

Official
City Council Minutes
City of Wood River, Nebraska
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Wood River, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 108 W. 10th St, on February 21, 2023. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publicized notice on February 15, 2023 in the Clipper and the Grand Island Independent. An agenda for the meeting, was kept continuously current, and was made available for public inspection on the City's website (woodriverne.com).

Mayor Greg Cramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Nielsen, Rennau, Rodriguez, and Thompson. Rotter absent.

City Officials Present: Ashley Manning, City Clerk; Christina Wemhoff, Treasurer; Brent Gascho, Utilities Superintendent

Public Present: Sara Arnett; Neal Niedfelt; Same Reinke

The **Mayor** led the Council Members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cramer advised the public body of the Open Meetings Act that is posted in the meeting room and entry hall.

Items on the consent agenda for approval were:

January 17, 2023 and February 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Disbursements reviewed this month by: **Thompson & Rennau**

Disbursements totaling: **\$22,848.50**

Checks not on list: **\$86,730.21**

Sales Tax Paid: **\$7,196.66**

Payroll: **\$38,387.97**

Payroll Tax: **\$8,041.90**

Retirement: **\$3,969.62**

Wedding Reception 6/24/23 4:00pm – 1:00am

Balz Inc.
3421 West State St
Grand Island, NE

Babels Barn
510 W Old Military Rd
Wood River, NE

Nielsen made the motion to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Sara Arnett was present to explain the RBDG revolving loan grant, asking the City to apply for the grant. The maximum amount that can be applied for is \$99,900. Funding would be used as a revolving loan to new and expanding businesses in town as well as training. A committee would oversee the application processes and recommend applicants and interest rates to Council for final approval. **Nielsen** motioned to approve moving forward with the City applying for the Rural Business Development Grant. Motion seconded by **Rodriguez**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Nielsen motioned to introduce Resolution 2023-186 authorizing application for rural business development grant in the amount of \$99,900. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Sam Reinke and Neal Niedfelt were present to summarize the SPPD annual report stating that wholesale rates are increasing about 7/10 and the PCA incentive has decreased by about \$40,000. They also spoke of the many rebate/incentive programs that are offered through SPPD that all of Wood River's electric customers are able to apply for.

Ashley Manning explained that the City's fire alarm panel requires 2 land lines. When the City switched to internet based phone service, one of the land lines connected to the panel was disconnected. Nebraska Safety and Fire came out to provide a quote to install IP/Cell Communicator so that the City wouldn't need to reconnect an additional landline. **Rodriguez** motioned to approve the quote from Nebraska Safety and Fire in the amount of \$1,935.00 for installation of IP/Cell Communicator. Motion seconded by **Nielsen**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Council discussed the proposed employee handbook. Some changes were proposed by Council regarding sick time, part time holiday pay, and the options regarding paying out unused time earned vs accrued. The committee will meet on Monday to make the changes and present an updated version at the next council meeting.

Mayor Cramer stated that he received two letters of interest for the vacant Ward 1 Council seat, term ending 2024. After some discussion, **Rennau** motioned to approve appointing Dakota Klingsporn to the vacant Ward 1 seat. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Nielsen motioned to approve reimbursement for façade improvements on WRDTR-03 in the amount of \$12,814.12. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Rennau motioned to approve draw request #20 in the amount of \$12,814.12 for project #19-DTR-108. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Rodriguez motioned to approve payment to CDS Inspections (Invoice OOR-A41) for housing management services in the amount of \$1,300.00. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Thompson motioned to approve payment to SCEDD (Invoice 1511) for grant administration in the amount of \$3,200.00. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Thompson motioned to approve draw request #26 in the amount of \$4,500.00 for project #19-TTDR-34089. Motion seconded by **Rodriguez**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Nielsen motioned to approve the quotes received from ABC Seamless for the pool house, pump house, and ball field announcers stand damages sustained during the summer hail storm in the total amount of \$181,280.00. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 4/0. **Rotter** absent.

Christina Wemhoff summarized the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023.

Department Remarks:

None.

Council Remarks:

Thompson: Ball park lights – asked Brent if he had contacted Ensley Electric yet, he has not. Need to put together a committee to go over the City's equipment and get a list of what equipment needs replaced/repaired.

Nielsen: asked that the treasurer's report be uploaded to the website as a supplement to the agenda each month.

Mayor Remarks:

None.

As there was no further business to come before this session of the Council, Council member **Thompson** made the motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion seconded by **Rennau**.

You can find agenda request forms and minutes from previous meetings on the city's website at www.woodriverne.com/agendaform.htm. You can preview all ordinances and resolutions at the city office during regular business hours.

