Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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 February 20, 2024, Council Meeting
- 2. Approve Claims and Payroll
- 3. Consider approval of a Special Designated Liquor License to Sandbar Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Inc. for their fundraising event on April 12, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, 100 Main Street, Springfield

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Sarpy County Sheriff's Monthly Service Report
- 2. Conduct a Public Hearing for an application submitted by Patrick Ackerman, applicant, and Jim and Sharon Shaw, owners, for the operation of a winery and micro-brewery/pub (Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing) located on Tax Lots 12A and 12B, Section 25, Township 13, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, generally located at 17111 and 17145 S. 138th Street, Springfield, Nebraska
- 3. Consider approval of **Resolution 2024-8** entering into a Conditional Use Permit Agreement with Patrick Ackerman, applicant, and Jim and Sharon Shaw, owners, for the operation of a winery and micro-brewery/pub (Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing) located on Tax Lots 12A and 12B, Section 25, Township 13, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, generally located at 17111 and 17145 S. 138th Street, Springfield, Nebraska

- 4. Jim Rosser, 600 Maple Street Discuss moving the 1st disc golf basket further away from his property
- 5. Consider approval of Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club's request to either close 1st Street from Main Street to the alley north of the Community Building or to use the public parking lot west of the Community Building for a food truck to park during their Market Day event on April 27, 2024
- 6. Consider approval of Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club's request to place a free mini food pantry on city owned property
- 7. Discuss Connie Manzer's annual review and consider a proposed merit increase
- 8. Offer employment to a candidate for the Director of Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment position; consider offering employment to a second candidate for a general maintenance position

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 1. Water & Sewer Department Mike Neitzel
- 2. Library & Community Building Michael Herzog
- 3. Parks Department Kacie Murtha
- 4. Street Department Dan Craney
- 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 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. 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 Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Check #	Account ID	Account Description	Debit Amount	Name
General		·		
48086	7480-10-10	Janitorial-Gen	250.00	5 Tool Restoration & Cleaning Service
EFTPS 3/6/24	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	140.68	Aflac
48089	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	51.70	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
48091	7260-10-10	Printing-Gen	290.02	Bear Graphics
EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	2,961.29	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48096	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	1,000.75	Core Technologies, Inc
48100	7205-10-10	Subscriptions-Gen	5.00	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7230-10-10	Postage/Shipping-Gen	8.73	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	14.87	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	8030-10-10	Supplies-Gen	23.98	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	8010-10-10	Office Supplies-Gen	127.98	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7330-10-10	Telephone-Gen	176.56	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7250-10-10	Publication Costs-Gen	239.95	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	259.99	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7180-10-10	Education-Gen	273.00	First National Bank of Omaha
48101	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	88.42	Five Points Bank
48101	8140-10-10	R&M Equipment-Gen	126.29	Five Points Bank
EFTPS 3/1/24	2140-10-10	Deferred Compensation-Gen	2,835.47	ING
EFTPS 3/1/24	2100-10-10	Federal W/H Payable-Gen	2,226.74	Internal Revenue Service
EFTPS 3/1/24	2120-10-10	FICA Payable-Gen	4,171.05	Internal Revenue Service
48108	7030-10-10	Prof Svcs-Planning-Gen	1,175.00	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	115.74	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48115	7320-10-10	Natural Gas-General	89.76	Metropolitan Utilities District
EFTPS 3/7/24	2130-10-10	State W/H Payable-Gen	1,943.12	Nebraska Department of Revenue
48120	7010-10-10	Prof Svcs-Engineer-Gen	449.40	Olsson
48121	7310-10-10	Electricity-Gen	249.56	OPPD
48124	7230-10-10	Postage/Shipping-Gen	20.81	Petty Cash
48124	8200-10-10	Miscellaneous-Gen	50.00	Petty Cash
48125	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	132.88	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48122	7025-10-10	Prof Svcs-CPA-Gen	23,200.00	Ric Ortmeier, CPA
48126	7046-10-10	Prof Svcs-Building Inspector	4,541.56	Sarpy County Building Inspector
48104	7200-10-10	Dues-Gen	45.00	Sarpy County Economic Development Corp
48127	7060-10-10	Animal Control-Gen	410.00	Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator
48128	7050-10-10	Law Contract-Gen	10,162.00	Sarpy County Treasurer
48130	7020-10-10	Prof Svcs-Legal-Gen	2,452.40	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
48134	7280-10-10	Laundry-Gen	143.81	Walkers Uniform Rental
48123	7340-10-10	Waste Disposal-Gen	33.27	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			60,486.78	
Sales Tax				
48131	9089-15-10	Community Events-Sales Tax	27.98	Springfield Ace Hardware
Total			27.98	
Library				

