

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Firth, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00pm and the following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Craig Middle, Amanda Eisenhauer, Kami Beaty and Jason Cooper. Chairman Hobelman presided, and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

A motion was made by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **June** financial report. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to allow the treasurer to transfer received TIF funds from general account to the TIF Bond A and TIF Bond B account to make the semi-annual payment to the developer. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the \$6,968.26 final invoice from VASA Construction for the park sidewalk. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

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| Salaries                                 | 7,634.40    |
| Payroll Taxes                            | 614.69      |
| Black Hills Energy                       | 69.84       |
| Capital City Refuse                      | 4,124.50    |
| Dede & Co.                               | 2,305.00    |
| Farmers & Merchants                      | 30.00       |
| Farmers' Cooperative                     | 275.80      |
| Firespring                               | 100.00      |
| First National Bank                      | 461.21      |
| First State Bank Nebraska                | 8.00        |
| gpm                                      | 5,452.00    |
| Lancaster County Sheriff's Office        | 1,075.83    |
| McNally Law Office                       | 450.00      |
| Microsoft Office 365                     | 8.70        |
| Mueller Co., LLC                         | 1,843.30    |
| NDEE-Fiscal Services                     | 5,109.94    |
| Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC            | 160.00      |
| Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab | 379.00      |
| Nebraska Title Company                   | 262.50      |
| Norris Public Power                      | 1,636.06    |
| Olsson                                   | 5,000.00    |
| One Call Concepts, Inc.                  | 4.22        |
| Sam's Club Card                          | 200.00      |
| Sargent Drilling                         | 20,560.06   |
| VASA Construction, Inc.                  | 19,978.10   |
| Voice News                               | 136.33      |
| Windstream                               | 297.35      |
| WNK Surveying                            | 1,800.00    |
| Employee Reimbursements                  | 48.51       |
| Total                                    | \$80,025.34 |

At 7:16pm Chairman Hobelman closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing.

The public hearing was to hear public comment on the amendments to the Future Land Use map and text amendment to the 2020 Zoning Ordinance. There was no public comment.

Chairman Hobelman closed the public hearing at 7:24 and reconvened the regular meeting.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. The Village should receive the gpm flow meter data report for the sewer mains in the next few weeks. There may be a need for camera work on the sewer mains to pinpoint the exact location of infiltration to the sewer system.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper to accept the bid from AborTech to trim all trees hanging over Village streets. The total will not exceed \$6,500. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to ratify the decision to authorize Chairman Dave Hobelman to sign the application for the American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Village. The application became available in mid-June was due by July 2, 2021. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Paul Grieger from DA Davidson was present to walk the Board through the steps needed to move forward with refinancing of the 2016 flood control bonds.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve Resolution #2021-07-1 to call the general obligation Flood Control Bonds from 2016. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman read Ordinance 07-2021-1 by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION FLOOD CONTROL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$210,000) TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE VILLAGE; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to waive the 3 separate readings of Ordinance #07-2021-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to adopt Ordinance #07-2021-1 to refinance the General Obligation Flood Control Bonds. (If interest rates hold, the savings over the life of the bonds should be approximately \$8,500.00.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to hold a budget work session on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:30pm.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and approve the changes to the Future Land Use Map. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance #07-2021-2 was read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Kami Beaty, to waive the 3 separate readings of Ordinance #07-2021-2. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #07-2021-2 amending the 2020 zoning ordinance. This ordinance replaces text that was inadvertently left out of the Commercial and Downtown zoning district regulations in the 2020 Zoning update. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance #07-2021-3 was read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SNOW PROCEDURES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to waive the 3 separate readings of Ordinance #07-2021-3. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to adopt Ordinance #07-2021-3, amending the Village snow policy. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve a \$50/hour fee (not to exceed \$2,000.00) for Rob Meirau (Firth Plumbing Inspector) to inspect all homes and businesses in Firth to ensure there are no sump pumps hooked up to the sewer system. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding replacing the ballpark well instead of constructing a dedicated main from the 2010 well to the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Street well location for blending purposes. The cost of a new well versus a dedicated transmission main are similar. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to pursue replacement of the ballpark well in lieu of constructing a dedicated main for blending. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, 1 Nay (Craig Middle). Motion carried.

#### OPEN FORUM

The Village Office will be closed the week of July 19.

The community center parking lot repair was discussed including several ideas to remedy the deep culvert, and how to block the parking lot from large trucks driving over it.

Committee Reports were given.

Several ditches in the Village need work.

A draft list of nuisance properties was presented.

Meeting Adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk