

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NO. 2007-20

JULY 30, 2007

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Chadron, Nebraska met in special session in the City Hall Council Chambers at 234 Main Street on the 30th day of July 2007, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The following individuals were present: Mayor Donny Grantham, Vice Mayor John Gamby, Councilmembers Mark Douglas, John Chizek, and Rob Harvey, City Manager Sandra Powell, City Clerk Donna Rust, Interim Chief of Police Margaret Keiper, Finance Officer Melany Hughes, Zoning/Building Official Janet Johnson. Others present were: Street Superintendent Terry Birnbaum, Utilities Director Steven Boeselager, Parks/Cemetery Superintendent Scott Schremmer, Head Librarian Scott Kinney, Police Lieutenant Rick Hickstein, and Airport Operations Supervisor Terri Haynes. Absent: Public Works Director Milo Rust and City Attorney Megan Failla.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing notice in The Chadron Record as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes and is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Grantham called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The Mayor also read the following before continuing with the meeting: "As required by Section 84-1412, subsection of the Nebraska Statutes, notice is hereby given that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted for your examination on the wall inside the door to these City Council Chambers."

Councilmember Chizek introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-82

WHEREAS, the Feik's 120, 120 West Second Street, has applied for a Special Designated License from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and the City Council finds that a Special Designated License should be approved so long as said consumption of alcohol is in accordance with and pursuant to licenses granted by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHADRON, NEBRASKA:

1. The City Council being the governing body of the City of Chadron does hereby authorize the consumption of alcoholic liquors by adults between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 3, 2007

and 1:00 o'clock A.M. on August 4, 2007, in the parking lot adjacent to Feik's 120, which is 100 feet in length and 50 feet in width, located at 120 West Second Street, Chadron, Nebraska.

2. It is recommended that approval be granted for a Special Designated License to Feik's 120, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 3, 2007 and 1:00 o'clock A.M. on August 4, 2007, in the parking lot adjacent to Feik's 120 Bar, which is 100 feet in length and 50 feet in width, located at 120 West Second Street, Chadron, Nebraska, for a Public Beer Garden, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and in accordance with any license issued by said Commission.

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by first class mail prepaid to the Nebraska Liquor Commission.

The foregoing Resolution having been read, Councilmember Douglas seconded the motion for its passage and adoption, and after consideration thereof, the roll was called on the passage and adoption of said Resolution and the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Grantham, Gamby, Douglas, Chizek, Harvey. The following voted Nay: None. The passage of the Resolution having been consented to by more than a majority of the members elected to the Council was declared passed and adopted this 30th day of July, 2007.

CITY OF CHADRON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Councilmember Douglas introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-83

WHEREAS, Wrecker's Roadhouse, 164 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337, has applied for a Special Designated License from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and the City Council finds that the Special Designated License should be approved as long as said consumption of alcohol is in accordance with and pursuant to licenses granted by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHADRON,
NEBRASKA:

1. The City Council being the governing body of the City of Chadron does hereby authorize the consumption of alcoholic liquors by adults between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 and 1:00 A.M. the following morning, August 10, 2007, inside the Viaero Wireless building, which total area is 100 feet in length and 25 feet in width, and located at 1411 W. 6th Street, Chadron, Nebraska.

2. It is recommended that approval be granted for a Special Designated License to Wrecker's Roadhouse between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 and 1:00 A.M. the following morning, August 10, 2007, inside the Viaero Wireless building, which area is 100 feet in length and 25 feet in width, and located at 1411 W. 6th Street, for a Grand Opening, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and in accordance with any license issued by said Commission.

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by first class mail prepaid to the Nebraska Liquor Commission.

The foregoing Resolution having been read, Councilmember Chizek seconded the motion for its passage and adoption, and after consideration thereof, the roll was called on the passage and adoption of said Resolution and the following Council members voted Grantham, Gamby, Douglas, Chizek, Harvey. The following voted Nay: None. The passage of the Resolution having been consented to by more than a majority of the members elected to the Council was declared passed and adopted this 30th day of July, 2007.

CITY OF CHADRON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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The Council met in workshop session to review the annual budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. City Manager Sandy Powell and Finance Officer Melany Hughes presented the annual budget, highlighting the major expenditures, revenues and changes in the proposed budget.

It was noted that the total property tax request for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was \$442,344.00. The property tax request in the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is \$453,403.00. With a projected increase in taxable valuation, the City will be able to maintain its total property tax levy at the current rate of 0.281217 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) requires municipalities to pay a comparable wage and benefit to their employees. Whereas the benefits are comparable to like cities, no change in benefits is recommended at this time. As per the City of Chadron's proposed Pay Plan Guidelines and proposed pay plan, employees will not receive annual cost of living increases. Pay adjustments are based on performance and comparability. Due to this required comparability, a number of employee positions require adjustment. These adjustments were included in the budget as proposed.

Information comparing benefits, wages, a description of the proposed Chadron Pay Plan and Pay Plan guidelines were included in the Council's budget information.

The dollars for groups requesting Keno funds have been budgeted at the same level as last year. Increased revenues from Keno operations allowed \$10,000.00 to be moved back from the General Fund expenditures to the Keno fund.

The motorized equipment budget includes \$33,000.00 for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department; \$10,000.00 for the purchase a new bus for the HandiBus (20% match) and purchase of a used ½ ton 4X4 pickup from the sinking fund. Also included in the budget included the purchase of a new tractor in the amount \$31,000.00 for the Street Department and \$650.00 for two weed eaters from the Parks Department.

The land enterprise (56) budget includes \$328,500.00 for assessable alley and paving projects, \$104,250.00 for assessable water main extensions, and \$185,000.00 for assessable sewer mains. Also budgeted is \$85,000.00 for a Storm Water Management Plan. General Obligation bonds are budgeted if needed for assessable districts.

The Street Department (61) budget includes \$196,500.00 for street maintenance contracts.

The Water Department (81) budget includes \$85,644.00 in payments to First National Bank of Chadron for improvements made to the water treatment plant. Final payment for this loan is scheduled for December 15, 2010.

The Wastewater Department (83) budget includes \$3,515,000.00 for construction of the wastewater treatment system. Budgeted revenues include \$2,560,800.00 loan proceeds.

Grant project expenditures include \$130,254.00 for a Federal fire fighting FEMA grant. State grant expenditures include \$40,000.00 for miscellaneous grant projects that may become available and \$235,494.00 for airport improvements.

The Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund (MIRF) (77) expenditures includes \$71,000.00 for installation of the airport fuel farm. This purchase will expend the remaining MIRF funds and the balance of \$25,573.00 will be from City Reserves.

The Debt Service (54) budget includes loan proceeds of \$50,000.00 related to the purchase of the airport fuel farm and \$5,000.00 for the first installment due.

A monthly sewer use fee increase of \$4.00 per account and an increase in commercial consumption charges from 0.234 to 0.70 per 100 cubic feet of water over 800 is included in projected budget revenues this fiscal year. City Manager Powell stated in a memo to the Council, that after consultation and deliberation, it is imperative that this increase be implemented as the third in a series of steps to ensure sufficient revenues to cover the costs of operations for this service. The current charge of \$12.00 per month is not adequate to cover both operating expenses and debt service of the new wastewater treatment project. Bringing the charge to \$16.00-\$20.00, and possibly higher, and increasing the usage charge for commercial businesses, will help cover the costs of the project while also providing the City of Chadron with sufficient revenues to operate the facility effectively.

It was also noted that the total budget comparison from fiscal year 2006-2007 to fiscal year 2007-2008 indicates an increase. However taking into account the large budgeted expenditure for the waste water treatment plant, this year's budget would actually be less than last year.

The Council indicated that they would like to review the current water rates and consider a possible increase in rates. The Council instructed staff to research water rates in comparable communities and to bring information back to the Council with regard to water rates.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 o'clock P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Douglas. The following Councilmembers voted Aye: Grantham, Gamby, Douglas, Chizek, Harvey. The following voted Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY OF CHADRON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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County of Dawes) ss
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City of Chadron)

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Chadron, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the regular meeting of July 30, 2007 kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the City Council of the City of Chadron were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

City Clerk

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