

The Ralston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Alberhasky, Onken, Preis, Gillespie. Absent: Groesser & Krause. The agenda for this meeting was available at City Hall for public inspection and posted prior to the meeting. The legal notice for this meeting was published in the Ralston Recorder. Claims listed are approved and a part of these minutes. Councilman Gillespie presided as acting mayor.

Gillespie gave the Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Law.

It was moved by Konwinski, and seconded by Alberhasky to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote: All yes, motion carries.

City Treasurer gave a lottery report. Freshman gave an update on the East phase of the trail. Legal had no report.

Consideration of appointment of Lon Bernth and Ray Loveland to the Planning Commission. It was moved by Onken, seconded by Preis, for approval of Lon Bernth & Ray Loveland appointments to the Planning Commission. All vote yes, motion carries.

Consideration of Resolution #2007-4 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION AND DISPLAY OF ADVERTISING SIGNS AT ORVAL SMITH BASEBALL FIELD was introduced by Konwinski. Klinker explained this was the same resolution as in the 3 previous years. It was moved for approval of #2007-4 by Preis, seconded by Alberhasky. The vote: all yes, motion carries.

Contract Consideration for Ralston Keno was withdrawn from the agenda.

3rd Reading for Consideration of Ordinance # 1121 – AN ORDINANCE CHANGING SEWER USE CHARGES BY AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 439 AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AS EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was introduced by Konwinski. Onken made the motion for approval of 3rd Reading on #1121, seconded by Konwinski. The vote, all yes, motion carries.

2nd Reading and Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance # 1119 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLER SKATING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLER SKATING BAN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO REPEAL PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE was introduced by Onken. Gillespie opened the Public Hearing. Business owners Don Perry with Hillcrest Landing, Deb Groesser with Windsong Gallery, and Keith Kettelhut with Ralston Automotive and Fuel & Service, spoke in support of Ordinance #1119. Eric Velander, S 75th Street, Tracy Plymaster, 85th & Polk, Michelle Mulder, S 76th Street spoke against the ordinance. Gillespie closed the Public Hearing. Preis moved for approval for 2nd Reading on Ordinance #1119, seconded by Onken. Alberhasky asked in regards to a conflict of interest. Klinker said there was not a

conflict. The vote: Alberhasky votes no. Konwinski, Gillespie, Onken & Preis vote yes. Motion carries for 2nd Reading. Gillespie said final reading would be at the March 20th meeting.

Council Comments: Preis commended the Public Works Department for the snow removal efforts. Onken also thanked Public Works and commended the group for showing up and speaking to the skateboarding issue. Alberhasky thanked the crowd for coming, as did Konwinski & Gillespie.

Public Comments: Keith Kettelhut, 83rd State Street, was concerned about the safety issue with the competition skateboarding. Michelle Mulder, S 76th, said there were concerns about pedestrians being injured, but this was not being addressed, only the skateboarding issue. Deb Groesser, Windsong Gallery, said this was not a personal issue, but was concerned about the safety and liability of the children in Ralston. Klinker said the Seymour Skateboard Park was on hold, until a decision was determined from the Recreational Liability Act. Klinker said most of the skate parks in the state have been closed, as have sledding hills until these issues get resolved. Tracy Plymaster, 85th Polk, suggested considering where these children could skate, and other parents and business owners would be willing to contribute to this idea.

As there was no further business to come in front of the Council, meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Dolores L. Costanzo
City Clerk

Mike Gillespie
Acting Mayor

Claims: Konica Minolta – Copier - \$118.34; ING – Reimburse - \$2,553.84; Ameritas – Dental - \$1,045.80; Builders Supply – Lumber - \$22.30; JP Cooke – Supplies - \$59.72; BKD – Professional Service - \$5,445.00; City of Omaha – Report - \$36.14; CJ’S – Supplies - \$100.08; Petty Cash – Costanzo - \$192.60; Century Certified – Pest Control - \$94.00; Great Western – Pension - \$12,109.64; Demco – Supplies - \$24.66; Eastern Library – Workshop - \$25.00; Egan – Bags - \$26.42; FOP – Dues – \$166.14; Gale Group – Books - \$317.79; H&H – Maintenance - \$325.75; Integrated – Equipment - \$69.00; T Jones – Janitorial - \$400.00; Kent Adhesive – Glue – \$18.16; M Klinker – Retainer / Service - \$3,277.50; LONM – Conference - \$2,348.00; MUD – Utility - \$234.66; Midlands Lighting- Lamp - \$80.36; Mobile Communications – Labor - \$50.00; Mallard Sand – Sand - \$1,127.11; M O’Malley – Janitorial - \$399.00; Office Depot – Supplies - \$427.06; Pitney Bowes – Charges - \$103.00; Papillion Sanitation – Garbage - \$45,656.88; Qwest – Service - \$80.38; Ralston Insurance - \$2,511.00; Ralston Automotive – Repair - \$484.19; Schemmer – Services - \$6,199.18; Sarpy County – Animal Control - \$1,185.79; D Suhr – Janitorial - \$100.00; Visa – Monthly Expense - \$3,903.16; Westlake Hardware – Wireless - \$29.99; ZEP – Supplies - \$Billings – Promo - \$46.01; Weiss – Books - \$448.95; City of Omaha – Sewer Billing - \$32.24; Southeast Library – Conference - \$33.00; National Safety Council – Education - \$55.00; Ebsco – Subscription - \$10.09; Davidson Titles – Books - \$108.58; AFLAC – Reimburse - \$495.08; NE – IA Supply- Fuel - \$1,499.13; Shell – Fuel - \$1,370.60; Toshiba – Copier - \$299.00; Marriott – Conference - \$413.10; Windstream – Phone - \$302.54.