

Condensed Minutes February 17, 2009

The Ralston City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Ralston City Hall. Roll was called with the following present: Konwinski, Alberhasky, Preis, Krause, Onken, and Groesser. Absent: Gillespie. The agenda for this meeting was available at City Hall for public inspection and posted prior to the meeting. The legal notice for the meeting was published in the Ralston Recorder. Claims listed are approved and a part of these minutes.

Groesser gave the Acknowledgement of the Open Meetings Law Notice.

The following Building Permits were approved: #7504 to Rod Rhoden, 7507 "L" Replace existing Pole Sign, \$8,000; #7506 to RVFD, 7625 Park Dr., Convert 2 Nonconforming ADA Bathrooms into 1, \$N/A, #7507 to Chris Arespe, 4911 Sunset Dr., Replace Furnace, \$1,737; #7508 to Toddy Letham, 6809 S 82nd St. Replace Furnace, \$800

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

City Engineer & Legal had no report. City Treasurer reported on sales tax, lottery, & updated Council on Code Enforcement & PRT Board.

Discussion was had on sewer rates as per Omaha and Federal Mandates. Freshman referred to the Omaha Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) Project letter. Freshman said Omaha had already increased the amount of charges for our sewer treatment by 9%, which would affect the flow rates charged by Ralston. Freshman said this amount of increase from Omaha would continue to increase by 9% yearly, through 2010. Thereafter, the rates would continue to increase after 2011, substantially. For Ralston to keep up with this rate increase by Omaha, the Ralston flow charge needed to increase .15 cents from \$1.45 to \$1.60 as a new flow charge. Freshman gave www.omahacso.com for more information. City Attorney was directed to look at an adjustment to flow rate & to have an ordinance ready for next Council meeting. No action was taken.

Public Comments: Monte Frost, 5100 S 82nd, asked about signage updates, traffic issues on 84th & Lakeview, & the possibility of a traffic signal, as well as speed bumps or stop signs on 82nd & 83rd Streets. Frost asked about concerns with the Oak Hills Pool. Krause said this was a private pool. Jeff Lacey, 7637 Maywood, spoke about the Lakeview Project and said a neighborhood group had been formed as "watchdog" or "community watch" to ensure issues of safety, economics, & environment were being done properly. Lacey gave www.healthylakeview.blogspot.com for this group's info. Dee McCracken 5033 Sunset Dr. asked about Lakeview drainage issues. Groesser stated these issues were being addressed.

Council comments: Konwinski said she appreciated all the public concerns & comments. Alberhasky, Krause, Onken, Preis had no comments. Groesser reminded all of the Lions Club Chili feed on Sunday.

There being nothing further of a general nature to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Dolores L. Costanzo
City Clerk/Treasurer

Donald A. Groesser
Mayor

Claims: Action Batteries- Batteries - \$42.00; Alamar – Uniform - \$17.98; ING – Reimburse - \$3,158.34; Ameripride – Cleaning - \$107.24; City of Omaha – Billing - \$300.00; CJ’S – Supplies - \$81.12; Petty Cash – Costanzo - \$308.16; Cox – Service - \$94.50; Caselle – Support - \$1,541.00; Alltel – Service – \$1,167.75; Century Certified – Pest Control - \$68.00; A&M Green –Parts - \$90.94; Diamond Vogel – Paint - \$252.00; Great Western Bank – Pension - \$15,343.84; Demco – Supplies - \$264.80; Eastern Library – Workshop - \$15.00; Pruitt – Filters - \$131.86; Gale Group – Books - \$289.61; Great Plains 1 Call – Locates - \$3.22; Ingram – Books - \$924.22; Integrated – Computer Hosting - \$142.00; T Jones – Janitorial - \$100.00; Kent Adhesive – Covers - \$124.89; M Klinker – Services - \$1,775.00; Midlands Lighting – Cable - \$26.78; Mallard Sand – Sand - \$1,156.75; NAPA – Parts - \$1,697.62; Nebraska Library Assoc. – Dues - \$337.00; OPPD – Utility - \$13,870.00; M O’Malley –Janitorial - \$399.00; Suburban Times – Legals - \$471.03; Payless – Supplies - \$356.76; Qwest – Services - \$1,977.37; Ralston Insurance – Bond - \$40.00; Ralston Automotive – Service - \$102.12; Recorded Books – Books - \$99.00; UHC – Insurance - \$29,807.56; Schemmer – Services - \$499.17; TSC – Supplies - \$77.95; Tincher Ford – Cruiser - \$21,736.00; Trede – Materials / Labor - \$1,225.60; Unique Books – Books - \$106.71; Woodhouse – Parts – \$241.87; Zep – Supply - \$141.47; Johnson Hardware – Labor - \$80.00; FEH – Billing - \$197.48; Inland Truck – Parts - \$631.14; UPS – Shipping – \$13.84; City of Omaha – Sewer Billing - \$17,510.89; Quality Books – Books - \$456.20; Davidson – Titles - \$444.82; Midlands Business – Subscription - \$70.00; Random House – CD- \$86.00; NE – IA Supply – Fuel - \$625.51; NE State Library – Publications - \$251.20; Repco – Equipment - \$21.50; F Canfield – Reimburse - \$117.50; Secretary of State – Renewal - \$30.00; Processworks – Admin - \$50.00; Echo – Supplies - \$645.93; Quill – Supplies - \$493.45; Menard’s – Wood – \$103.28; GE Capital – Copier - \$126.13; Service Master – Janitorial - \$340.00; NLC – Membership - \$1,117.00; ESRI – GIS - \$100.00; Windstream – Phone - \$4.59; Nebraska Salt – Ice Control - \$1,364.06; Logo Logix – Shirts - \$23.40; Golden Horse – Book - \$13.61; D Shively – Repair - \$85.00; New Horizon - Class- \$200.00; Geeks – Repair - \$95.00; RU2 Systems – Police Kit – \$618.75

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