Greg Cramer, Mayor

Ashley Manning, City Clerk

CLAIMS

3/7/2023

ABBREVIATIONS USED: RP=REPAIRS, SU=SUPPLIES,
 SE=SERVICES, IT=INS/TAXES/RETRM, RE=REIMBURSEMENTS
 UE=UTIL. EXPENSES, DM=DUES/MEMBERSHIPS/FEEES, SP=SALARIES
 PAID, ER=ELECTRICAL REBATE, MI=MISCELLANEOUS, OE=OPERATING
 EXPENSES, CD=CD'S PURCHASED

General Fund

CLIPPER	SE	29.01
NEBR SAFETY FIRE	SE	135.00
CAPITAL BUS SYSTEMS	SE	454.86
BORDER STATES	RP	717.14

Street Fund

FASTENAL	SU	108.12
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Sewer Fund

KELLY SUPPLY	SE	130.95
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Fire Fund

TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	SU	331.55
NATIONWIDE	IT	100.00

Electric Fund

HANSEN INTL TRUCK	RP	808.88
WESCO	SU	1141.80
WAPA	UE	1846.20
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	SE	11.58

Police Fund

HALL CO SHERIFF	SE	7719.23
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Senior Center Fund

DENNIS WAGONER	RE	306.54
STICK CREEK KIDS	SU	832.00

Pool Fund

CHARTER	SE	49.99
CENTRAL DIST HLTH DPT	DM	140.00
ERIC ROSE PLUMBING	RP	4618.19
NEBR DPT ENVIRO ENERGY	DM	40.00

Variety Fund

VILLAGE UNIFORM	SE	301.68
VERIZON	UE	175.70
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SE	330.00
GABRIELA RODRIGUEZ	SE	330.00
PRESTO-X	SE	176.28
BTS COMM	UE	2477.35
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UE	1025.68
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UE	538.65
LOOP	SE	3750.00
DOLLAR GENERAL	SU	47.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	MI	6465.42
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	SE	264.13
WILLIS REPAIR	MI	256.53
CITY OF WR	UE	7462.61
FIVE POINTS BANK	IT	100.00

REVIEWED BY: _____

COUNCILPERSON _____

TOTAL DISB.	\$	43,222.07
CHECKS NOT ON LIST	\$	17,536.33
	\$	60,758.40

Checks not on list

36930 GREG CRAMER	12814.12
36931 CDS INSPECTIONS	1300.00
36932 SCEDD	3200.00
36933 USPS	222.21

RESOLUTION 2023-187

**REQUEST FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,
INC. TO ASSIST WITH A NAHTF APPLICATION
FOR A RENTAL REHABILITATION CONVERSION**

WHEREAS, Wood River is within a member county of the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Wood River would be the eligible Applicant for a Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) under the Rental Rehabilitation – Conversion Category; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wood River desires to have grant application assistance for this NAHTF conducted by SCEDD in partnership with the Developer; and

WHEREAS, SCEDD provides this service for no fee to member counties of the South Central Economic Development District, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City of Wood River agrees to provide a local point of contact to work with SCEDD in the fulfillment of said services;

WHEREAS, the City of Wood River agrees to accept full responsibility for following all grant guidelines and fulfilling all grant requirements serving as the ‘pass-through’ agent for all expenses and reimbursements with the Developer and the Department of Economic Development in the event the funds are awarded;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wood River requests and authorizes SCEDD to provide grant application assistance for this Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund opportunity.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Number	Time and Date	Nature	Address	Loctn	Dsp
Agency: Hall Co. Sheriff's Office					
L23021625	18:57:52 02/22/23	911 Hang Up	407 ELEVENTH ST E, Wood Ri	WOOD	CLO
L23020899	03:36:41 02/12/23	Agency Assist	904 COTTONWOOD ST, Wood Ri	WOOD	CLO
L23020269	12:38:19 02/04/23	Alarm	1514 MARSHALL ST, Wood Riv	WOOD	CLO
L23021715	12:05:08 02/24/23	Animal Abuse	610 TWELFTH ST E; PACKERS	WOOD	CLO
L23020286	17:21:49 02/04/23	Assault		WOOD	EJR
L23020576	03:18:01 02/08/23	Assault Domesti		WOOD	EAR
L23020710	14:59:14 02/09/23	Assist Medical		WOOD	CLO
L23021157	18:17:50 02/15/23	Assist Medical		WOOD	CLO
L23021422	09:13:22 02/20/23	Assist Medical		WOOD	CLO
L23021565	05:04:14 02/22/23	Assist Medical		WOOD	CLO
L23021375	09:35:54 02/19/23	Citizen Assist	1102 MARSHALL ST, Wood Riv	WOOD	CLO
L23021646	10:01:40 02/23/23	Civil Dispute	110 NINTH ST E; HERITAGE B	WOOD	CLO
L23020909	08:44:14 02/12/23	Civil Forfeitur		WOOD	CLO
L23021348	22:20:27 02/18/23	Fail To Pay	306 EAST ST, Wood River, N	WOOD	CLO
L23020021	09:14:48 02/01/23	Fraud	108 EIGHTH ST W; CASEYS CO	WOOD	EAR
L23021895	12:41:35 02/27/23	Fraud	308 ELEVENTH ST E, Wood Ri	WOOD	CLO
L23021841	16:35:48 02/26/23	Illegal Dump	210 GREEN ST E, Wood River	WOOD	CLO
L23020472	08:14:38 02/07/23	Motorist Assist	US HIGHWAY 30 W & COTTONWO	WOOD	CLO
L23020671	07:03:19 02/09/23	Theft	108 EIGHTH ST W, Wood Rive	WOOD	INA
L23021687	00:13:33 02/24/23	Traffic Offense	US HIGHWAY 30 W & COTTONWO	WOOD	CLO
L23020068	17:45:55 02/01/23	Traffic Stop	THIRTEENTH ST E & EAST ST,	WOOD	CLO
L23020239	22:16:38 02/03/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23020268	12:30:35 02/04/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & COTTONWO	WOOD	CLO
L23020460	03:28:16 02/07/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & MAIN ST,	WOOD	CAA
L23020516	13:48:44 02/07/23	Traffic Stop	130TH RD S & SCHULTZ RD W,	WOOD	CAA
L23020753	01:14:51 02/10/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & PINE ST,	WOOD	CLO
L23020860	15:46:56 02/11/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23020868	20:07:57 02/11/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23020869	20:21:36 02/11/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23021064	13:54:28 02/14/23	Traffic Stop	140TH RD S & 140TH RD S, W	WOOD	CAA
L23021356	00:52:09 02/19/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & PINE ST,	WOOD	CLO
L23021387	14:58:35 02/19/23	Traffic Stop	COTTONWOOD ST & US HIGHWAY	WOOD	CAA
L23021390	15:18:23 02/19/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & WALNUT S	WOOD	CLO
L23021750	20:20:21 02/24/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23021754	21:15:35 02/24/23	Traffic Stop	WALNUT ST & US HIGHWAY 30	WOOD	CLO
L23021849	19:00:04 02/26/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & MAIN ST,	WOOD	CLO
L23021925	20:08:14 02/27/23	Traffic Stop	US HIGHWAY 30 W & COTTONWO	WOOD	CLO
L23020862	16:18:43 02/11/23	Warrant	1104 HARRISON ST, Wood Riv	WOOD	CLO
L23021427	10:16:28 02/20/23	Warrant	1104 HARRISON ST, Wood Riv	WOOD	CLO
L23021589	13:29:17 02/22/23	Warrant	211 TENTH ST E, Wood River	WOOD	CLO
L23020727	19:29:59 02/09/23	Welfare Check		WOOD	CLO
Total Incidents for This Agency:					41

Total Incidents for This Report: 41

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 02/01/23` and `23:59:59 02/28/23`
All agencies matching `HCSO`
All officers
All dispositions
All natures
All locations matching `WOOD`
All cities

03/01/23
11:17

Hall County Sheriff's Office
Law Incident Summary Report, by Nature

1013
Page: 2

All clearance codes
All observed offenses
All reported offenses
All offense codes
All circumstance codes

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RICK CONRAD
SHERIFF OF HALL COUNTY

City – County Public Safety Center
111 Public Safety
Drive
Grand Island, NE 68801

Office 308-385-5200
Fax 308-385-5209



JOSH BERLIE
CHIEF DEPUTY

"To Serve and Protect
Since 1859"

March 1, 2023

Ashley Manning
Wood River City Clerk
P.O. Box 8
Wood River, Nebraska 68883

Dear Ashley,

The following information is the law enforcement activity conducted by the Hall County Sheriff's Department in Wood River during the month of February, 2023.

<u>Patrol Time</u>		<u>Detail Time</u>		<u>C.I.D.</u>	
147.25 Hours		24.10 Hours		0.00 Hours	
911 Hang Up	1	Citizen Assist	1	Motorist Assist	1
Agency Assist	1	Civil Dispute	1	Theft	1
Alarm	1	Civil Forfeiture	1	Traffic Offense	1
Animal Abuse	1	Fail to Pay	1	Traffic Stop	17
Assault	1	Fraud	2	Warrant	3
Assault Domestic	1	Illegal Dump	1	Welfare Check	1
Assist Medical	4				

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Conrad

Rick Conrad
Sheriff of Hall County

RC/jb
enc.



