



CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA  
COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 7:00 pm

All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate. The City Council reserves the right to go into executive session in accordance with Section 84-1410.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of this meeting room and is available for viewing by the public.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve agenda as submitted.

**2. SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the **Request for Future Agenda Items** form located near the entrance of the meeting room. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a committee or Council meeting, notification of the date will be given.

**3. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Mayor/Council members
- b. City Clerk/Department Heads

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** The following items are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes: February 15, 2023
- b. Approve Claims by Auditing Committee
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for January 2023 by Auditing Committee
- d. Hire pool employees and set wages
- e. Approve street closings for 2023 Fun Days.

- f. Authorize payment process of drawdown #3 for DTR Planning, 20-PP-011 – Final payment in the amount of \$1453.75.
- g. Appointment/Reappointment
- h. Consider expansion/addition to the Thornridge Golf Course building as it relates to the Class C Liquor License #101241.
- i. Consider approval of the new corporate manager, Christopher C. Sieck, for Casey's Retail Company #1622, located at 403 S Elm Ave., Milford.

## **5. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- a. Consider Notice to Proceed with 2021 Water Main Replacement, SRF Project No. D311663 for the City of Milford.
- b. Consider Amendment to Agreement for the Water Main Replacement Project's 1-3, Amendment #2
- c. Consider recommendation from Community Betterment Committee – Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment application.
- d. Consider recommendation from Citizen Advisory Review Committee – Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment application.
- e. Consider Milford Senior Center becoming SSAD (Social Services Aged & Disabled) eligible.
- f. Consider Offer of Employment for Chief of Police position and set wage.

## **6. ORDINANCES**

**Amend Ordinance No    - An ordinance to amend the following section so the Municipal Code: Section 3-106 to increase the water reconnect fee and other modification; 3-107 to increase the late fee and late fee delinquency date for municipal water bills; and Section 3-117 to change the delinquency date for paying water and sewer bills and the notice requirement for terminating such utility services in the event of delinquency.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

CITY OF MILFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the City Hall Building in said City on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Patrick Kelley; Council members: Tony DeLong, Becky Freeman, Mike Roth; Attorney Anthony Aerts; Chief of Police Forrest Siebken, Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Absent: Kelli Keib. Also present: Ethan Walls and Dane Simonsen with JEO, Spencer Conrad E911 Director, Darrin Kremer, Jonathan Jank and Jacob Jennings with SCCDP and County Commissioner Misty Ahmic.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Milford Times a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of the 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 these 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 public.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the west wall in the City Hall meeting room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED:** A motion was made by Freeman and seconded by DeLong to amend the agenda removing item (d.) from the consent agenda and adding it to current business. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent, Roth yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Freeman and seconded by DeLong to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:** Mayor Kelley shared that the forms are available on the table.

**REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Written reports received: Police Dept. Activity Report for January 2023; Milford Aging Services Commission minutes for February 21, 2023; Fire and Rescue report for February 2023; Library Report for February 2023.

**DeLong:** Progress is being made in the park with the splash pad. Rock is down and features are here. Installation may begin this month. Streets – Gary will be ordering some different type of equipment.

**Freeman:** Recreation – Agri lime is ordered for the fields, parts are in for scoreboard to be rebuilt, bleachers will be painted. Teams have been organized for summer baseball and softball. Spring soccer – games will be held on Sunday evening. Possible fundraiser for equipment. Pool will be painted, and grates cleaned. Pool Manual has been updated including an increase in admission fees. Webermeier Scholarship interviews will be held in April.

**Mayor Kelley** filled out an application and submitted it to Seward County Gives to participate in fundraising for park equipment. He had a conversation with Eric Crouch regarding some of the new features that are available in today's world. The dollar amount of \$225,000.00 will be the beginning focal point, we can scale back if needed. The timeframe on the equipment project will be 2024.

**Roth:** Fire and Rescue report for February 2023.

**Chief Siebken:** The sidewalk has been reset/leveled at 719 and 721 1<sup>st</sup> St. as Goldsmith Tree removal has removed part of the large tree. The new cruiser is in service, there are still a few minor issues to address but they are enjoying it.

