

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA
Special Session
Sargent Community Center
May 17, 2010**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, met in Special Session at the Sargent Community Center on the 17th day of May, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the City Office, U. S. Post Office, Sargent Corner Market and First National Bank on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The following were present: Mayor Mick Kozeal; Council Members: Jan Oeltjen, Tim Leibert, Bob Nitchie and Micky Schneider. Also present were City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Mike Criss, City Clerk/Treasurer, Gwenda Horky, and Special Guest Corrinne Pedersen.

Mayor Kozeal publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted on the east wall of the meeting room in the Sargent Community Center. Mayor Kozeal called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Council Member Leibert moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Nitchie seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Nitchie, Leibert and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Motion carried

Citizen Comments: Richard Hardesty asked about Ordinance 455 Net Metering, and Ordinance 456 Water and Sewer Rates. Mr. Hardesty also commented about the flower pots around town and wondered if the Council had approved the placement of the flower pots.

Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent deny Rhoad Funeral Home appeal to not paying a trash service fee. The City will remove past trash charges not paid and begin charging as of May 17, 2010. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Leibert moved that the City of Sargent give approval to Rose Drake to sell the North 50' of lots 1 & 2 of Blocker 10 in Kiker Addition of Sargent NE. Council Member Nitchie seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

The City Council will do some thinking about storm shelters that the Fire Department is looking into. The Fire Department is looking into a FEMA Grant, which is a 25% match of funds.

John Christen from the Knights of Columbus presented the City Council with a \$400.00 check for the Community Center.

Corrinne Pedersen from NMPP Energy was present to talk to the City Council about the Strategic Planning that had started in 2006.

The Strategic Plan consists of:

•Changes Taking Place in Sargent Now

Nursing Home Closed - A Current Website – A New Mayor – Bed & Breakfasts – New Business in Town –

Changes in the Next Five Years

School – Retention/Recruitment of Business - Clean up of Highway Frontage – Positive Public Opinion - EPA Power Plant - Jobs

Opportunities

Antique Business – Motor Cycle Track – Central Location

Dream

Small Factory- Infrastructure - Redo RV & Chokecherry Signs – Improvements to Ball field & Pool

A motion was made by Council Member Schneider and seconded by Council Member Oeltjen to adjourn the meeting. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Nitchie, and Schneider. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Mayor Mick Kozeal

City Clerk Gwenda Horky