48088	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	479.62	Amazon Capital Sonvices
48089	6084-20-10	Aflac-Lib	22.40	Amazon Capital Services Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
48090	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	72.00	Baker & Taylor
EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	492.16	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48096	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	50.00	Core Technologies, Inc
48100		· ·	103.10	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	7330-20-10 7480-20-10	Telephone-Lib Janitorial-Lib		Marcie Schmieder
		Health Insurance-Lib	300.00	
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-20-10		26.34	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48115	7320-20-10	Natural Gas-Lib	150.01	Metropolitan Utilities District
48113	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	54.79	MicroMarketing, LLC
48121	7310-20-10	Electricity-Lib	206.53	OPPD
48125	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	100.03	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48087	9062-20-10	Security System-Lib	87.20	The ADT Security Corporation
48123	7340-20-10	Waste Disposal-Lib	38.20	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			2,182.38	
Library Restricted				
48092	8070-21-10	Library Supplies-Lib Rest	273.28	Brodart Co.
48103	8060-21-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib Rest	49.50	Cengage Learning Inc/Gale
48095	8060-21-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib Rest	91.68	Center Point Large Print
48101	9010-21-10	Office Equipment Lib Rest	93.51	Five Points Bank
48102	8130-21-10	R&M Building-Lib Rest	525.00	Floors Inc
48113	8060-21-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib Rest	26.95	MicroMarketing, LLC
48117	7180-21-10	Education-Lib Rest	45.00	Nebraska Library Association
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48117	7180-21-10	Education-Lib Rest	60.00	Nebraska Library Association
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EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	505.06	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48093	8120-30-10	Fuel-Park	181.93	BRP Investments
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	26.34	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48121	7310-30-10	Electricity-Park	563.07	OPPD
48124	9020-30-10	Vehicle-Parks	15.00	Petty Cash
48125	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	34.88	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48123	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	83.83	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
48123	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	147.71	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			1,557.82	
Community Building				
48110	9400-40-10	Refund-Community Bldg	100.00	Allison Lundquist
48099	7480-40-10	Janitorial-Community Building	250.00	Executive Janitorial Corporation
48115	7320-40-10	Natural Gas-Community Bldg	321.26	Metropolitan Utilities District
48121	7310-40-10	Electricity-Community Bldg	116.86	OPPD
48134	7280-40-10	Laundry-Community Bldg	208.24	Walkers Uniform Rental
		Waste Disposal-Community		
48123	7340-40-10	Bldg	87.83	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			1,084.19	
Water				
EFTPS 3/6/24	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	29.12	Aflac
48089	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	8.75	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
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EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	1,408.26	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48093	8120-50-20	Fuel-Water	181.40	BRP Investments
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	44.70	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48114	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	69.06	Midwest Laboratories
48116	9042-50-20	Meter Upgrades	16,099.15	Municipal Supply
EFTPS-Feb 2024 SI Tx	2200-50-20	Sales Tax-Water	3,187.36	Nebraska Department of Revenue
48119	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	237.55	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
48118	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	492.00	NEPublic Health Environmental Lab
48120	9090-50-20	New Well-Water	1,489.61	Olsson
48098	7430-50-20	Digger's Hotline-Water	29.86	One Call Concepts, Inc.
48121	7310-50-20	Electricity-Water	1,331.47	OPPD
48125	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	46.56	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48078	7040-50-20	Prof Svcs-Other-Water	10.00	Sarpy County Register of Deeds
48148	7230-50-20	Postage/Shipping-Water	218.89	US Postal Service
48133	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	49.11	Verizon Wireless
Total	7330 30 20	receptione water	24,932.85	Verizon VIII eless
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EFTPS 3/6/24	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	29.12	Aflac
48089	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	8.75	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	1,125.98	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48093	8030-60-30	Supplies-Sewer	10.38	BRP Investments
48093	8120-60-30	Fuel-Sewer	181.38	BRP Investments
48106	8140-60-30	R&M Equipment-Sewer	1,235.00	Iowa Pump Works, Inc.
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	44.70	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48114	7420-60-30	Testing-Sewer	525.14	Midwest Laboratories
48120	7010-60-30	Prof Svcs-Engineer-Sewer	484.88	Olsson
48121	7310-60-30	Electricity-Sewer	3,572.39	OPPD
48125	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	46.55	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48130	7020-60-30	Prof Svcs-Legal-Sewer	150.00	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
48148	7230-60-30	Postage/Shipping-Sewer	218.89	US Postal Service
48133	7330-60-30	Telephone-Sewer	8.61	Verizon Wireless
Total		·	7,641.77	
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Street				
EFTPS 3/1/24	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	318.48	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
48093	8120-70-40	Fuel-Street	970.87	BRP Investments
48094	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	123.17	Carroll Construction Supply
48097	8130-70-40	R&M Building-Street	2,010.00	DH Pace Company, Inc
48100	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	6.99	First National Bank of Omaha
48100	8040-70-40	Supplies-Safety/Medical-Street	50.98	First National Bank of Omaha
48107	8160-70-40	R&M Grounds-Street	30.97	Island Sprinkler Supply Company
EFTPS 3/8/24	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	26.34	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
48115	7320-70-40	Natural Gas-Street	637.33	Metropolitan Utilities District
48112	8225-70-40	R&M Street Signs&Posts- Street	630.23	Michael Todd & Company
48119	7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	158.24	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
48121	7310-70-40	Electricity-Street	2,697.50	OPPD
48125	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	33.51	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
48131	8160-70-40	R&M Grounds-Street	4.37	Springfield Ace Hardware
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48131	8225-70-40	Street	16.36	Springfield Ace Hardware

