

City of Valentine
Regular Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
Thursday, December 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Nebraska was held December 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting was given according to law. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A public information council agenda packet was available at the public information table. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

Council President Kyle Arganbright opened the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Ross Brockley, Neil Wescott, Brad Arnold. Absent: Kalli Kieborz Also in attendance were City Manager Shane Siewert and City Clerk Deanna Schmit who recorded the minutes.

Councilmember Brockley made a motion to approve consent agenda items: #2a) Regular Library Board meeting minutes of November 27, 2023; #2b) Regular Golf Course Board meeting minutes of October 9 and November 13, 2023; #3a) Regular meeting of November 9, 2023; #4) October, 2023 Financial Reports; #5) November, 2023 Receipt Report; #6) November, 2023 Claims & Payroll. Councilmember Wescott seconded the motion. Voting yes: Arnold, Wescott, Arganbright, Brockley. Motion carried unanimously.

Jess Hurlbert project engineer with Olsson, gave an update on the landfill slope correction and license renewal.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Brockley, to accept the proposal to have Olsson complete a new blighted and substandard study to make tax increment financing available in areas of town beyond the current area south of the Cowboy Trail. Voting yes: Arganbright, Wescott, Arnold, Brockley. Motion carried unanimously.

6:05 p.m. Pursuant to notice in the Midland News a public hearing was opened to discussion concerning the Preliminary Engineering Report for construction of an interceptor sewer line and water project. Jess Hurlbert, project engineer with Olsson, presented information regarding proposed routes and the potential impact to the existing water and sewer rates. Jess further reported that the required environmental impact study was completed and that concerns from the State Historical Society and Game and Parks Commission were being addressed.

6:23 p.m. With no further public input the public hearing closed.

Austin Arens presented information concerning the wayfinding signage plan.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Brockley, to approve the recommendation from the Economic Development Board to proceed with a wayfinding signage project. Voting yes: Wescott, Arganbright, Arnold, Brockley. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Brockley, to approve the recommendation from the Economic Development Board to approve a contract with Austin Arens for the finalization of the wayfinding signage plan. Voting yes: Arganbright, Arnold, Brockley, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken concerning a resolution to surplus the old highway Christmas decorations.

Councilmember Arnold made a motion, seconded by Wescott, to authorize the purchase of four additional Christmas decorations for Main Street and six additional snowflake decorations for Highway 83. Voting yes: Arnold, Brockley, Wescott, Arganbright. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Arganbright made a motion, seconded by Brockley, to extend the option to purchase the Shopko building for sixty days. Voting yes: Arnold, Arganbright, Wescott, Brockley. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the council, Council Chairperson Arganbright declared the Valentine City Council meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

President of Council

I, the undersigned City Clerk of Valentine, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects including the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were published in the Midland Newspaper; that said minutes were made available on December 15, 2023.

Deanna Schmit, City Clerk

A complete version of the minutes may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, 323 N Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska during normal business hours.

Deanna Schmit
City Clerk