

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, May 9, 2022. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Kelly Hammer, Roger Anderson, Jeremy Bruning and Leroy Cautrell. Others present were Seth Malcom, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson, David and Rachel Gewock and Stefanie Brummels.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on May 4, 2022. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is in the 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 moving item F2, financial reports, from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. The Chairman asked for objections, there were none. The Chairman asked again if there are other additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the remaining items were adopted and the agenda stands as edited.

Results of research to allow chickens inside corporate limits were reviewed, as suggested during comments from the public at the April 11, 2022 Board meeting. Discussion included reading of ordinances from other towns, quantity of birds, coop sizes, square footage per bird, feed storage, annual permits, setbacks, nuisance and noise concerns, and more. Motion by Anderson seconded by Bruning to allow chickens inside the Village limits and to create updated ordinances for review and passage at the next Board meeting. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Nay; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Advertising for the housekeeping position was posted and published after recently receiving a resignation from Tina Naslund. The Board reviewed an application from Stefanie Brummels. Motion by Bruning seconded by Anderson to hire Stefanie Brummels for housekeeping at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed consent agenda items as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, claims, the Economic Development report, agency reports, Wau-Col RWS report, and nitrate report of 8.65 ppm for well 2000-1. Motion by Hammer seconded by Bruning to approve. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Item F2, financial reports, was reviewed. Motion by Hammer seconded by Anderson to approve. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Discussion on the purchase of a skid loader. In addition to the equipment specifications, a limit of \$30,000.00 was set. Motion by Cautrell seconded by Anderson to purchase. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. The Chairman assigned Trustees Hammer and Bruning to work with Maintenance Supervisor Seth Malcom to locate and purchase.

Seth Malcom reported the Memorial Park picnic shelter roof needs to be repaired or replaced. He will contact Anderson Construction to assess; Repairs are completed on restrooms at the park and they are open; Street signs for Portland, Cedar and Fulton are needed; pricing was presented for signs saying No Dogs Allowed on both ballfields. By general consensus the Board approved. Trees needing to be replaced at the ball park were discussed. Trustee Cautrell will work with Seth to identify the trees.

Motion by Bruning seconded by Hammer to approve a Fireworks Permit for Roger and Christy Anderson. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner was informed Cedar County will be using ARPA funds to replace outdated law enforcement radio equipment. The new equipment will be for the Cedar County Sheriff's Office, Cedar County Emergency Management and law enforcement in Coleridge, Laurel and Randolph.

J & JR Roofing LLC of Wayne, NE submitted a letter of intent for renovation to the house at 216 South Elm St. Options for next steps on dilapidated properties was discussed.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; animal control and dangerous dogs; Community Building outdoor brick sign rebuild; contact was made with a prospective prosecuting attorney and additional information is pending; All Class Reunion.

Reaching the end of the agenda, The Chairman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sharon Anderson
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

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

