for fleas and ticks. Some cats have presented with herpes and Erin purchased medicine for that, too. Council Member Poskochil stated the Animal Control Board has purchased flea treatment in the past and they could purchase the medicine for deworming and fleas for the feral cats that are spayed/neutered. Council also suggested Erin submit receipts or invoices from the places she purchased the medicines to request reimbursement. Discussion was had about the need for receipts and using taxpayer money. Erin said she didn't have a problem with submitting receipts. Erin said it has been frustrating hearing complaints from people about feral cats and not being able to do anything about it. Council Member Zelenka stated there is a problem with feral cats in Pawnee City but we have to verify expenses with receipts which "backs up" the City and Erin. Erin explained that it would cost a lot more to spay/neuter a cat and treat it at the Baileyville Vet so she has tried to keep the costs as low as possible. DC Wiers asked for clarification on the dollar limit allowed for specific expenses for the cats. Clerk Curtis also voiced the need for clarification from the Council so the office knows what to reimburse and what is allowed as a receipt. Council Member Zelenka stated that originally, they thought the Council could spay/neuter 25 cats but now, Erin said it costs her \$100/cat so now maybe, the City will only be able to treat 10 cats but hopefully, one day they can catch up with the feral cat problems. Council Member Poskochil asked Erin for clarification on what the fixed costs will be per cat. It will cost \$40 for the spay/neuter, \$2.30 for de-wormer, \$7.00 for flea/tick, \$10 for bait and \$60 for mileage (one per trip/day). The cost for bait and mileage may not turn out to be a cost per cat. Erin stated she also buys food for bait which she usually buys salmon because cats won't enter the traps for dry food or sometimes, she uses wet cat food or tuna. Bait costs around \$10.00. Erin also purchases medicine for respiratory infections. DC Wiers asked Erin if that was agreeable or feasible for Erin? She said "no" because she works from home and this would take away from her wages. Council Member Poskochil suggested checking with the local grocery store to see if they have expired food that could be used for bait in the traps. Council Member Poskochil suggested Erin also ask SHARE for reimbursement of expenses and to look at the grant she had sent Erin for possible funding. DC Wiers again asked for clarification so there is not another miscommunication with Erin on what expenses are allowed. More discussion was had about allowable expenses and the payee(s). Council Member Poskochil suggested Erin could submit receipts for the medicine she has already purchased and charges for the cats she has already taken to TNVR program showing the dates the cats were treated. Council Member Eisenhower stated the Council could then look at this issue again towards the end of the budget year

depending upon the amount of money left in the ACB budget. Erin said so far, she has made 4 trips to Beatrice for feral cats. Council Member Eisenhauer said it would also be helpful to state how many cats can be treated per container of de-wormer, flea/tick medicine, dates for trips, number of cats treated, etc. Council Member Eisenhauer moved to revise the previous motion made at the March 25th meeting for reimbursing the Beatrice Humane Society for the TNVR program. Upon discussion with the Wild Witch Rescue, it is more beneficial for her business and the City of Pawnee City to reimburse Erin McGuire directly for \$40/cat for TNVR, and additionally for the bait, de-worming, flea/tick treatment, herpes treatment and additionally 1 round trip mileage reimbursement per day for cats delivered from Pawnee City to the Beatrice Humane Society for treatment at the current federal rate until such time as the budgeted allotted amount (currently \$1000.00) is exhausted and reviewed later in the current budget year. Clerk Curtis reviewed with Erin and the Council that Erin will need to turn in receipts, mileage reimbursement and verification of the number of cats she has taken to Beatrice for TNVR. DC Wiers asked Ms. McGuire if she had any questions about the discussion. She did not. Erin stated she will submit receipts when she pays the water bill. Council Member Poskochil explained that there will be a delayed time between the date Erin submits receipts and the day the check is processed. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review/take action on HJP Pest Control Mosquito Spraying again this year with a 4% discount for paying in advance \$2160.00 (10% increase in price from last year due to rising costs): Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve paying HJP Pest Control Mosquito Spraying in advance for \$2160.00 this year for city-wide mosquito spraying. Council Member Poskochil seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review PCAL's 2/28 regular & 3/20 special meeting minutes; Caralyn's Report for 3/27 meeting; Profit/Loss Treasurer's Report showing Dec/2023, Jan & Feb/2024 and Listing of Febr. Bills Paid: DC Wiers explained to the Council that Caralyn had said at the March meeting, she had transferred a \$1000.00 from the Money Market account to cover payroll. Council reviewed the past meeting minutes and financial reports. The money the City gave PCAL from the reserve account \$11,363.00 and money from fundraisers are listed under "other income" but should have a clearer label. Jordan Lang and Mary Marteney have both left the facility. Council Member Eisenhauer is concerned about the corrections that have been made on payroll that weren't caught before payroll was processed by a third party. Employees "clock in & out" on a computer. RHD is supposed to have started managing April 1st but nobody has seen them on site yet. The next PCAL Board meeting is scheduled for April 24th.

Review Letter/Approve Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging's request for support of \$467.50 for FY 2023-2024: Council Member Eisenhauer moved to approve Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging's request for support of \$467.50. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A Report and update from City Foreman Cumley: Review Proposal for NPPD Snow Removal/Salt; Foreman Cumley wrote a proposal for snow removal and ice treatment for the driveway in front of the NPPD garage where Pat Hatfield parks his utility truck. The proposal was written based upon 1 hour to clean snow and apply ice melt at a charge of \$80/hr for

equipment and \$30/hr for labor plus a one-time charge of \$100.00 per season for ice melt. The first bill would be \$210.00 and each bill after that would be \$110.00. Council Member Eisenhower moved to approve the proposal for snow removal and application of ice melt from G street to the NPPD shed as written in the agenda packet. Council Member Zelenka seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Foreman Cumley reminded Council that Pat Hatfield stated at the last meeting that NPPD will be responsible for any damage to the gravel on the driveway due to snow removal.

Updates to use of Jet Vac machine to display water line (2nd month); There are approximately 50 locations yet to complete and the city crew is hoping to be finished next week because there is training coming up and the crew will have to read meters after next week. They have been able to do 18 or 19 each day. **Discuss Earth Day activities with Pawnee City Schools, tentatively planned for April 26th;** The students normally clean up trash and sticks at the parks and then add mulch. Earth Day is April 22nd but will possibly be observed on April 26th. Council Member Eisenhower said that last year Mary Luedders wasn't happy with the job done at the mini park by the post office and Mary donates time and effort to make the park look better. Eisenhower said the students need to be careful with working in the VanHorne park because there could be contractors in the park on Earth Day and the students need to stay out of the way of the heavy equipment. The students could use the blower to clean the leaves off the courts. If these activities are scheduled to happen on April 26th, the City Office will be closed and the City Crew will not be available to help. The best date would be Monday, April 22nd but there is no school that day. Discussion was had about specific tasks and dates. Clerk Curtis suggested sending Mr. Kluck an email listing the tasks the City would like the students to accomplish. Council Member Eisenhower will help with the email.

Report and update from Council Member Eisenhower: Discuss 4/1 & 4/3 meetings on VanHorne Park Improvements; Council Member Eisenhower explained the sprinkler system will hopefully, be hooked up by the pavilion which is the water source for the park. Below that, the steps will be installed as shown on the picture. There are two "arc lines" drawn on the map. Those plants shown in the picture will not go in there and the stone wall will not be there, either. That East side will all be left as natural tall grasses and that will also be the new sledding hill. It will be shaped so that it will be in the "belly" of the bowl so that it avoids the stage. People will still have access to the stairs and to the pavilion if somebody wanted to take a break or have some hot chocolate, etc. The stone wall pictured will be moved further north where the other trees are at. Looking further at the picture, the area where the culvert was going to be put in, that will be done in a later phase, if at all. They want to be able to drive over the stream (creek) to access that area so they will need to install a tube in that area. The trees pictured on the north side will not be planted because of the location of the current sewer main. We do not want roots to affect the sewer main. Foreman Cumley suggested "tubing" the whole ditch because eventually the creek will erode out the sewer line and then there would be a huge sledding hill but this would not be feasible at this time. All the items surrounding the bowl on the drawing are considered part of Phase #1 and is projected to be finished by Memorial Day. This includes the stage and will be moved 10 feet so it doesn't interfere with the sewer manhole. Steve and J.E. VanHorne have developed this plan and are donating money to this project. There will be a 20' x 40' stage squared up with the steps 10 feet north of the sewer line. There will be power from the east road down to the stage and a power terminal on the northeast corner of the stage. Phase 2 of the project is over by the pickleball court. All the flowers and bushes on the sides of the court

will also be part of Phase 2. There will be room to drive (8 ft.) between Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects. The stage area will be filled with rock, gravel, sand, and concrete with steps made of stone. PCCF (Pawnee City Community Foundation) will be paying for a tree service to trim the trees completely around the amphitheater at VanHorne Park and cut down the tree by the pickleball court for a cost of \$7000.00. Council Member Poskochil would like to form a Community Theater to have productions at the VanHorne Park after the grand opening on Memorial Day. Foreman Cumley suggested the sprinkler system be installed through the pit by the restrooms. If the contractor would put the backflow device in the pit, then they wouldn't have random items sticking up in the yard that would run the risk of being broken and they also wouldn't have to worry about it freezing. Foreman Cumley will contact the contractor to discuss the details. **Discuss Pool Managers hired, etc.** Plumbing at the pool should be finished soon so the pool can open on time per Foreman Cumley. Froeschl Flooring will come back to patch the pool house floor and should cost around \$1250.00. Council Member Eisenhauer explained that Terra Blecha has been hired as pool manager and Shannon Vlcek as assistant manager. Lifeguard interviews will be held Wednesday and Thursday for 14 applicants with 6 or 7 returning from last year. The pool may not need 14 lifeguards, though, so some people may not be hired. Mayor Hatfield still has his Pool Operator license and Council Member Eisenhauer plans to obtain her Pool Operator license, soon, in case it is needed.

