

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA
Special Session
Sargent Community Center
August 19, 2009**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, met in Special Session at the Sargent Community Center on the 19th day of August, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the City Office, U. S. Post Office, and First National Bank on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. The following were present: Mayor Bernard Griebel; Council Members: Jan Oeltjen, Tim Leibert, Bob Nitchie and Mick Kozeal. Also present were City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Mike Criss, City Clerk/Treasurer, Gwenda Horky and Kathy Drake

Mayor Griebel publicly stated to all in attendance that 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 Griebel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Leibert moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie and Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Griebel opened the public hearing concerning the CDBG application to NDED for Disaster Funding at 6:31 pm. Discussion followed. Public hearing was closed at 6:40 pm

Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent authorize Miller & Associates to apply for the CDBG application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Disaster Funding on behalf of the City of Sargent. The City is requesting \$11,742 for Sanitary Sewer (Activity 0270: \$7,711). Streets/Bridges (Activity 0230: \$1,031) and general administration (Activity 0181: \$3,000) The estimated amount of funds to benefit low-moderate income persons is \$4,149 for Activity 0270, Activity 0230 \$555, and \$1614 for Activity 0181. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2009-04 concerning the authorization of the Mayor to sign all grant related documents. Council Member Nitchie moved that the City of Sargent adopt Resolution 2009-04 authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Sargent to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents, or other memoranda between the City of Sargent and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development be approved. Council Member Leibert seconded.. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kozeal moved that the City of Sargent approve the contract with Miller & Associates for the Drainage Feasibility Study for the lump sum fee of \$12,000 with additional services being charged according to the noted hourly rates. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Action regarding the CDBG application for economic development planning will take place at the September meeting.

Council Member Leibert moved that the Building Permit for a fence and Sidewalk Lease between the City of Sargent and the Palladium owned by Lori L. Arnett, be approved and put into force immediately. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

The need for the purchase of the Municipal Code books was brought to the attention of the council. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons. Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent purchase the Nebraska Basic Code book for American Legal Publishing for the year 2009 for \$695 with the year 2010 being free, and also purchase six additional books at \$75.00 each. Council

Member Kozeal seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Al Schmidt of the Middle Loup Power and Irrigation was present to inform the council that some bridge repair needs to be done. The council informed Mr. Schmidt that the decision the Irrigation board made would not interfere with the city.

Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent accept the Quit Claim Deed from Gayelynn Felker conveying the real estate located at Lots One(1), Two (2) and Three (3), Block Twelve(12), Original Town of Sargent. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, and Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about an interlocal agreement between Taylor and Sargent. Taylor needs a Utility Superintendent for their sewer system. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Wallace has talked to Mike Criss about planting trees in the city right-of-way on his lot. Discussion was held. Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent allow Dean Wallace to plant trees in the city right-of-way. Council Member Nitchie seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Nitchie. Voting Nay: Leibert, Kozeal. Mayor Griebel casted the deciding vote yea. Motion carried.

Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent adjourn into closed session at the hour of 8:24 p.m. for the protection of the public interest to discuss personnel issues. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, Kozeal. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Griebel announced that the Council was going into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss personnel issues.

Council Member Kozeal moved that the City of Sargent reconvene into regular session at the hour of 8:58 p.m. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, Kozeal. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kozeal moved to give effective August 29, 2009 a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment raises to full-time city employees with the exception of Bill Gumb who will receive the raise when he has completion the GED requirement. The new city clerk Gwenda Horky will start at \$11.00 per hour, a review at the end of 90 days with a possible increase at that time. In light of reduction of required responsibilities, the City is changing the Deputy Clerk title to Billing Clerk with a wage of \$9.75 per hour with benefits remaining at ½ vacation of full-time employees and up to \$250.00 for yearly eye exam. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Nitchie, and Kozeal. Voting nay: Leibert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Leibert and seconded by Council Member Oeltjen to adjourn the meeting. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Nitchie, Kozeal, Leibert. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor, Bernard Griebel

City Clerk, Gwenda Horky