**Chief Siebken** announced that this is his last Council meeting as Chief of Police and expressed his deep appreciation and thankfulness for present and past councilmembers over his 23 years of being Chief. It has truly been a privilege to serve the community. He couldn't think of any place better to serve. "In all honesty I use to look through the POAN magazine and when he came across a picture of Lowell Sellmeyer he thought, who would want to work in Milford?" God said, you're going to work in Milford, and he is glad He did. It's been a joyable career path for him. He could not think of a better place to live, work and raise his family. Thank you for the opportunity that was bestowed upon me! The Governing Board thanked him for his service.

**Keib submitted her report in writing:** Senior Center- Discussed pursuing Title 20 certification. SSCSWMA- Meeting scheduled for March 30th at 7pm.

**TeSelle:** Randy Hellbush with NRWD will be working on a water rate study to be presented at the next meeting.

**Clerk Hoggins:** \*Sales tax received for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$26,853.76. \*NPPD lease payment for January 2023 received in the amount of \$19,505.29. \*JEO Project Status Report through February 22, 2023. \*SCCDP Quarterly Summary Report thru February 2023.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Kelley read the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes: February 15, 2023
- b. Approval of Claims: Accounts Payable - \$161,662.67; Payroll - \$41,845.76; Totaling \$203,508.43 by the Auditing Committee.
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for January 2023 by Auditing Committee.
- e. Approve street closing for 2023 Fun Days
- f. Authorize payment process of drawdown #3 for DTR Planning, 20-PP-011 Final payment in the amount of \$1453.75.
- g. Appointment/Reappointment
- h. Consider expansion/addition to the Thornridge Golf Course building as it relates to the Class C Liquor License #101241.
- i. Consider approval of the new corporate manager, Christopher C. Sieck, for Casey's Retail Company #1622, located at 403 S. Elm Ave., Milford.

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Roth to approve items on the consent agenda as read. Roll call vote: DeLong yes, Roth yes, Freeman yes, Keib absent. Motion carried.

**SALARIES:**

2491	Forrest Siebken	2183.56
2492	Mavis Ferris	122.81
2493	Jeanne Hoggins	1512.75
2494	Gary Teselle	1140.58
2495	Whitney Parks	1139.10
2496	George Matzen	695.01
2497	Craig Carritt	25.98
2498	Amy Salistean	1059.88
2499	Cathleen Fosler	311.27
2500	Ardella Huber	1024.92
2501	Dustin Hultgrien	1191.42

2502	Steven Fiala	1109.41
2503	Travis Keilig	1216.42
2504	Darrin Kremer	886.73
2505	Lance Sprouse	1368.45
2562	Mark Frey	69.26
2563	Forrest Siebken	1849.36
2564	Mavis Ferris	108.65
2565	Jeanne Hoggins	1512.75
2566	Gary Teselle	1140.58
2567	Whitney Parks	1158.71
2568	George Matzen	695.01
2569	Craig Carritt	25.98
2570	Amy Salistean	951.92
2571	Cathleen Fosler	441.50
2572	Ardella Huber	1024.92
2573	Lisa Wiedemeyer	138.52
2574	Jeremiah Taylor	102.51
2575	Dustin Hultgrien	1340.03
2576	Steven Fiala	1288.82
2577	Travis Keilig	1480.80
2578	Darrin Kremer	834.87
2579	Lance Sprouse	1359.57
2580	Katherine Pauley	169.70
2581	Naomi Jones	167.27
2584	Patrick Kelley	184.70
2585	Waylon Delong	138.52
2586	Becky Freeman	138.52
2587	Kelli Keib	138.52
2588	Michael Roth	138.52

**GENERAL FUND:**

2452	JACQUELINE GARDNER	DEPOSIT REFUND	33.27
2453	KIM METZ	DEPOSIT REFUND	59.28
2454	JAMIE STEWART	DEPOSIT REFUND	33.03
2489	UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	UB POSTAGE	382.48
2506	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION	PENSION	1,809.96
	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	4,315.12
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	664.96
2507	UNION BANK	HSA	572.00
2508	AFLAC	JAN. SUPP. INSURANCE	1,282.86
2509	AMERICAN LEGION POST 171	1 5X8 NYLON FLAG	202.80
2510	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.	MARCH DENTAL INSURANCE	614.16
2511	ARAMARK	4 INV.TOWELS, PANTS, RUG,	675.34
2512	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	ACCT. FIRE HALL	3,277.63
2513	COMPANY CARE	RAMDON DRUG SCREENING-TESELLE	78.00
2514	CORNHUSKER PRESS	100 DOG TAGS FOR 2023	77.70
2515	CREDIT BUREAU	BACKGROUND CK/LANCE SPROUSE	9.20
2516	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	SR.CTR.SOFTENER/COOLER RENTAL	82.50
2517	DAN PEARSON	1-9 TO 2-1,2,2023 4 INSPECTION	140.00

2518	DARIEN VANTINE	WATER REFUND DEPOSIT	75.00
2519	DIVERSIFIED CHEMICAL	40 BOXES/50 LB ICE MELT	1,010.86
2520	DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	LYSOL & MILK	8.35
2521	DUSTIN HULTGRIEN	REIMB.STEEL TOED BOOTS	150.00
2522	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SERV.CALL HOOK UP FAX MACHINE	476.92
2523	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	FIRE ALARM MONITORING 23/24 YR	324.00
2524	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC.	LIQUID ICE MELT	245.18
2525	ERIC EBERSPACHER	REIMB. BALL REG. NO 10 U TEAM	105.00
2526	FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK	PRINCIPAL CITY HALL	67,693.63
2527	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL & TIRE REPAIRS	1,281.83
2528	GREAT WESTERN DINING	JAN. 26-FEB. 1 (58 MEALS)	752.40
2529	ICE MELT MALL	50-50# BAGS ICE MELT	1,098.91
2530	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	LIBRARY BOOKS	40.36
2531	JAKE KMENT	REIMB. BALL REG. A. MARTINEZ	85.00
2532	JENNY BRINKMEYER	REI. BALL REG. NO 10U TEAM	105.00
2533	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	20 FILTERS/WIPER BLADES	617.31
2534	KELLY HANEY	6 SESSIONS	120.00
2535	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	PUMP HOSE REPAIRS	15.45
2536	KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC.	RADAR ANTENNA CABLE/FREIGHT	64.00
2537	LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	EVIDENCE SUPPLIES POLICE DEPT.	113.92
2538	MATHESON TRI-GAS,INC	FIRE DEPT. GASES/AMBULANCE	295.12
2539	MENARDS-LINCOLN NORTH	GARAGE HEATER	152.87
2540	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	FILTERS/OIL/BATTERIES/FLOOR DR	1,225.07
2541	MILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	REIM. TONER CARTRIDGE FIRE DEP	49.96
2542	MILFORD PLUMBING INC.	1' BALL VALVE	26.50
2543	NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT.	PERMIT #1719 POOL PERMIT-2023	80.00
2544	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	12-23 TO 1-24 ELECTRICITY	4,004.53
2545	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	BUMP TRAFFIC SIGNS	135.14
2546	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	ACCT. SOUTH WELL	307.02
2547	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	20 LOCATES/MINUS DISCOUNT	16.76
2548	POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOC OF NE	5-2022 POLICE HANDBOOKS	60.00
2549	REMBOLT LUDTKE LLP	REVIEW/SIEBKEN OPEN HOUSE RETI	2,966.55
2550	SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO.	QUARTERLY-MAR,APRIL,MAY, ELEV.	345.00
2551	SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT	LEGAL POSTING,SPECIAL MTG.	611.23
2552	SUSAN TRABERT	REIM. BINGO SUPPLIES/SR. CTR	11.08
2553	THE POLICE AND SHERIFFS PRESS	I.D. CARD-LANCE SPROUSE	17.60
2554	TIM DWORAK	SEPT-JAN.BLDG. INSP + MILEAGE	1,805.62
2555	UNION BANK	7 EMPLOYEES HSA \$2.00 EACH.	14.00
2556	UNIVERSAL PREMIUM	1-6 TO 2-5 FUEL POLICE VEHICLE	574.49
2557	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES, IN	JAN. 2 RECYCLING/DISPOSAL	557.00
2558	VERIZON WIRELESS	ACCT. FIRE DEPT. PHONE	93.51
2559	VERIZON WIRELESS-P-CITY OFFICE	POLICE/1-29/2-28	54.18
2560	WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC	ACCT. LIBRARY PHONE	255.98
2561	ZITO MEDIA	FIRE STATION T.V. SERVICE	6.09
2582	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION	PENSION	1,809.96

	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	4,484.62
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	670.81
2583	UNION BANK	HSA	572.00
	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	122.44
2001	CROUCH RECREATION	SPLASH PAD PMT	39,425.00
2589	AMANDA HROMEK	18 HRS. FEB. REC. COORD.TIME	500.00
2590	BECCA'S CLEANING SERVICE	FEB. FIRE HALL CLEANING	150.00
2591	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SR.CTR. GAS SERV.1-5 TO 2-3-23	485.42
2592	CAPITAL ONE (WALMART)	SR. CTR. GROCERIES	734.59
2594	CARD SERVICE CENTER	OFFICE MAP HANGER/SUPPLIES	2,260.23
2595	CARD SERVICES (VISA)	24 HR. TIMER	22.99
2596	COUNTY LINE HANDYMAN LLC	HELMET/BAT HOLDER	700.00
2597	DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANC	JAN. 2023 SRS MONTHLY FEE	104.00
2598	DEARBORN GROUP	MARCH FIREMENS DEATH/DIS.INS.	123.84
2599	HBE LLP	AUDIT EXPENSE	6,830.00
2600	HEARTLAND AUTO BODY	SPOT LIGHT TRIM PIECE/P.VEHICL	185.28
2601	HEATHER MULLER	11 COED VOLLEYBALL TEAMS 100.0	1,100.00
2602	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT SERVICE	CHAIN SAW LABOR/REPAIR PARTS	412.82
2603	JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	BID/NEGOTIATION/WATER MAIN.REP	3,000.00
2604	LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	EVID.PACKAGING SUPPLIES	104.91
2605	MENARDS-LINCOLN NORTH	6'STEP LADDER/FIBERGL.FILTER	190.47
2606	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	CUTTING BLADE	538.30
2607	MILFORD PLUMBING INC.	WATER LINE REPAIR	87.82
2608	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV. LAB	4 NITRATES/2 COLIFORM TESTS	94.00
2609	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ACCT. 1-25 TO 2-22-23	1,402.17
2610	NEMSA	D.YODER FALL CONF.FIREMAN DPT.	325.00
2611	PETTY CASH	CARPET CLEANER/AIR FRESH/SUPP	51.12
2612	PIZZA KITCHEN	JAN. 3, JAN. 25 SR.CTR. MEALS	322.97
2613	REBEKAH FREY	2-11 & 2-26(4 HRS. CLEANING)	100.00
2614	SWEET CANVAS CAKES	2-9X13 BIRTHDAY CAKES-SR.CTR.	56.00
2615	TCA OUTDOOR POWER	BOSS PIN KIT	98.97
2616	GARY TESELLE	GARY TESELLE ACCT.	600.00
2617	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES, IN	ACCT.	406.00
2618	VERIZON WIRELESS-P-CITY OFFICE	ACCT. OFFICE PHONE	118.30
2619	VERIZON WIRELESS	ACCT. WELL CONTROLS	150.76
2620	WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC	ACCT. FIRE DEPT.	221.40
	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX JANUARY 2023	999.72
	Total Payroll 2/13/23		14,988.29
	Total Payroll 2/27/23		15,860.73
	Total Payroll 3/01/23		738.78
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****		203,508.42

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Hire Pool Employees and Set Wages:** Freeman reported with the increase in minimum wage they wanted to start the new guards at \$10.50 per hour and then returning guards wages were adjusted accordingly. Discussion was held regarding the budget. Last year the budget line item for salaries was \$35,000.00 and they ended the year at \$37,000.00.

The budget line item was increased to \$36,000.00 for 22-23. Pool admissions are being increased this year for a family pass to \$100.00 for residents and \$110.00 for non-residents. Gary TeSelle mentioned they ordered additional chlorine last year so it will reduce the amount they will need to order this year as well as the pumps being repaired last year. This will save on expenses this year. After due consideration a motion was made by Freeman and seconded by Roth to approve hiring the highlighted lifeguards presented on the spreadsheet at the recommended wages. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, Roth yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent. Motion carried. (See attached)

**Consider Notice to Proceed with 2021 Water Main Replacement, SRF Project No. D311663 for the City of Milford.** Dane Simonsen with JEO noted the contracts have been signed by all parties and now the city can issue the notice to proceed which starts the clock on the project. Materials have been ordered, iron pipe is 14-16 weeks out, but they have other areas they can work on. Next step will be to schedule a pre-construction meeting. Mayor Kelley thanked everyone involved with getting this project off the ground. It is vitally important that we address the water concerns of the community. Gary noted that flyers will be distributed to homeowners informing them of what to expect during construction as well as if the homeowner needs to consider replacing their lead and/or copper service to their home. A motion was made by Roth and seconded by Freeman to issue the notice to proceed for the 2021 Water Main Replacement, SRF Project No. D311663. Roll call vote: Roth yes, Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent. Motion carried.

**Consider Amendment to Agreement for the Water Main Replacement Project's 1-3, Amendment #2.** Dane Simonsen referenced the project as adding 4<sup>th</sup> street to phases 1-3. The map showed additional specifics adjacent to 4<sup>th</sup> Street (blue bubble) which is included in this design phase. They will start surveying within the next week. A motion was made by Roth and seconded by Freeman to approve the Amendment to Agreement for the Water Main Replacement project, Amendment #2. Roll call vote: Roth yes, Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent. Motion carried.

**Consider recommendation from Community Betterment Committee – Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment application.** SCCDP Director Jonathan Jank thanked the board for allowing him to present information regarding the Rural Workforce Housing Fund. Jonathan thanked the city for the previous investment. Through the first round the City of Milford along with a number of other offers across the county helped create a 1.26 million dollar revolving housing loan fund. When it is all done, it will leverage into 91 new housing units, 15.7 million of new investment across the county. The former Crestview Care Center is a reflection of this funding. They are hoping for a May/June opening with 21 new apartment units.

The opportunity before us tonight: The State has allocated new appropriations to this program and this is the third round of funds. They started in 2017, and we received funds in 2020 to expend it all at the end of 2022. There are 4 projects that are on different timelines. Previously the State offered a 1 for 1 match and this time around they are offering a 2 for 1 match. With a goal of \$500,000.00 we can turn it into 1.5 million. Depending on the council's action tonight Jonathan noted they have raised \$289,000.00 so far across the county. This includes public and private sectors. They have received a lot of positive feedback stating this is needed.

Jonathan shared information on a potential project in Milford that he has been given the authority to share from the housing developer. Mayor Kelley joined Jonathan in a visit to Nebraska City and met with the developer who is doing a similar project in Nebraska City. They have other projects located across NE; they have a good track record. They have



purchased 8 acres in Milford, north of the elementary, now the former Jantze property. Jonathan shared 3 different preliminary options for design. The owner will push Oak Avenue through to F Street and is mindful of drainage needs. There are options for potentially 48, 36 or 32 town houses. Milford needs all sorts of housing and this will fill another piece of the puzzle. This is a project they are very excited about with this round of funding. The developer is a buy and hold guy, he is in his 40's and he wants to own this through his retirement.

The Community Betterment Committee made a generous recommendation of \$75,000.00 which matched the amount contributed last round. SCCDP is asking for the Council's consideration and support to match that toward the next opportunity for Rural Workforce Housing Funds.

Mayor Kelley thanked Jonathan for allowing him to participate in the tour. They are really nice high-end places for housing. They are a little bit on the smaller side so not targeted for families. One and two bedrooms, very nice high-end appliances, flooring and countertops. Very well done both interior and exterior. There is still a need in Milford for rental property and these units would provide a place for start-up families or people looking to down-size. The owners are looking at this as a lifetime investment and taking pride in the construction. They are in it for the long haul, and this is what Milford wants.

