

CITY OF TERRYTOWN
Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 9th, 2024

The City of Terrytown Council met on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, at 6:30 PM, for their regular monthly meeting at the Housing Partners of Western Nebraska Community Room, at 89A Woodley Park Road in the City of Terrytown. Notice of said meeting was published in the Star-Herald according to Nebraska State Law. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Christopher Perales. Council Members present in person were Tyler Feil, Mike Minzey, Emily Norman, and Brandon Ettleman. City Clerk Jennifer Mattern was present and took minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Mayor Perales pointed out the location of the poster for the Open Meetings Act, a copy which is also available on the City of Terrytown website.

Owner of 21 – 24 Terry Blvd, Don Krug addressed the council, requesting the council assist with the bill for March water usage as he had a leak and this caused the amount of the ordinary bill to double. Council discussed that the City had previously adjusted bills due to leaks on the consumer side. Norman moved to reduce the water usage amount for the March water usage by 50% in the amount of \$146.52. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Norman, Minzey, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Colleen Johnson, Old West Balloon Fest brought a report to the council regarding 2023 Old West Balloon Fest statistics. She spoke regarding expansion of the "Kids Camp", a free activity to the youth, giving for more registration spots. They have, also, added coloring books and other features. She requested a monetary contribution from the Council. Minzey confirmed that in the past we have contributed \$2,500, and that Terrytown has been contributing for the past four years to the Old West Balloon Fest. Norman moved to contribute \$2,500 from the general Community Betterment fund for the 2024 Old West Balloon Fest. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Feil, Minzey, Norman, and Ettleman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Former resident of 40 Canyon Drive, Paul Snyder, requesting assistance for his sewer line replacement from the curb to the City's sewer main as the main is on the opposite side of the street. Council reviewed the information and discussed the responsibility of the resident for the line up until it connects to the City's main. Feil understood the frustration, but having recently had to replace his, personal, sewer line that went into the street, and that was his responsibility. Feil moved to take no action on Snyder's request for financial assistance with replacement of the sewer line from the curb to the main. Minzey seconded the motion. Aye's: Minzey, Norman, Ettleman, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Anita Doggett was not present to discuss the Carpenter Center Remodel, but City Clerk Mattern provided an overview of the changes in the City's existing offices.

Minzey moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 11th, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Norman, Ettleman, Feil, and Minzey. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Feil moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 2nd, 2024 Special City Council Meeting. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Ettleman moved to approve the Payment of Regular Claims for April, 2024. Feil seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, Minzey, and Norman. Nay's: none. Motion carried. *claims to follow minutes

Owner of Triple H Properties, Donna Hartman and Cinda Munoz, Property Manager/Buyers Reality addressed the council regarding a claim filed against the City in September of 2023. The claim related to water lines installed through sewer lines on Ridge Drive, which appear to have occurred during the 2019-2020 installation of the City's water meter project. At the September regular Council Meeting, the City Council acknowledged the claim, but specifically took no action. A voiced concern at that time was that the amount claimed included numerous items on plumbing invoices which bared no relation to any sewer line matters. Ms. Hartman reduced the prior claim from \$25,774.34 to \$16,510.65, but the Council reviewed the claim, questions again arose about leaking toilets and other unrelated items. Additionally, Mayor Perales pointed out that the invoices in one place stated that the entire sewer line had been replaced and later that the line was again being replaced. Norman moved to, again, take no action on the amended claim as presented. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Minzey, Norman, Ettleman, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Council received the Revenue and Expense reports for April 2024.

City Attorney, Libby Stobel, presented the council with charts outlining past, and proposed employee pto benefits. She requested direction for vacation/sick leave vs pto. When consulted, the employees' consensus was a preference for vacation and sick time Feil moved to approve using vacation/sick time in the new Employee Manual. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Feil, and Norman. Nay's: Minzey. Motion carried.