8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	169.90	Springfield Ace Hardware
9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	299.00	Springfield Ace Hardware
9037-70-40	Heavy Machinery-Street	10,268.60	Ty's Outdoor Power & Service
7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	8.61	Verizon Wireless
7290-70-40	Uniform Allowance-Street	20.52	Walkers Uniform Rental
7340-70-40	Waste Disposal-Street	73.19	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
		18,555.16	
9174-80-70	Keno CB Project	25,650.00	Derek McMillin
9175-80-70	Community Bldg-Keno	252.76	Home Depot Credit Services
9174-80-70	Keno CB Project	3,700.00	Karschner, Corey W - WRB Inc
		29,602.76	
	Water Deposit Refunds	0.00	
	Payroll	53,888.99	
	VOYA Retirement ER	6,584.82	
	Medical Reimbursement	222.62	
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REGULAR AGENDA

Agenda Item 1. Cpt. Tori Boldt with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department reviewed the monthly service report. Cpt. Boldt discussed the progress with parking violations, traffic stops and disturbance calls.

Agenda Item 2. A Public Hearing of the Springfield City Council was opened at 7:10 p.m. to consider an application submitted by Patrick Ackerman, applicant, and Jim and Sharon Shaw, owners, for the operation of a winery and micro-brewery/pub (Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing) located on Tax Lots 12A and 12B, Section 25, Township 13, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, generally located at 17111 and 17145 S. 138th Street, Springfield, Nebraska. Ackerman stated the winery and brewery operations will remain consistent with Shaw's use of the property. Future plans include additional food options and either an Airbnb in the existing home or a venue for wedding party suites. No one else from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the conditional use permit. After all those wishing to speak were offered an opportunity to be heard, the Mayor recommended the hearing be closed. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to close the public hearing. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Agenda Item 3. Council Member Murtha introduced **Resolution 2024-8** and moved its adoption. Council Member Craney seconded the foregoing motion and on roll call on the passage and adoption of said resolution, the following voted YEA: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and said resolution passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PATRICK ACKERMAN, APPLICANT, AND JIM AND SHARON SHAW, OWNERS, FOR THE OPERATION OF A WINERY AND MICRO-BREWERY/PUB (SOARING WINGS VINEYARD

