

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 30th day of January 2018.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Davidson; Attorney Reyes; Directors Aguirre, Cole, Henderson, VonEye and Wilde; Lt. Wasson; Managers Palazzari and Toscana; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Barks inquired about the status of an Ordinance to regulate covered loads. Administrator Davidson stated that he believes one small amendment to the current Ordinance could provide some remedy to the County's concerns. Attorney Reyes reported that he has had discussions with the County Attorney and believes that changing the word "or" to "and" in the Ordinance would be acceptable: "Refuse conveyed to the sanitary landfill, or elsewhere, must be tied, covered, ~~or~~ **and** secured in such a manner that it cannot be strewn upon the streets or ground." After the discussion, Council directed staff to proceed with the verbiage change in the Ordinance.

Administrator Davidson reported on a request to extend the Christmas lighting on 4-J Road to year-round. He informed the Council that the lights are not the City's and doesn't feel that extending the lights this year would be beneficial due to mowing and irrigation during the summer months. He recommended that further discussion of this request be postponed until some time this summer to possibly find a more permanent solution.

Wastewater Cost of Service Study

Utilities Director Cole and Andrew Ross, Director, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, presented information regarding the Wastewater Cost of Service Study and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan. Three revenue requirement evaluation scenarios were presented. General discussion ensued. Discussion for the possibility of a Council Member to be involved with the project, took place. Administrator Davidson agreed that this could be beneficial.

Wastewater Utility Rate Discussion

Director Henderson provided information regarding the Wastewater utility rates and staff's recommendation of an increase. After the discussion, Council directed staff to move forward with the preparation of the Ordinance for Council's consideration and allow staff to work with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool to work out future revenue requirements.

Review February 6th Council Agenda

The upcoming agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

Executive Session

Councilman Carsrud made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation; seconded by Councilman Kuntz. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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