



THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MINATARE CITY COUNCIL, JULY 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of Minatare, Nebraska was held in open session on July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Minatare Public Library, Main Street, Minatare, NE. Present were Councilmembers Sanchez (Council President), Grumbles, Ross, and Costa. Also present were: City Attorney, Jim Ellison; Mike Winget, Chief of Police; Matt Shannon, Police Department. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting notice in three locations, the designated method of giving notice (see attached Certificate of Posting). All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public except as otherwise indicated.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present and City business could be conducted.

1. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
2. Roll Call

OPEN MEETINGS ACT - NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14

Council President stated: As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and the Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. Approve minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims

Claims 4/23/24 thru 5/13/24

Add in the claims for the City

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to accept the resignation of Cheryl Spencer as Mayor. Second by Councilmember Ross. There was no discussion. Council President called for the vote. "AYES": Sanchez, Grumbles, Ross, Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Approve resignation of Cheryl Spencer.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes, and Claims. Second by Councilmember Ross. There was no discussion. Council President called for the vote. "AYES": Sanchez, Grumbles, Ross, Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

2. Nominate new Council President.

Motion by Council President Sanchez to appoint Frank Costa as Council President. Second by Councilmember Costa. There was no discussion. Council President called for the vote. "AYES": Sanchez, Grumbles, Costa. "NAYS": Ross. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

3. Swearing in of new Mayor, Celeste Sanchez
Council President Frank Costa swore in Celeste Sanchez as the new Mayor.

4. Open Seat for Ward I

Notice of the City Council seat for Ward 1, will be posted in four (4) areas. Names will be submitted to the Mayor. The Mayor will submit the name for the Ward 1 seat for consideration at the next Council meeting on August 13, 2024.

5. Approve the hiring and terms of employment of Karen Lojka as the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to hire Karen Lojka as the City Clerk/Treasurer. Second by Councilmember Ross. Discussion was had. She will be paid \$22.00/hour and will not be given health insurance benefits. Vacation and sick leave will be governed by the Employee Handbook. The Clerk's hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. Start date is July 29, 2024. She will potentially be taking a two-week vacation in August. Mayor called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles and Ross. "NAYS": Costa. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

6. Approve the hiring and terms of employment of Phylis Wright as the part-time City Clerk.

Motion by Mayor Sanchez to hire Phylis Wright as the part-time City Clerk/Treasurer. Second by Councilmember Costa. Discussion was had. She will be paid \$15.00/hour and will not be given health insurance benefits. Vacation and sick leave will be governed by the Employee Handbook. Her hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Council President called for the vote. “AYES”: Grumbles, Ross, Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

7. Dennis Wrecker Permission for Beer Garden for Tabor Days

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to allow Dennis Wecker to have a beer garden for Tabor Days. Second by Councilmember Costa. Discussion was had. Wecker will mark off the appropriate space and follow the laws requiring wrist bands to show legal drinking age. Mayor called for the vote. “AYES”: Grumbles, Ross, Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

8. Tiffany Hall re: veterinary payment and receivables.

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to pay Midtown Animal Hospital directly for expenses. Second by Councilmember Costa. Discussion was had. Ms. Hall wanted to let the Council know how the benefit went. The City will match \$500.00. Ms. Hall needs to figure out how to go forward. Ms. Hall presented to the Council how much money she has. She needs \$775.00 from the City. Councilmember Ross suggested that Ms. Hall could keep the account in her name, and the Council will be kept informed on what is going on. Councilmember Grumbles also mentioned that the City could pay the vet bills and keep and send Ms. Hall the receipts. \$750.00 would go to Midtown and the rest of money would go into the account for a credit. Mayor called for the vote. “AYES”: Grumbles, Ross, Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

9. Structural engineer, Steve Klaas, to inspect Community Center

Motion by Councilmember Ross to have Steve Klaas as one of the structural engineers to look at the structure of the Community Center. Second by Councilmember Grumbles. Discussion was had. Mayor Sanchez suggested that the Council have as many people as possible to look at the structure of the Community Center. Mayor called for the vote. “AYES”: Grumbles, Ross, Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: (Council reserves the right to enter closed session if deemed necessary.) None.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilmember Grumbles to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Ross. Mayor called for the vote. "AYES": Grumbles, Ross, Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

Celeste Sanchez, Mayor

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Frank Costa, Council President