& BREWING) ON PROPERTY ZONED RURAL ARTS/TOURISM DISTRICT AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS TAX LOTS 12A AND 12B, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE 6^{TH} P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 17111 AND 17145 SOUTH 138TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, the applicant and owner of the above described property have made application for approval of a conditional use permit for the operation of a winery and microbrewery/pub (Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing) based upon the criteria prescribed in Springfield Zoning Ordinance on property zoned Rural Arts/Tourism District; and

WHEREAS, the city planner, city engineer, city attorney, city administrator and other agencies have reviewed such application; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 13, 2024, regarding the application and has made a recommendation of approval to the City Council for the conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Springfield held a public hearing regarding such application on March 5, 2024, and is agreeable to the conditional use permit, subject to certain conditions and agreements as set forth in the conditional use permit agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Springfield hereby approves and issues the conditional use permit to Patrick Ackerman, applicant, and Jim and Sharon Shaw, property owners, for the operation of a winery and micro-brewery/pub (Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing) on Tax lots 12A and 12B, Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, subject to certain conditions and agreements as set forth in the conditional use permit agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

City Council Member Murtha 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

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Barbarba Henninger, City Clerk

Agenda Item 4. Jim Rosser, 600 Maple Street, presented issues he is having with disc golf basket #1 behind his home. Mayor Roseland suggested the city install a net system in the park to cover the homes directly affected by the overthrow of discs at basket #1. Craney suggested changing the direction of the throw at this basket. Gottsch suggested we look at the opposite end of the course and see if a change can be made to eliminate the location of basket #1. Craney offered to get in touch with the association that helped develop the layout of the course to find the best solution.

Agenda Item 5. Beth Meister-Carlson, 185 N. 7th Street, with the Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club requested permission to either close North 1st Street from Main Street to the alley north of the Community Building or to use the public parking lot west of the Community Building for a food truck to park during their Market Day event on April 27, 2024. Murtha is good with the closing as long as the alley is accessible. Motion by Murtha, seconded by Herzog, to close North 1st Street from Main Street to the alley north of the Community Building for one or two food trucks to park from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 27, 2024, for the Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club's Market Days event. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6. Kate Wagner, 19375 Little Prairie Lane, with the Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club requested to place a free mini food pantry on city owned property. The club will build and maintain the contents of the pantry box for at least three years, checking it weekly. If approved, their plan is to have the pantry open by June 1, 2024. If there comes a time when they can no longer maintain the pantry, they will remove it or pass it on to another association to continue to maintain. Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Herzog, to approve the Springfield Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club's request to locate a free mini food pantry inside the vestibule of Springfield Memorial Library contingent on the approval of the Library Board. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Items 7 & 8. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to move agenda item 7, regarding Connie Manzer's annual review and proposed merit increase, and agenda item 8, regarding offering employment to a candidate for the Director of Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment position, and offering employment to a second candidate for a general maintenance position, into executive session. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda item 1. Neitzel reported we have received a large shipment of new water meters for replacement of older non-working meters and new properties.

Agenda item 2. Herzog reported the community building maintenance is completed. The winter programs are done, and the spring program is getting underway at the library.

Agenda item 3. Murtha reported Tyler Holdorf, Parks Director, Gottsch and Murtha met with members of the Springfield Baseball Association and Springfield Platteview Community Schools to discuss the baseball field at Buffalo Park.

Agenda item 4. No Department Report from Craney.

Agenda item 5. Mayor Roseland reported that east of town the sewer pipe is making good progress. The pump station is being installed. The sewer project is still on track to be active by the end of the year.

Agenda item 6. Gottsch reported the sewer rate study is closer to being finalized. Gottsch plans to create educational material for the public regarding future sewer rates. The new Utility Billing Hub is scheduled to start onboarding April 1. Gottsch handed out a few applications at the high school career fair last month for seasonal summer help. A steering committee meeting for the new comprehensive plan is scheduled for Monday, March 25.

Executive Session

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to enter into executive session at 7:59 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Murtha, to leave executive session at 8:48 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to approve a \$.75/hour merit increase to Connie Manzer, Assistant Library Director. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Murtha, to offer employment to Chris Woodman for the Director of Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment position at the rate of \$30.00/hour under the condition that the background check comes back clear. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Craney, to offer employment to a second candidate for the general maintenance position at an hourly rate of pay to be determined under the condition that the background check comes back clear. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. 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 March 5, 2024; 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.

Barb Henninger, City Clerk