Jim Pillen
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Hobert B. Rupe
Executive Director
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 95046
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509-5046
Phone (402) 471-2571
Fax (402) 471-2814 or (402) 471-2374
TRS USER 800-833-7352 (TTY)
Web Address <https://www.lcc.nebraska.gov>

Today's Date: February 21, 2023
From: Rebecca Roberts (rebecca.roberts@nebraska.gov)
To: Wood River City Clerk

I have attached a copy of a new corporate manager application submitted to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Please complete the following information below to indicate your recommendation.

Licensee Name: Casey's Retail Company
Trade Name (DBA): Casey's 2606
License Number: D-124317
Manager Name: Sieck, Christopher C
Due Date: April 07, 2023

- APPROVED
- NO LOCAL RECOMMENDATION
- DENIED

COMMENTS: (YOU MAY ATTACH MINUTES AND/OR ADDITIONAL NOTES)

Clerk's Name: _____ Date: _____



February 28, 2023

Greg Cramer
Mayor, Wood River
108 W 10th Street
PO Box 8
Wood River, NE 68883

RE: Wood River Advance Assistance Project (Drainage Improvements)
Progress Report for the Period ending January 31, 2023
FHU Project Number 119362-05
Submitted with Invoice Number **36400**

Dear Greg:

This report for the above referenced project describes progress made in the past period, any deliverables submitted, the status of the budget and schedule, and estimates progress to be made in the upcoming period. To help with the quarterly reporting and grant reimbursement requests, I am including a budget summary for each grant task, along with project management cost summary and detail as requested by NEMA. Also included is Invoice No. 36400 in the amount of **\$77,882.50** with a total billed-to-date amount of **\$305,011.81** which represents approximately 55% of the original contract amount.

Progress This Period

Progress on the drainage improvement plans for all locations continued this period. Both the FHU design and the W Design Associates plan components progressed to the point of a submittal to you. This included preliminary structural plans for the box culverts within US Hwy. 30 right-of-way. We worked on developing right-of-way details to determine where property rights may need to be acquired and coordinating on utilities.

The Environmental team did a critical habitat and Threatened/Endangered species review and coordinated with NE Game and Parks for that evaluation. They completed the Hazardous materials and wetland delineation reports. They also finished the Environmental Justice documentation. We finalized drafts for the required public involvement material and a public involvement plan, including the fact sheet and letter to stakeholders.

Work also continued on drafting the Hazardous Mitigation Grant application.

Project management tasks included coordination with Ashley and NEMA on grant management, and meeting with NEMA for a monthly progress report.

Deliverables This Pay Period

Preliminary plans were sent to the City on 1/26/2023.

Meetings

Our coordination meetings with W Design and Associates have moved to biweekly or as needed until further development is indicated. I met with the NEMA team on January 19, 2023, for a monthly coordination and progress check in meeting.

Anticipated Progress in the Next Period

In the next period I anticipate we will update hydraulic data based on the design, work on defining wetland impacts and right-of-way status. We will be working on computing project quantities to get an estimate for the benefit cost analysis. I will be reaching out to NDOT to coordinate work with them as well. We would like to visit with you to gain feedback on the plans and public involvement materials as well.

Budget and Schedule Status

As noted above, at the end of this period we are 55% through the budget for the work on the Advance Assistance (Drainage Improvements) project. I will continue to work with Ashley to provide assistance on the submittal documentation for reimbursement from NEMA.

As you know, we are grateful for the opportunity to work with you, and we look forward to Wood River having these drainage improvements constructed and functioning. If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please feel free to contact me at 402-438-7530 or jodi.kocher@fhueng.com.

Sincerely,

FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG



Jodi E. Kocher, PE
Sr. Water Resources Engineer
Enclosures

MYERS HEATING AND A/C, INC.

318 E CAPITAL AVE
 GRAND ISLAND NE 68801

Phone # 308-382-8153 mjmyers_2@msn.com

Fax # 308-382-8153

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
2/2/2023	17594

Bill To
COLBY HAYES P O BOX 36 WOOD RIVER NE 68883

Terms	Due Date
Net 30	3/4/2023

Item	Description	Amount
Service Equipment	1-18-2023 1012 EAST ST WOOD RIVER NE Service call - No Heat Replaced the transformer and fuse. Checked operation.	
Transformer	#At140B1214	27.00
Fuse	3 AMP	2.00
LABOR		126.00

* THANK YOU * PLEASE PAY FROM INVOICE	Total Balance Due \$155.00
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