

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 14, 2024. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Terrill Cook, Leroy Cautrell, Chad Frerichs and Brenda Lage. Others present were Bruce D. Curtiss, Carter Scott, Roger Proztman, Dave and Annette Subdeck, and Mandy Bruning.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on October 9, 2024. 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 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 that 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.

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

Consent agenda items were discussed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, agency reports, Wau-Col RWS report, and nitrate report of 8.19 ppm for well 2000-1. Motion by Cautrell seconded by Lage to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Cook, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Village attorney Bruce D. Curtiss introduced Carter Scott, who recently joined Curtiss Law Offices. Carter will be working with Bruce on our legal needs. Tonight, they reported on a Corona Addition lot to be deeded back to the Village, discussed dilapidated housing legal procedures, and ordinance codes enforcement and prosecution.

Discussion with Attorneys Curtiss and Scott, and Village Engineer Roger Proztman of JEO, on the storm sewer running underground through property at 121 East Broadway and 205 East Broadway. Their recommendation is to have the storm sewer surveyed to mark its exact location, and to help determine right of way and easements.

Water and Sewer income and expenses were discussed. No increase in water rates is anticipated, however, an increase in sewer rates is needed. Motion by Frerichs seconded by Lage to increase the sewer base by \$2.00 per month and increase the usage rate by \$0.10 per thousand gallons, effective January 1, 2025. By roll call vote: Cook, aye; Lage, aye; Frerichs, aye; Cautrell, nay; Hefner, aye. Motion carried 4-1. The Village Clerk will have resolutions ready for the November Board meeting.

Motion by Cook seconded by Frerichs to keep Wau-Col RWS rates the same at \$2.70 per 1000 gallons of usage. By roll call vote: Cautrell, aye; Lage, aye; Frerichs, aye; Cook, aye; Hefner, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Annette Sudbeck, President of the Coleridge Area Fund (CAF), gave an update on progress at the Park. Most of the playground equipment is installed. Concrete walkways and handicap parking will be poured in the next two weeks. The pour-in-place rubber will be installed after that.

Motion by Frerichs, seconded by Cautrell to hire Robert Tarno as a part-time code enforcement officer. Some of the duties to include; identify Village code violations, contact property owners to remedy violations, check resident permits and licenses, other duties as necessary. By roll call vote: Cook, aye; Frerichs, aye; Lage, aye; Cautrell, aye; Hefner, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; demolition and cleanup is completed on the property at 105 East Broadway; taking back mowing of Village-owned land at Madison Street and 875 Road. LCC Middle School students will be doing service projects around the community later this month.

Reaching the end of the agenda, Chairman Hefner asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

ATTEST: Mandy Bruning
Mandy Bruning, Village Assistant Clerk



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