

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA
Special Session
Sargent Community Center
November 17, 2008**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, met in Special Session at the Sargent Community Center on the 17th day of November, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the City Office, U. S. Post Office and First National Bank on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. The following were present: Mayor Bernard Griebel; Council Members: Mick Kozeal, Jan Oeltjen, and Orville Mankle. Council Member Robert Nitchie arrived at 6:10 p.m. City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Mike Criss; City Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Drake; City Attorney, Glenn Clark; and City Engineer, Tony Krajewski was also present.

Mayor Griebel 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 Griebel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council Member Oeltjen moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Mankle seconded. Vote yea: Council Members Oeltjen, Mankle, and Kozeal. Vote nay: none. Absent: Nitchie. Motion carried.

Tony Krajewski from Tagge Engineering reported on the initial survey performed by two staff members from Tagge on the properties located at 200 North Custer (Danny Olson) and 200 W Semler (Randy Rhoad). He stated the results showed that the area is within inches of being level and until there was a place to go with water, problems would continue. The Council asked to have an engineering cost to do this project with a "not to exceed" figure from Tagge.

The bids were reviewed to clean the ditch from the north end of the tree line to the river. The bids received were from Sandhills Excavating for \$1,900.00 and Conner's Construction for \$2,500 - \$3,000. Council Member Nitchie moved that the City of Sargent approve the bid from Sandhills Excavating for \$1,900.00 to clean the ditch from the north end of the tree line to the river. Council Member Kozeal seconded. Vote yea: Council Members Oeltjen, Mankle, Nitchie, and Kozeal. Vote nay: none. Motion carried.

Robert Mohler from the Lower Loup Natural Resources District discussed his report regarding the water problems in the northeast quadrant of town. Phil Johansen, Staff Assistant to Senator Ben Nelson was also present to offer his input as to what monies may be available to help offset this cost. Mr. Johansen was going to check to see what would be available and have them contact the City Office. After discussion, it was determined that it would be better to form a committee to study this in-depth and get back to the Council with what they felt would be the best and most cost effective. The committee will consist of: Robert Mohler, Mike Criss, Tim Leibert, and Mick Kozeal. Robert Mohler will pick a day that will work for him to meet and get back to the City with this date.

Purchasing wind power was discussed with the Council feeling they needed more information before making a decision. Mike Criss is to continue to gather information on this matter and bring it back to the Council.

Mike Criss, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, asked the Council with the Christmas holiday falling on Thursday if they wanted to give the employees the day after off or have them take vacation. Council Member Kozeal made the motion to give the Friday following Thanksgiving and Christmas off with pay for full-time employees. Council Member Nitchie seconded. Vote yea: Council Members Oeltjen, Mankle, Nitchie and Kozeal. Vote nay: none. Motion carried.

Mike Criss also reminded the Council that Christmas bonuses are determined at the December meeting so that they would have time to be thinking if they wanted to continue with this practice. It was asked of the City Clerk what had been given last year and she gave them that information.

Council Member Kozeal made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Vote yea: Oeltjen, Mankle, Nitchie and Kozeal. Vote nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kathy Drake, City Clerk/Treasurer

Bernard Griebel, Mayor