



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield City Hall
170 North 3rd Street

CALL TO ORDER

- Public announcement that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the entry to the meeting room
- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are approved in one motion unless removed by a Council Member. Removed items will be placed under the Regular Agenda for consideration and action by the Council.

1. Approve Minutes of the August 3, 2021 Council Meeting
2. Approve Treasurer's Report

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Andrew Rainbolt, Grow Sarpy – 2nd Quarter Report
2. Consider an Application for a Special Designated Liquor License submitted by The Blind Pig LLC for a special event on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at the Springfield Community Building, 104 Main Street
3. Consider approval of **Resolution 2021-21** entering into a Lobbying Agreement between the United Cities of Sarpy County and Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC for lobbying services before the Nebraska State Legislature and Governor
4. Accept Rick Lee's resignation as City Water Operator, tentatively effective September 3, 2021
5. Consider approval of **Resolution 2021-22** appointing city officials
6. Consider a pay increase for Heath Shemek to accept additional responsibilities as City Water Operator
7. Discuss Rick Lee's annual review and consider a proposed merit increase

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Sewer Department – Michael Neitzel
2. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
3. Street Department – Dan Craney
4. Water & Parks Department – Kacie Murtha
5. Mayor’s Report – Bob Roseland
6. City Staff Reports

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 o’clock p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. Herzog arrived at 7:05 p.m. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three public places, one of the designated methods of giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the Mayor and all Council Members and a copy of their receipt of notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The Mayor 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 in the room where the meeting was being held.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Craney, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Motion carried.

The City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$3,933,558.95 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury-\$205,650.54; Prestige Bond-\$1,045,503.35; Keno Community Betterment-\$291,208.30; Keno Progressive Jackpot-\$50,000.00; Water Deposit Savings-\$4,206.22; Refundable Deposit Savings-\$1,228.06; Water Tower Savings-\$229,608.34; Sewer Restricted-\$232,677.51; Water Capital Facilities Fees-\$112,836.93; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees-\$624,333.73; City Sales Tax-\$3,837,407.42; Money Mark Library Bricks-\$3,970.81; Government Securities-\$116,075.40; Library Savings-\$20,633.68; ASIP at Pinnacle-\$1,230,359.60; Time Certificates as follows: Bond-\$79,618.51; Tower-\$59,578.33; Water-\$131,000.13; Library Bricks-\$13,404.29; Library Restricted-\$41,839.81; Cash Receipts-\$1,820,789.41; Cash Disbursements-\$184,321.53.

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Andrew Rainbolt, Grow Sarpy Director, presented the 2nd quarter report. He reviewed the entities name change from Sarpy County Economic Development Corporation to Grow Sarpy. He said the organization wanted to update their look and logo and it turned into a name change to reflect what the group does. Rainbolt reviewed building permit valuations, platted lots, labor force statistics and business interactions.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Murtha, to approve the Special Designated Liquor License submitted by The Blind Pig LLC for a special event on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at the Springfield Community Building, 104 Main Street. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3. Council Member Murtha introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Council Member Craney seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution and on roll call the following Council Members voted in favor of said motion: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. The following voted against the same: Herzog. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted. A true, correct, and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
2021-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOBBYING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED CITIES OF SARPY COUNTY AND KISSEL, KOHOUT, ES ASSOCIATES L.L.C. FOR LOBBYING SERVICES BEFORE THE NEBRASKA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, the cities of Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion and Springfield (UNITED CITIES OF SARPY COUNTY) desire to promote the common legislative interest of the five cities which make up the “United Cities of Sarpy County”; and

WHEREAS, the cities have agreed that it is in their best interest to hire a joint lobbyist to lobby the Nebraska legislative and executive branches with regard to Nebraska legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have identified the need for a lobbyist as a strategic initiative and will appropriate funds in the FY21-22 municipal budget for the hiring of a lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, the mayors of the United Cities of Sarpy County have recommended Joe Kohout with Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. to continue serve as their joint lobbyist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a lobbying agreement between the United Cities of Sarpy County and Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. for lobbying services before the Nebraska State Legislature and Governor.

Ayes: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney

Nays: Herzog

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Kathleen Gottsch, City Clerk

Agenda Item 4. Motion by Craney, seconded by Herzog, to accept Rick Lee's resignation as City Water Operator. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5. Council Member Herzog introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Council Member Craney seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution and on roll call the following Council Members voted in favor of said motion: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted against the same: None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted. A true, correct, and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
2021-22**

Appoint City Officials

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA:

that the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, with the consent of the City Council, appoints the following persons to act as the municipal city clerk/treasurer, the municipal engineer, the municipal attorney, the municipal street commissioner, the municipal street superintendent, the municipal maintenance superintendents, the municipal fiscal agent, the municipal auditor, the municipal building inspector, and the municipal electrical inspector, who shall hold their offices for one (1) year unless sooner removed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council as per Springfield Municipal Code.

1. Clerk/Treasurer: Kathleen R. Gottsch
2. Municipal Engineer: Olsson
3. Municipal Attorney: William E. Seidler, Jr.
4. Municipal Street Commissioner: Kent Maystrick
5. Municipal Street Superintendent: Justin Stark, Olsson, License No. 1534, Class A, By Contract
6. Municipal Water and Sewer Superintendent: Heath Shemek
7. Municipal Fiscal Agents: Ameritas, Piper Sandler & Co.
8. Municipal Auditor: Ric Ortmeier, CPA
9. Municipal Building Inspector: Sarpy County Building Department
10. Municipal Electrical Inspector: Sarpy County Building Department

Introduced and Passed this 17th day of August, 2021.

City Council Member Herzog moved the adoption of said resolution.

City Council Member Craney seconded the motion.

Record of Vote:

Ayes: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Kathleen Gottsch, City Clerk

Agenda Items 6 and 7. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to move regular agenda items 6 and 7 into executive session. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Report 1. No Department Report from Neitzel.

Report 2. Herzog reported that the library allowed the school to use a portion of their parking lot during Main Street construction.

Report 3. Craney reported that he is working with Kent Maystrick on street related items. Maystrick plans for additional street repairs this summer/fall. He will also be working to move his workshop from the City Hall building to the new maintenance facility. A concrete pad extension will be poured east of the new shop. He inquired if the SYAA was still using the material storage bay at the new shop. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, reported that SYAA still intends to use the bay for ball field material storage. They did not utilize it last year due to COVID and the cancellation of baseball.

Report 4. Murtha reported that the hand railing was installed along the tiered seating at Buffalo Park. It just needs to some touch up paint.

Report 5. Mayor Roseland reported that the next sewer agency board meeting is August 25.

Report 6. No additional city staff reports.

Executive Session

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to enter into executive session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to leave executive session at 7:46 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Craney, to approve a \$4.00 per hour pay increase to Heath Shemek for becoming the Water Operator. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Craney, seconded by Herzog, to approve a 0% merit increase for Rick Lee, Water Operator, with appreciation for his years of service and the value he brought to the Springfield community. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Murtha, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on August 17, 2021; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that

such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Kathleen Gottsch, City Clerk