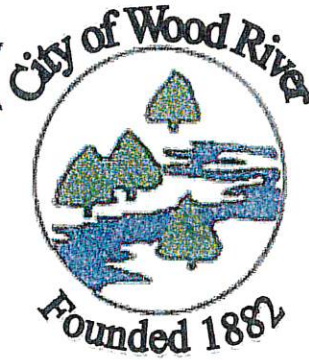




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## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

2024 January 16

TIME: 7:00 PM

BILL READERS: RENNAU & KLINGSPORN  
PUBLIC NOTICE: (FOLLOWING PAGES)

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

### II. ROLL CALL:

### III. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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.

### IV. CITY COUNCIL OF WOOD RIVER DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

The City of Wood River abides by the open meetings act in conducting business. A copy of the open meetings act is displayed around the board room and in the hall as required by state law. The City Council may vote to go into closed session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

### V. CITIZENS WITH BUSINESS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA.

(Comments may have a limitation of 15 minutes per topic. The purpose of the public comment is for the presentation of an item to the City Council that is not on the agenda) (As required by State Law, no matter may be considered under this item unless Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.)

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed under consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed and will be considered after completion of the consent agenda.)

VI. Regular Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024.

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VI. Disbursements \$22,526.76

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VI. Checks not on list \$111,633.03

VI. Payroll for December 2023 \$33,015.00



- VI. Payroll Tax \$6,914.25
- VI. Retirement \$2,427.08
- VI. Sales Tax Paid \$5,640.89
- VI. Pool Sales Tax Paid \$106.60

**VII. UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**  
(City Council may vote to go into **CLOSED SESSION** on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.)

- 1. MAYOR CRAMER discuss/approve bids received for asbestos abatement at Legacy Station. Handout
  
- 2. BRENT GASCHO discuss/approve attending snowball conference.
  
- 3. BRENT GASCHO discuss streets storage building.
  
- 4. CHRISTINA WEMHOFF discuss treasurer’s report for December 2023. Handout

**VIII. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**IX. MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

**X. DEPARTMENTS REMARKS:**

**XI. NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

February 6 | February 20 | March 5

**Official  
City Council Minutes  
City of Wood River, Nebraska  
Regular Meeting  
January 2, 2024**

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. 10<sup>th</sup> St, on January 2, 2024. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publicized notice on December 27, 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, Rotter, Rennau, Thompson, Rodriguez, Klingsporn.

**City Officials Present:** Christina Wemhoff, Treasurer; Brent Gascho, Utilities Superintendent.

**Public Present:** Deputy J. Jones; Veronica Kaufman.

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:

**December 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Disbursements reviewed this meeting by: **NIELSEN & RENNAU**

Disbursements totaling: **\$78,306.09**

Checks not on list: **\$59,107.55**

Sunlife Financial: **\$169.52**

Blue Cross BlueShield: **\$5,447.37**

Lincoln Financial Group: **\$495.12**

Redwing Software **\$15.00**

Ameritas **\$59.16**

Clearly **\$355.01**

Zero Fee **\$29.99**

**Rennau** made the motion to approve items on the consent agenda. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried. 5/0. Nielsen abstained.

Deputy J. Jones summarized the Sheriff's Report for December 2023.

**Nielsen** motioned to introduce Ordinance 585 AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE PAY SCALE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO REFLECT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE and move that the statutory rule requiring the ordinance to be read three (3) separate times be suspended. Motion seconded by **Rotter**. Motion carried 6/0. **Nielsen** motioned that Ordinance 585 be passed on its final reading by title only. Motion seconded by **Rotter**. Motion carried 6/0.

Council was informed that part time library assistant Ana had given her notice as she had taken another job. **Rotter** motioned to approve advertising for the open library assistant position. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Nielsen** motioned to approve payment to JEO (Invoice 147277) in the amount of \$3,000.00 for work completed on the 2023 Electrical System Improvement project. Motion seconded by **Thompson**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Thompson** motioned to approve payment to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (Invoice 39665) in the amount of \$2,681.25 for advanced assistance project work. Motion seconded by **Rodriguez**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Thompson** motioned to approve payment to IES (Invoice 542032019-02) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for stored materials for the ball field lighting projects. Motion seconded by **Rodriguez**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Thompson** motioned to approve payment to Diamond Engineering in the amount of \$100,951.78 (Invoices 5043, 5044, 5045, 5046) for street repairs. Motion seconded by **Nielsen**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Rotter** motioned to approve annual review for Marty Brown moving him to a step 2 on the pay scale for a new hourly rate of \$24.39. Motion seconded by **Rennau**. Motion carried 6/0.

**Department Remarks:**

None.

**Council Remarks:**

Thompson will be absent at the January 16 meeting.

**Attorney Remarks:**

None.

**Mayor's Remarks:**

None.

As there was no further business to come before this session of the Council, Council member **Nielsen** made the motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion seconded by **Rennau**.

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Greg Cramer, Mayor

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Ashley Manning, City Clerk

CLAIMS

1/16/2024

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

**General Fund**

CHRISTINA WEMHOFF	RE	40.00
ASHLEY MANNING	RE	40.00
NEBR SAFETY & FIRE	SE	690.00
CRYSTAL CLEAN CARPET	SE	1614.00

**Street Fund**

CHAD SHUDA	RE	40.00
HOOKER BRO SAND	SU	190.06
CONSOLIDATED CONCRETE	SU	363.10
CPI	SU	924.88
INTERSTATE BATTERY	SU	72.00
MURPHY TRACTOR	SU	111.61

**Sewer Fund**

MARTY BROWN	RE	40.00
NEBR DEE	DM	150.00
PLATTE VALLEY LAB	SE	162.50
HACH	SU	92.52

**Fire Fund**

O'REILLY	SU	2.37
INTEGRATED SECURITY	SE	1020.00

**Electric Fund**

BRENT GASCHO	RE	40.00
CINTAS	SU	138.16
NMPP	UE	2000.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	SE	13.48
CRESCENT ELECTRIC	SU	228.94
WAPA	UE	1964.57
SPPD	UE	9.74
ARNOLD MOTORY	SU	166.76

**Water Fund**

ZANE STRODE	RE	40.00
CENTRAL DIST HEALTH	SE	184.00

**Police Fund**

HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	7950.80
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**Senior Center Fund**

DENNIS WAGONER	RE	140.17
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**Ambulance Fund**

OMNI	SE	797.34
MCCOUN TRUCK	SU	1191.92
GRAHAM TIRE	RP	

**Variety Fund**

CLIPPER	SE	167.98
NT&T	UE	230.77
GABRIELLA RODRIGUEZ	SE	210.00
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SE	310.00
SVEHLA LAW	SE	925.00
WILLIS REPAIR	SU	264.09

TOTAL DISB.	\$	22,526.76
CHECKS NOT ON LIST	\$	111,633.03
	\$	134,159.79

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Checks not on list:

37802 JEO	3000.00
37803 FHU	2681.25
37804 IES COMMERCIAL	5000.00
37805 DIAMOND ENG	100951.78