Ordinances (1043-1059) presented by the League of Nebraska Municipalities and recommended by City Attorney Betsy Samuelson on Final Reading: Council Member Zelenka moved to approve Ordinances (1043-1059) presented by the League of Nebraska Municipalities and recommended by City Attorney Betsy Samuelson as follows on final reading to be published in pamphlet form: **Ordinance #1043 Gambling:** proposed ordinance would create a penal provision making certain acts of gambling illegal; ordinance follows updated statutes, *Adopt as City Code 6-344*; **Ordinance #1044 Conflict of Interest Involving Contracts:** defines conflicts of interests and places restrictions on conducting business when a conflict exists, *Adopt as City Code 1-1118*; **Ordinance #1045 Garbage and Refuse:** updates the provisions of 4-201 – 4-205, *Replace 4-201 – 4-205 with new City Code 4-201*; **Ordinance #1046 Restrictions on Direction of Travel:** updates the provisions of 5-202 to provide for other forms of travel creating one-way traffic, *Adopt as City Code 5-202*; **Ordinance #1047 Abandonment, Neglect & Mistreatment:** provides greater definition of terms & clarity, *Adopt as City Code 6-205, replacing City Code 6-205 & 6-206*; **Ordinance #1048 Criminal Trespass:** enhances the definition, *Adopt with revisions to include terms of City Code 6-303*; **Ordinance #1049 Minutes:** expands on original ordinance and gives exception for serious illness or emergency, *adopt as City Code 1-506*; **Ordinance #1050 Property Tax Levy; Maximum; Authority to Exceed:** updates procedure, *adopt as City Code 1-1112*; **Ordinance #1051 Proposed Budget Statement; Contents; Availability; Correction:** includes provisions for bonds issued by the legal voters, *Adopt as City Code 1-1101*; **Ordinance #1052 Recall Procedure:** updates procedure, *adopt as City Code 1-720*; **Ordinance #1053 Sale and Conveyance; Real Estate:** updates procedure, *adopt as City Code 8-106*; **Ordinance #1054 Special Elections:** updates procedure and timeline, *Adopt as City Code 1-710*; **Ordinance #1055 Property Tax Request; Increase by more than Allowable Growth Percentage; Procedure for Setting:** proposed ordinance would update 1-1110.01 to change dates, further explain processes and add additional components to notice requirements, *recommend Adopt as City Code 1-1110.01 with new version*; **Ordinance #1056 Property Tax Request; Procedure**

for Setting: adds clarifying language to (B) and removes (G), *Adopt as City Code 1-1110 with new version*; **Ordinance #1057 Traffic Regulations; General Authority:** outlines the general authority of the City to create traffic related ordinances, *Adopt as adding City Code 5-102*; **Ordinance #1058 City Mayor; Powers and Duties:** proposed ordinance updates and clarifies the language regarding when the Mayor may vote on an item, *recommend Adopt as City Code 1-101 with new version*; **Ordinance #1059 Ordinances; Resolutions, Orders, Bylaws; Reading; Passage:** proposed ordinance updates and clarifies the language regarding when the Mayor votes and when and how the Council may suspend the reading of the ordinance, *recommend Adopt as City Code 1-605 with new version*. Council Member Poskochil seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all present voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Review Correspondence: Tree Workshop Flyer—Planting & Pruning, April 23rd @ Co. Courthouse; Council Members Eisenhauer and Poskochil have registered for this workshop along with DC Wiers. **Review email from the league re: Proposed Municipal Equalization Funds (MEF) Aid for 2024-25;** Council reviewed the eligible MEF aid figures. **Annual Franchise Fee Payment from Charter Communications;** The City received a check for \$6,727.63. **Legislative Bulletin #13—LB 1118: Bill to change how 2nd class cities remove appointed officials;** Clerk Curtis explained this bill has passed so that now, appointed officials cannot be terminated without the consent of the mayor and city council.

The Mayor and City Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 28th to hold Clerk & Foreman Evaluations before the start of regular meeting.

Council Member Poskochil moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Eisenhauer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote indicated all in favor of the motion and meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

ATTEST: Kellie A. Wiers, Deputy City Clerk

Charlie Hatfield, Mayor