

CITY OF MILFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2001
MINUTES

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the City Hall Office, 505 1st St., in said City on the 20th day of December 2001 at 5:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Elaine Plessel; Council members Scott Burroughs, Gary Cooper, Rick Fortune, Lyle Neal; Attorney Robert Blevens; Chief of Police Forrest Siebken; City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Rob Hightshoe with the press.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places; a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certification of posting attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Plessel called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Discussion on water tower land: Fortune updated the Council on the ground needed for the water tower. He spoke with Marilyn Tabor with the Game & Parks Commission and she informed Fortune that if the Council decided to place the water tower on ground at the Welch Park the City would need to purchase a piece of ground of equal value adjacent to a City Park. The configuration does not matter as long as it is of equal value. The best place to place the water tower is out at Welch Park because of the big transmission main coming into town from the west wells. Fortune presented to the Council the option of purchasing a long narrow strip along the west side of Welch Park in hopes that the Welch family might be more receptive to this idea rather than taking a big square area out of the property west of Welch Park. Gretchen Welch had been approached about the ground south of Welch Park and she was not interested in selling. The Council discussed the option of purchasing a narrow strip of ground along the South Park. Fortune wanted the Council's opinion as to the best place to build the water tower before proceeding. Cooper questioned whether the new tower could fit on the piece of ground where the old tower is currently. Fortune and Frey had discussed this option and Frey was not comfortable with this option as he thought the City would loose too much water. The consensus of the group

was that Welch Park is the best place to build the water tower. Fortune advised Blevens to proceed with Marilyn Tabor as to the regulations regarding an appraisal of the ground. Mayor Plessel will write Dr. John Welch and LeRoy & Lorraine Smith offering them both the option to sell a long narrow strip of ground along Welch Park or the South City Park in order to replace the ground needed at Welch Park for the water tower.

Update on properties – Nuisance Ordinance: Fortune and Burroughs had discussed the property of Harry Bachman, out in Grover, and the fact that no progress had been made. Burroughs had driven by the property and noted an extreme fire hazard with all the wood pallets stacked around the property. If a fire were to start, Burroughs concern for the other trailer houses was noted. The Council questioned Attorney Blevens as to what action can be taken. Blevens noted two ways to proceed: Criminal prosecution, in which a citation of \$100.00 fine could be written by Ordinance every 24 hours, or Civil action, in which the claim of a nuisance would be filed with the district court at which time they would rule whether or not the property is a nuisance. If the property were ruled a nuisance the City would have the authority to clean it up and assess the cost to the property owner. It was mentioned to have the State Fire Marshall do an inspection. Hoggins noted that she had received a phone call from Trudy Kubicek with LAAA and she offered their services to help the Bachman's clean up their property. Volunteer groups were discussed for manpower. The Council advised Hoggins to contact Ms. Kubicek and offer their services to see what response she would get from the Bachman's. The Council would like a report at the January 7th Council meeting.

Resignation – Police Officer, Chad Craghead: Mayor Plessel read the resignation letter submitted by Officer Chad Craghead noting his last day as December 26, 2001. Siebken commented that he hated to see him go. Chief Siebken is already advertising to fill the 5th Police Officers position and not having much luck with experienced officers. Some discussion was held on sending an uncertified officer thru school.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Cooper yes, Burroughs yes, Neal yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on December 20, 2001 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk