

The Council met in regular session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Lindahl at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Gerry Tyler, Jim Svoboda, and Kevin Dunbar. Absent: Stuart Krejci.

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the month of March as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month.”

A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Acceptance of excused absence of Krejci.
2. Minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Council
3. Minutes of February 4, 2016 meeting of Planning Commission
4. Licenses: Plumbers: Dennis Wellman, 21st Century Builders, Mead; Jimmy Bragg, Jimmy’s Plumbing, Inc., Omaha. Electrician: Rod Kubr, Kubr Electric, Wahoo.

Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: Krejci. Motion carried.

Department head reports were presented. Jansa reported crews are still working on snow cleanup. The Mayor and Council members thanked the Street department for their efforts. Denise Lawver reported great attendance at the “read to a dog” program at the library. Harrell reported a draft of a social media policy will be ready for review at the next meeting, to guide management of use of Facebook and other sites by departments, and My Sidewalk, which will be used for citizen input on the Comprehensive Plan revision. She reported results of the sales tax audit by the Department of Revenue. Svoboda reported the Airport Authority has run an ad for the maintenance contract at the airport. The Mayor and Harrell provided a guidance document for the Citizens Advisory Committee that is working on the Comp Plan amendment.

Joe Coyle, representing SBA Towers, appeared to request the lease option period for the site at 15th and Hackberry be extended for an additional six months, due to delays in the construction schedule. Motion by Dunbar, seconded by Lawver, to approve request from SBA Towers to extend lease option period from a three-month option period to a six-month option period, until September, 2016, and authorize the Mayor to sign documents when approved by legal counsel. Roll call vote: Dunbar, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Absent and not voting: Krejci. Motion carried.

Dennis Stuchlik addressed the Council with concerns about parking congestion and safety along Broadway south of 1st Street, and requested no parking signs along one side of the street. The Street committee will look at the situation.

Tyler reported on the Lincoln Foundation meeting he and Krejci attended, and discussed the capital improvement plan.

Svoboda asked about the status of household hazardous waste collection. In the past, Grand Island Clean Community System obtained grants and partnered with Wahoo and other communities to

conduct collections; they now focus on their own community. Harrell has contacted Fremont for information about the grant process, and the possibility of partnering in the future.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor