

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 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 9, 2023. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jeremy Bruning, Leroy Cautrell, Chad Frerichs and Brenda Lage. Others present were Annette Sudbeck and Mandy Bruning.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on October 4, 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 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 requested amending the agenda to include; approving a new member of the ambulance squad, Ambulance purchase funding, Coleridge Area Memorial Plaza and Coleridge Area Fund Park Project. Hearing no objections, The agenda was approved as amended.

The Board reviewed consent agenda items as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, agency reports. Motion by Bruning seconded by Cautrell to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A quote was received from HTM Sales Inc. for a new flow meter at the sewer plant. Motion by Bruning seconded by Cautrell to purchase as recommended by Village Engineer Roger Protzman of JEO Consulting Group. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Possible sewer repairs were discussed.

Annette Sudbeck, Coleridge Area Fund (CAF) President, presented an agreement from the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission (NGPC), for park project funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Motion by Frerichs seconded by Cautrell, to enter into the Agreement. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner spoke about plans American Legion Post 114 has to upgrade the Veterans Memorial Plaza. The plans include creating and placing a scale replica of the WW1 monument, currently by the shelter house in the main park; concrete work and fencing; eliminating grassy areas and some plants; working towards a zero maintenance footprint. Their goal is to raise \$67,000.00 and they plan to begin fundraising immediately.

Motion by Frerichs seconded by Cautrell to approve Mandy Bruning as a member of the Coleridge Ambulance squad. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Coleridge Ambulance Service was recently awarded \$75,000.00 towards a replacement ambulance, through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nebraska Ambulance and Equipment Grant. The cost of a new ambulance is approximately \$300,000.00. Remount and remanufactured units are also being considered. The EMT's are presently raising funds and the Village has budgeted a portion of the cost. The ARPA grant must be used by December 31, 2023 or it is forfeited. Plans are for bids to go out in November. Bids will be received, opened and, assuming the funding is in place, awarded at the December Board meeting.

The Board accepted the resignation of Village Utility Superintendent Seth Malcom, and thanked him for his service. Advertising for a replacement person has started.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; Code Enforcement; Dilapidated housing; Wau-Col rates; storm sewer inlet at 875 Road and Madison Street; Fire Department applied for a radio grant.

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 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST: Mandy Bruning
Mandy Bruning, Assistant Village Clerk



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