

City of Valentine  
Regular Council Meeting  
City Library Meeting Room  
Monday, September 18, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being published in the Valentine Midland News. 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 was given of posting of the open meetings act on the back wall of the meeting room.

The Council and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Chairperson of the Council Wescott presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Nelsen, Neujahr, Kluender, Petersen. Also in attendance were City Manager Siewert, City Attorney Beel and Deanna Schmit, City Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Councilmember Neujahr made the motion to approve consent agenda items:  
#2a. Library Board meeting minutes of September 5, 2006; #3 a. Regular Council meeting minutes of August 21, 2006; #2 b. Emergency Special meeting minutes of September 1, 2006; #4 July, 2006 Financial Reports; #5 August, 2006 Receipt Report; #6 August, 2006 Claims & Payroll. Councilmember Kluender seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were presented:

a.) Chief of Police Report by Chief Ben McBride reported on current police activity and presented a newly revised copy of the police policy manual for council review.

b.) Tim Ryschon updated the council on current activities of the Valentine/Cherry County Economic Development Board

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to adopt a resolution providing for application for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the purpose of building a new swimming pool for the community. Voting aye: Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to approve the extension of land leases on parcel A, B and C with Bill Ward through the year 2008. Voting aye: Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen. Voting nay: Nelsen. Motion carried four to one.

7:30 p.m. Pursuant to notice in the Valentine Midland News, Chairperson of the Council, Wescott, opened a public hearing to receive comments concerning the City of Valentine proposed 2006-2007 fiscal year budget.

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Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, that the statutory rule requiring that Ordinance number 2006-2057M be read on three different days be suspended. Voting aye: Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, for final passage of Ordinance No. 2006-2057M, an ordinance of the City of Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriation Bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Voting aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to accept resolution number 0918061 to set the property tax request for fiscal year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$482,841.94. Voting aye: Neujahr, Kluender, Nelsen, Petersen, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelsen, made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to adopt the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Valentine and Local Union No. 1597. Voting aye: Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender, Petersen, Neujahr. Motion carried unanimously.

8:00 p.m. Pursuant to notice in the Valentine Midland News and Nebraska State Statutes Sections 13-501 to 13-512, Chairperson of the Council, Wescott, opened a public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a grant under the Community Development Block Grant program.

Rick Medema presented information concerning an application for a grant under the Community Development Block Grant program by Allard Precast. Councilperson Wescott called for any opposition from the persons present. As no opposition was presented, Councilperson Wescott called for comments of approval from the persons present. Following comment from Mr. Medema offering approval of the application, Chairperson of the Council, Wescott closed the hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Councilmember Petersen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to approve resolution number 918062 authorizing the President of the Council to sign an application for CDBG funds. Voting aye: Petersen, Neujahr, Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Towne was present to review the report on electric cost of service study. Following discussion concerning the rate structures and costs of service to the community and fringe area Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, that the statutory rule requiring the reading of ordinance no. 2006-2058EL on three different days be suspended. Voting aye: Kluender, Petersen, Neujahr, Nelsen, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

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Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to approve a cost of living increase for non-union employees to coincide with the union rate effective October 1, 2006. Voting aye: Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Petersen, to adopt the resolution amending the Valentine City employee pension plan to reduce the age of eligibility and to increase the contribution percentage to conform to the new union contract. Voting aye: Nelsen, Kluender Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

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No action was taken on agenda item number 17 concerning resolution 918063 increasing solid waste service fees.

City Manager Siewert presented a draft copy of the employee personnel manual for review by the council. This manual and the police policy manual will be acted on at a future meeting.

There being no further business before the council Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m. Voting aye:, Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender, Petersen, Neujahr. Motion carried unanimously.

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President of the 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 September 19, 2006.

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