

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Coleridge, Nebraska was held at the Coleridge Community Building in said Village beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2022. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Kelly Hammer and Roger Anderson. Absent, Trustee Jeremy Bruning. Others present were Leroy Cautrell, Jacie Burbach, Kati Hahne, Jeff Hansen, Sione "John" Siale, Seth Malcom and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on February 9, 2022. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is in permanent record. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk and a copy was given to each member of the Board prior to the meeting. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Hefner called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. He stated a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of a copy posted in the meeting room.

The Chairman asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. He requested adding one miscellaneous item, real estate, Motion by Hammer seconded by Anderson to amend the agenda. Hearing no objections, the Chairman declared the agenda approved as amended.

The Village Board of Trustees has an open position due to the resignation of Jessie Jackson, Leroy Cautrell agreed to fill the position. Motion by Hammer, seconded by Anderson to appoint Cautrell to fulfill the remainder of Jackson's term. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Village Clerk Sharon Anderson administered the Oath of Office to new Trustee Leroy Cautrell.

Gill Hauling site manager Sione "John" Siale presented a proposal for sanitation services. The existing contract was last updated in April 2017 and is due for renewal in April 2022. The new proposal has a price lock increase of \$1.00 per cart for the first year. The rate applies to regular 90-gallon carts, single senior citizen 35-gallon carts and additional carts. It has an annual increase of 3% or the CPI (Consumer Price Index), whichever is greater, for the remainder of the contract term. Motion by Hammer seconded by Cautrell to accept the new rates and introduce Resolution 22-02 Sanitation Rates, and move for its passage. Resolution 22-02 sets the Village sanitation rate at a \$1.00 per month increase for the residential 90-gallon cart, the single senior citizen 35-gallon cart and each additional cart for the first year; and annual price increases as stated for the remaining term. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Resolution 22-02 passed 4-0.

Jacie Burbach and Kati Hahne, representatives for the All Class Reunion, asked about installing sand volleyball courts for the All Class Reunion on July 2, 2022. By general consensus the Board agreed to help with installation and costs for the sand volleyball courts. They also spoke about other events planned for the day.

Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jeff Hansen requested permission for a Special Designated License (SDL) for use at 111 South Main Street for an event on March 19, 2022. Motion by Hammer to approve as per state law, seconded by Anderson. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed consent agenda items as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, Economic Development report, agency reports. Motion by Cautrell seconded by Hammer to approve. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Seth Malcom reported on sewer classes he recently completed; tree trimming and removal at the Community Building and at the big park. An estimate was submitted by Grizz Tree Service - Karl Tanderup for trimming and removal. Motion by Hammer seconded by Anderson to approve with work to be completed in the timeline discussed. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

An estimate was received from Love Signs for a redesign to the existing brick sign at the Community Building. Motion by Hefner seconded by Hammer to approve the sign estimate and design in blue and white. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Hammer introduced and moved for passage of Resolution 22-03, The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Anderson. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Resolution 22-03 passed 4-0.

Motion by Hammer seconded by Cautrell to approve one payment on the Park View Haven/The Embers General Obligation Bond with funds from the local 1% sales tax revenue for Community Betterment. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Bruning, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Attorney Bruce Curtiss recommended authorizing co-counsel or an additional attorney to act as a prosecution lawyer on court business, to include present animal control and dangerous dog issues. A retainer agreement can be sent. Attorney Curtiss would stay on for other Village business. Consensus of the Board was to accept the recommendations, expect a retainer agreement to be sent, and acted on at the next meeting. The Board also reiterated its prior approval to continue work on dangerous dog issues with Attorney Curtiss or his designee and the Cedar County Sheriff's Office.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; animal control, dangerous dogs; condemned housing; ARPA funds; real estate.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk

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APPROVED: 
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