Feil moved to use the presented chart for the 2022 revisions to the Vacation/Sick/Floating Holiday policy. Including for part-time employees have half of the hours as full-time employees. Norman seconded the motion. Aye's: Ettleman, Norman, Minzey, and Feil. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Stobel, spoke to Council regarding the ongoing nuisance issue at 84 Michael Street. Anne Reker, Code Enforcement Officer, has delivered numerous notices and letters over a period of more than a year and Stobel has sent letters with no significant action taken. She provided the council with options to prosecute or abate the nuisance, but that either make take significant time and money on behalf of the City. Norman moved to postpone discussion, until the next regular meeting, regarding nuisance issues at 84 Michael Street. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Feil, Minzey, Norman, and Ettleman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Under public comment, Anna Teghtmeyer from Around the Town News requested to speak with the Mayor.

Norman moved to adjourn until the next Regular City Council Meeting at 8:34 p.m. Ettleman seconded the motion. Aye's: Minzey, Norman, Feil, and Ettleman. Nay's: none. Motion carried.

Christopher Pucalis
Mayor, City of Terrytown



Payment of Claims April 2024

General: US Treasury –Taxes, \$4,001.65; NE Dept. of Revenue – State Tax, \$625.92; Capital Bank & Trust –IRA, \$847.22; Child Support – Garnishment, \$164.10; Airmedcare Network – Air Link Insurance, \$300.00; Guardian Life Insurance – Life Insurance, \$56.00; Jennifer Mattern – League Conference, \$200.00; Principal Life Insurance Co. –Eye Insurance, \$44.88; Humane Society – Pest Control, \$463.50; Scb County – Interlocal Agreement, \$881.07; G-works –online users, \$336.00; Intralinks Inc. – IT Support, \$304.00; Visa – Clerk School/Purchases, \$1,119.42; NPPD – 48 Gary Street, \$448.43; Verizon – Cell Phones, \$260.00; Simmons, Olsen Law Firm – Contracted Services, \$4,260.00; Column Software, PBC – Seasonal Position Notice, \$12.04; Badly Bent – 3 - \$50.00 Gift Cards, \$150.00; Police Department - Contracted Services, \$11,461.67; Anne Reker – Printer Ink, \$32.58; Century Business – Copier/Copies, \$224.34; Pitney Bowes Global Financial –Lease, \$169.29; Pitney Bowes INC. – Postage, \$500.00; Print Express – Envelopes, \$375.90; Wyoming First Aid & Safety – Len Cleaner, \$35.99 **Street:** US Treasury – Taxes, \$885.62; NE Dept. of Revenue – Taxes, \$143.10; Capital Bank & Trust –IRA, \$169.17; Child Support – Garnishment, \$84.65; Cyclone Express – Gas/Oil, \$715.22; Panhandle Co-op – Road Grader Tires, \$137.98; Hi Performance –Car wash, \$18.00; NPPD – Power, \$2400.86; Schaff & Associates, M.C. – Contracted Services, \$2808.00; Column Software, Publication, \$17.05 **Keno:** NPPD – Power, \$113.02 **Water:** US Treasury –Taxes, \$468.98; US Treasury – Taxes, \$563.58; NE Dept. of Revenue –Taxes, \$169.53; Capital Bank & Trust – Simple, \$169.20; Child Support – Garnishment, \$127.20; Hennings Construction – Repairs, \$3,850.00; Hi Performance - Car wash, \$10.50; NPPD – Utilities, \$541.91; Column Software, PBC – Quality on Tap, \$1109.20; Terry Carpenter Inc. – Well land lease, \$562.61; Enviro Service ,Inc. Labs, \$50.00; Allo Communications – SCADA/Landline/Internet, \$259.80; Pitney Bowes Inc. – Postage, \$500.00; James Dean Biberos – Utility Return, \$100.00 **Electric:** City of Gering – 2120 Country Club, \$108.42; NPPD – Power, \$31.58 **Sewer:** US Treasury - Taxes, \$772.93; NE Dept. of Revenue – Taxes, \$126.93; Capital Bank & Trust – IRA, \$126.52; NE Child Support – Garnishment, \$94.96; One call Concept – Locates, \$13.90; NPPD – Power, \$319.58; Schaff & Associates, M.C. – Council Meeting, \$416.00; Waste Connections – Trash Collection, \$7,667.54; Terry Carpenter Inc. – Sewer Land Lease, \$400.00; Enviro Services, Inc. – Sewer lab Fees, \$215.00; Print Express – Statement Paper, \$78.45 Payroll, \$18,729.62