

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA
Regular Session
Sargent Community Center
September 14, 2009**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, met in Regular Session at the Sargent Community Center on the 19th day of September, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the City Office, U. S. Post Office, and First National Bank on Tuesday September 1, 2009. The following were present: Mayor Bernard Griebel; Council Members: Jan Oeltjen, Tim Leibert, Mick Kozeal and Bob Nitchie was absent. Also present were City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Mike Criss, City Clerk/Treasurer, Gwenda Horky and Kathy Drake, Billing Clerk Jessica Decker.

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 7:00 p.m.

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

Under citizen comments Mr. Richard Hardesty asked about Ordinance 401 concerning public nuisances

Under old business the city is suing Robert Smith in small claims court concerning the old web site. Court is scheduled for Tuesday September 15 at 9:00 am. Several condemned properties have received final notices. Further action will be discussed at the next meeting. The council was given a spreadsheet comparing prices of the surrounding communities community centers. The council will bring their options at the next meeting.

Council Member Kozeal moved to approve the additional 1% allowable increase for lid computation for restricted funds. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried

Mayor Griebel opened the public hearing for the 2009/2010 budget at 7:19 p.m. Discussion followed. Public hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

The Mayor announced that the introduction of an ordinance was now in order.

Council Member Oeltjen introduced Ordinance No. 453

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM;

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading of three different days be suspended. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Council Member Kozeal moved that Ordinance No. 453 be passed, approved and published as provided by law. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 453 be passed and adopted?" Voting Yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. The Mayor declared Ordinance No. 453 duly adopted.

The Mayor open the public hearing concerning the final tax request at 7:26 p.m. Discussion followed. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:27 pm. Council Member Oeltjen introduced Resolution No. 2009-05 approving the final tax request and moved for its adoption. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion Carried

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the liquor license application for John and Cindee Haddix doing business as Earthjunk at 7:27 pm. Discussion followed. The public meeting was closed at 7:28 pm. Council Member Leibert moved that the liquor license application for John and Cindee Haddix dba Earthjunk to be approved. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the Economic Development Reuse Loan application for John and Cindee Haddix, doing business as Earthjunk at 7:29 p.m. The Mayor asked for discussion and additional comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm. Council Member Kozeal moved that the Economic Development Reuse Loan application for John and Cindee Haddix dba Earthjunk for \$36,000.00 be approved for 15 years at 5% interested with the first payment to be 12-01-09. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none.

The Council agreed to the Chamber placing a Christmas Tree in the empty lot by the Clinic. Mr. Criss requested the tree not block the traffic, and the Chamber requested the tree have power on the November 28, 2009, for the Chamber Christmas events.

Council Member Kozeal moved that the building permit submitted by Frank Trotter for a cement slab on Lots 5 & 6, Bloc 5 of Kiker's Addition with future placement of a garage or carport be approved. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Oeltjen moved that the City of Sargent approve the building permit for an underground pet fence for Erika Crick. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none.

Darlene & Fred Howard, and Terri Leibert presented to the Council the problems that they have had with the City Utility billing and disconnection policy. Discussion was followed by the council, city employees and guests. The Council will look into the policy more next month.

Council Member Leibert moved that the City of Sargent approved the lease for the Medical Clinic for the year 2009-2010 with the renewal to be reviewed in 2010. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried

Council Member Kozeal moved that the City of Sargent approve the contract with Lisa Grint to be the Webmaster at a price of \$150 per quarter with the Chamber of Commerce paying half of the quarterly fee. Council Member Oeltjen seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Motion carried

The Airport Authority Board has approached the Council with the need for another member on the Airport Authority board. The Council and the Mayor want the Airport Authority Board to advertise for this position.

Rosie Drake was present to ask the Council permission to sell the old alley way that is east & west at the old trailer park. Glenn Clark, City Attorney, will check on this matter. The Council will discuss this issue at a later date.

The Council will use the services of Central Nebraska Economic Development District for Economic Development Planning Grants. The clerk will be in contract with Central Nebraska Economic Development District.

Supervisors reports were given

Council Member Kozeal moved to adjourn. Council Member Leibert seconded. Voting yea: Oeltjen, Leibert, Kozeal. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Mayor, Bernard Griebel

City Clerk, Gwenda Horky

Claims Approved September 14, 2009

Community Center

Appeara	Department	-41.25
NCTC*	Telephone	-92.28
Sargent Insurance Agency	Liability Ins	-481.66
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Ele, Sewer or Water	-243.77

First National Bank - Municipal

American Red Cross	Training	-129.00
Barco Municipal Products	Department	-350.13
Bonnie Pullium	Other Expense	-28.00
Capital One	Lodging, Meals, and Travel	-39.20
City of Burwell	Other Expense	-276.79
CNH Capital	Meals, Lodging, Mileage	-8,231.38
Community Development Services, LLC	Adm Services	-1,750.00
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Corner Market	Department	-14.37
Credit Bureau Services	Dues & Subscriptions	-5.00
Custer County Chief	Publications	-75.60
Dan's Locksmithing	Department	-3.00
Don's Auto Parts, Inc.	Equipment Rpr	-155.84
Eakes Office Plus	Office	-135.83
GoFer Foods	Fuel	-591.97
Great Plains One-Call Service	Other Expense	-13.13

Grint Farm Supply	Equipment	-31.72
Hire Right	Professional Services	-36.90
HSBC Business Solutions	Department	-17.63
Lawson Products, Inc.	Department	-68.31
League of Municipalities	Training	-120.00
NCTC*	Utilities: Telephone	-362.41
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales & Use Tax	-3,961.23
NE Mosquito & Vector Control Assoc	Dues & Subscriptions	-15.00
Payroll	Payroll Expense	-11,050.13
Petty Cash	Postage	-89.05
Prairie Eyecare Center	Other Expense	-74.00
Primus Lawn Service & Repair	Equipment	-9.88
Sargent Bulldog Booster Club	Advertising	-100.00
Sargent Insurance Agency	Liability Ins	-13,530.82
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Utilities: Electric	-629.49
Sargent Public Schools	License Fees Paid	-200.00
Sargent Variety	Other Expense	-5.38
Trotter Grain and Fertilizer	Department	-893.95
First National Bank - Utilities		
Alltel	Telephone	-120.13
American Legal	Department	-1,010.00
Appeara	Department	-134.07
Comstock Lodge	Deposit Refunds	-150.00
Department of Energy	WAPA	-4,780.32
Don's Auto Parts, Inc.	Department	-12.40
GoFer Foods	Fuel	-262.76
Grainger Inc.	Equipment	-65.58
Great Western Gas Company	Department	-131.89
HD Supply Waterworks	Department	-275.21
Hometown Leasing	Equipment Lease	-58.69
HSBC Business Solutions	Department	-105.02
J & J Sanitation	Solid Waste Fees Paid	-5,893.39
Kriz-Davis Electrical Supply	Department	-481.61
Mid-American Research Chemical	Department	-695.12
Municipal Energy Agency of NE	MEAN	-24,755.81
NE Dept of Revenue	Other Expense	-25.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab.	Lab Fees	-16.00
Payroll	Payroll Expense	-15,096.99
Post Master	Department	-300.00
Sargent Drilling Co.	Other Expense	-400.00
Sargent Insurance Agency	Liability Ins	-17,830.18
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Utilities: Electric	-917.63
Tim Leibert	Deposit Refunds	-150.00
Trotter Grain & Fertilizer	Department	-9.00
Medical Clinic #1 MMA		
Sargent Insurance Agency	Liability Ins	-137.34