**Minutes Of City Council**

**City Of Sargent, Nebraska**

**Regular Session**

**Sargent Community Center**

**January 9, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, met in Regular Session at the Sargent Community Center on the 9th day of January, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the City Office, U. S. Post Office, Sargent Corner Market and First National Bank on Wednesday December 27 2023. The following were present: Council Members: Micky Schneider, Gerry Sheets, Tim Clayton, Ricky Hightower, and Mayor Myers, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent Reece Jensen, and City Clerk/Treasurer Gwenda Horky.

Mayor Myers stated a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted on the east wall of the meeting room in the Sargent Community Center. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Schneider moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Clayton seconded. Voting yea: Hightower, Schneider, Sheets, and Clayton. Voting nay: None. Motion carried

Citizen Comments: Mary McDaniels thanked the City for the snow removal. Lyle Runyan complimented the City on the timely snow removal. Mark Koch thanked the Firemen for helping with the fire at his house. Mr. Koch said that were was a tree at the library that was hanging over the sidewalk by four feet and four inches. The letter inviting Mr. Koch to the 1-9-2024 meeting did not give a ten day notice to him, and that he was suing the City for condemning his building at 502 W Main.

Mark Koch reported that he has put concrete on the outside of the building at 502 W Main Street, repaired the back wall and installed supports in the basement.

Council Member Schneider moved to postpone the Special Use Permit for 411 W Main and 417 W Main. Council Member Hightower seconded. Voting yea: Clayton, Hightower Schneider, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Schneider moved to approve Clinton Marsh and Della Pulley to the Key Villa Board. Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Schneider, Sheets, Clayton, and Hightower. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Clayton moved to approve a Community Development loan to Clinton Marsh/Sargent Tire for $30,000.00. Council Member Hightower seconded. Voting yea: Schneider, Hightower, Clayton, and Sheets.

Council Member Schneider moved to deny a Community Development loan to Brian Burns. Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Hightower, Schneider, Clayton, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Schneider introduced Ordinance # 531

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARGENT, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA CREATING THE OFFENSE OF OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VILATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDNING FOR PUBLISCATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Council Member Schneider moved that the statutory rule requiring reading of three different days be

suspended, that Ordinance 531 be read by number only and placed on final passage Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Hightower, Clayton, Sheets, and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Council Member Schneider moved that Ordinance No. 531 be passed, approved and published as provided by law. Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Clayton, Hightower, Sheets, and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. The Major then stated the question “Shall Ordinance No. 531 be passed and adopted?” Voting yea: Schneider, Clayton, Hightower, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. The Major declared Ordinance No. 528 duly adopted.

Council Member Sheets moved to approve the Special Liquor License on January 20, 2024 for The Rescue Bar & Grill at the Community Center. Council Member Hightower seconded. Voting yea: Hightower, Schneider, Clayton, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Schneider moved to approve the health insurance renewal with United Health Care for the employees. Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Clayton, Hightower, Schneider, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Schneider moved to deny the building permit for Tom Kleb at 201 N 4th Street for a storage unit. Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea: Clayton, Hightower, Schneider, and Sheets. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports were given

The Mayor announced that the Council was going into executive Session for the protection of the public interest to discuss employee retirement.

Council Member Schneider moved that the City of Sargent adjourn into Executive Session at the hour of 7:30 for the protection of the public interest to discuss employee retirement. Council Member Sheets seconded.  Voting yea:  Sheets, Schneider, Hightower, and Clayton.  Voting nay:  none. Motion carried.

Council Member Schneider moved to reconvene into regular session at the hour of 8:01  Council Member Sheets seconded. Voting yea:  Hightower, Clayton, Schneider, and Clayton. Voting nay: None

Motion made by Council Member Sheets and seconded by Council Member Clayton to adjourn the meeting. Voting yea:, Schneider, Sheets, Clayton, and Hightower.. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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| **Community Development** | | |  |  |
|  | **Check #** | **Date** | **Vendor** | **Amount** |
|  | 216 | 1/9/2024 | Clinton Marsh | 30,000.00 |
|  |  |  | Loan |  |
|  | 217 | 1/9/2024 | Clinton Marsh | 3,000.00 |
|  |  |  | Grant |  |
|  | 218 | 1/9/2024 | Custer Economic Development Corporation | 750.00 |
|  |  |  | Dues |  |
| **Municipal** | |  |  |  |
|  | 267 | 12/28/2023 | Sargent Municipal Utilities | 330.39 |
|  |  |  | CIO utilities |  |
|  | 12367 | 12/29/2023 | Gwenda Horky | 115.31 |
|  |  |  | 3.3% of 2022 insurance premium |  |
|  | 12368 | 12/29/2023 | JD Keefe | 141.26 |
|  |  |  | 3.3% of 2022 insurance premium |  |
|  | 12369 | 12/29/2023 | Reece L. Jensen | 115.31 |
|  |  |  | 3.3% of 2022 insurance premium |  |
|  | 12370 | 12/29/2023 | Tim Divine | 109.71 |
|  |  |  | 3.3% of insurance premium |  |
|  | 12375 | 1/9/2024 | Appeara | 52.49 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 12376 | 1/9/2024 | Corner Market | 32.07 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 12377 | 1/9/2024 | Edghill Motors | 223.25 |
|  |  |  | Mower Maintenance |  |
|  | 12378 | 1/9/2024 | Hometown Leasing | 71.52 |
|  |  |  | Printer Lease |  |
|  | 12379 | 1/9/2024 | Maverick Truck Stop | 215.00 |
|  |  |  | Grader Maintenance |  |
|  | 12380 | 1/9/2024 | The Parts Bin | 28.04 |
|  |  |  | Equipment Maintenance |  |
|  | 12381 | 1/9/2024 | Trotter's Whoa & Go | 782.47 |
|  |  |  | Fuel |  |
|  | 12382 | 1/9/2024 | Verizon | 40.01 |
|  |  |  | IT Equipment |  |
|  | \*12388 | 1/30/2024 | CDS | 1,500.00 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Administration |  |
|  | 12389 | 1/30/2024 | CDS | 3,114.17 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Administration |  |
|  | 12390 | 1/30/2024 | Central NE Economic Development District | 1,445.00 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Administration |  |
|  | 12391 | 1/30/2024 | Chris Jones Construction | 8,018.90 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Maintenance |  |
|  | 12392 | 1/30/2024 | Chris Jones Construction | 9,682.46 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Maintenance |  |
|  | 12393 | 1/30/2024 | Eickmeie Construction | 8,250.00 |
|  |  |  | Disaster Housing Maintenance |  |
|  |  |  | Municipal January Payroll | 14,946.15 |
| **Utility** |  |  |  |  |
|  | 14350 | 1/9/2024 | Appeara | 45.41 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 14351 | 1/9/2024 | Border States Industries, Inc | 3,244.95 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 14352 | 1/9/2024 | Central District Health Department | 128.00 |
|  |  |  | Lab Test |  |
|  | 14353 | 1/9/2024 | Corner Market | 43.02 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 14354 | 1/9/2024 | Dept of Energy | 5,837.16 |
|  |  |  | Purchase Energy |  |
|  | 14355 | 1/9/2024 | J & J Sanitation | 8,213.78 |
|  |  |  | Customer Fees - 7,133.78 |  |
|  |  |  | City Roll Off - 1,080.00 |  |
|  | 14356 | 1/9/2024 | Joe Lamb | 150.00 |
|  |  |  | Meter Deposit Refund |  |
|  | 14357 | 1/9/2024 | Mick Kozeal | 75.98 |
|  |  |  | Travel to Elba |  |
|  | 14358 | 1/9/2024 | Maguire Iron Inc | 2,175.00 |
|  |  |  | Maintenance to Water Tower |  |
|  | 14359 | 1/9/2024 | NE Public Health Env Laboratory | 16.00 |
|  |  |  | Lab Test |  |
|  | 14360 | 1/9/2024 | Nebraska Central Telephone Company | 303.50 |
|  |  |  | Phone & Internet |  |
|  | 14361 | 1/9/2024 | Postmaster | 462.00 |
|  |  |  | Postage |  |
|  | 14362 | 1/9/2024 | Richard's Electric | 740.00 |
|  |  |  | Supplies & Work on 1-4-2024 |  |
|  | 14363 | 1/9/2024 | Sargent Drilling Co | 1,050.00 |
|  |  |  | Efficiency Test |  |
|  | 14364 | 1/9/2024 | The Parts Bin | 60.20 |
|  |  |  | Supplies |  |
|  | 14365 | 1/9/2024 | Trotter's Whoa & Go | 505.64 |
|  |  |  | Fuel |  |
|  | 14366 | 1/9/2024 | Troy Gavin | 151.96 |
|  |  |  | Travel to GI water School |  |
|  | 14367 | 1/9/2024 | Tyff Klein | 150.00 |
|  |  |  | Meter Deposit Refund |  |
|  | 14368 | 1/9/2024 | Cathy's Computer Services | 48.16 |
|  |  |  | web cam |  |
|  |  |  | Utility January Payroll | 22,261.40 |