

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, August 14, 2023. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jeremy Bruning, Leroy Cautrell and Chad Frerichs. Absent, Trustee Kelly Hammer. Others present were Seth Malcom, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on August 9, 2023. 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; he stated a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of the copy posted in the meeting room.

Bruning seconded by Cautrell made a motion to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, The Chairman declared the agenda approved as printed.

The Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Kelly Hammer and appreciates his service. The process to appoint a replacement will begin immediately.

There were no comments by the public.

Consent agenda items were discussed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, Economic Development report, agency reports and nitrate report of 8.12 ppm for well 2000-1. Claims 5006 and 5008 were deferred to next month, pending additional information. Motion by Bruning seconded by Frerichs to approve. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2023 municipal well and pump results from Sargent Drilling were reviewed. The final year of a service agreement for water tower maintenance with Maguire Iron will be ending soon. By general consensus the Board is interested in a new agreement.

Village Engineers JEO advised payment of pay request #1 for the 2023 Wastewater Treatment Improvements - Aeration Repairs, to Plumbing and Electric Service for the completed project, less retainage. Motion by Hefner second by Bruning to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Other discussion regarding sewer plant; additional expense incurred during aeration tank repairs; Concrete repairs to do.

Notice of the One and Six Year Hearing was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on August 2, 2023, and posted in three locations: Coleridge Post Office, Security Bank-Coleridge and Office of the Village Clerk on August 1, 2023.

The Chairman opened a Public Hearing on the One and Six Year Street Program Plan at 7:34 p.m. The plan is to maintain existing streets by resurfacing with armor coating as needed and prepare for future street projects. Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

Bruning introduced Resolution 23-07, for the One and Six Year Street Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance and moved for its passage, seconded by Cautrell. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Resolution 23-07 passed.

Village Engineers JEO surveyed a tree line at the park adjacent to Caledonia Street. The survey confirmed the trees are not on Village property. Location of the storm sewer on East Broadway was determined.

Current wages for employees are Sharon Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer, \$20.50 per hour; Mandy Bruning, Assistant Clerk/Economic Development, \$20.50 per hour; Dennis Naslund, Utility Supervisor, \$23.50 per hour; Seth Malcom, Maintenance Supervisor, \$22.50 per hour; Mallorie Steinhoff, Housekeeping, \$14.00 per hour; Don Schultz, Mowing, \$14.00 per hour.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; Code enforcement; Annual insurance policy renewal with Northeast Nebraska Insurance; Fiscal year 23-24 budget items and recommended year end

transfers; Corona lots; Dilapidated housing; Park View Haven/The Embers; Playground equipment; Computer for EMS. Wage negotiations were tabled until the September meeting.

At 8:40 p.m. Trustee Frerichs made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee wages and performance, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. Second by Cautrell. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chairman restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss employee wages and performance, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals.

At 10:15 p.m. Frerichs made a motion to come out of closed session. Cautrell seconded. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chairman restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss employee wages and performance, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. He also stated no formal action was taken while in closed session.

Reaching the end of the agenda Chairman Hefner asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sharon Anderson
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk

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APPROVED:

George R. Hefner
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