A motion was made by Freeman and seconded by DeLong to move forward with the recommendation from the Community Betterment Committee in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment. Discussion: DeLong asked how confident they were in getting commitment for the remaining funds. Jonathan noted they are working very hard to reach the \$500,000.00 goal and possibly over that amount which will increase our chances of receiving the grant. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib absent, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**Consider recommendation from Citizen Advisory Review Committee – Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment application.** Jank reported that the application made to the Citizen Advisory Review Committee was for \$50,000.00.

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Freeman to approve the recommendation by the Citizen Advisory Review Committee to grant \$50,000.00 toward the Rural Workforce Housing Fund Investment. Roll call vote: DeLong yes, Freeman yes, Keib absent, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**Consider Milford Senior Center becoming SSAD (Social Services Aged & Disabled) eligible.** Sr. Center Manager Amy Salistean provided information on the program. (Attached) Mayor Kelley read the information to the board. Mayor Kelley noted it all sounded like good information. A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Freeman to allow the Milford Senior Center to make application and become SSAD (Social Services Aged & Disabled) eligible. Roll call vote: DeLong yes, Freeman yes, Keib absent, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**Consider Offer of Employment for Chief of Police position and set wage.** Mayor Kelley conducted 2 interviews with the 2 applicants. One individual stood out regarding past experience. Mayor Kelley recommended hiring Darrin Kremer as the new Chief of Police at a starting salary of \$73,000.00. A motion was made by Roth and seconded by DeLong to make an offer of employment to Darrin Kremer as Police Chief at a starting salary of \$73,000.00. No background check is needed as he is already a part-time officer with the department. Roll call vote: Roth yes, DeLong yes, Freeman yes, Keib absent. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Roth and seconded by DeLong to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Roth yes, DeLong yes, Freeman yes, Keib absent. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.


  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

  
Patrick L. Kelley, 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 March 7, 2023 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.



  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

## Lifeguard Wages

Position	Name	2021 Season	2022 Season	2023 Season	Amount recommended by Pool Board
Manager	Cole Toovey		\$12.50	\$12.75	\$14.75
Asst. Manager			\$11.50		
Lifeguard	Kaitlin Kontor	\$9.50	\$10.00		
Lifeguard	Madison Stutzman	\$9.50	\$9.75		
Lifeguard	Jackson Toovey	\$9.50	\$10.00	\$10.25	\$11.25
Lifeguard	Rebecca Freeman	\$9.50	\$9.75		
Lifeguard	Avery Roth		\$9.50	\$9.75	\$10.75
Lifeguard	Maizie Kolb		\$9.50	\$9.75	\$10.75
Lifeguard	Addison Sample		\$9.50	\$9.75	\$10.75
Lifeguard	Hailey Jones		\$9.50	\$9.75	\$11.00
Lifeguard	Brecken Yoder		\$9.50	\$9.75	\$10.75
Lifeguard	Izzy Yeackley		\$9.50		
New Guards		Pending Lifeguard Certification			
	Aydenn Freeman				\$10.50
	Brett Bousquet				\$10.50
	Adyson Kroese				\$10.50
	Hannah Reynolds				\$10.50
	Sarah Reynolds				\$10.50
	Lilly Kenning				\$10.50
	Emily Kenning				\$10.50

Employees highlighted are to be considered at the March 7th meeting





# Seward County **RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING FUND**



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In 2022, SCCDP disbursed all \$1.263 million to four housing projects in Milford, Seward, and Utica. These four projects total an estimated \$15.7 million of investment that will result in 91 new housing units to support Seward County's workforce needs.

The SCCDP is committing \$75,000 to begin our fundraising efforts. As a dedicated community partner with a history of supporting previous housing initiatives, we would ask you to please join us to create additional housing to support our growing workforce needs.



## Why Donate?



If the grant is awarded, your contribution will immediately generate a 200% return on investment for the Seward County Rural Workforce Housing Fund.



The replenishment of the revolving housing loan fund will help improve Seward County's housing stock for decades to come.



More workforce housing can increase the number of people that live and do business in Seward County.



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February 21, 2023

City of Milford  
Attn: Milford Community Betterment Committee  
402 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Milford, NE 68405



RE: Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Milford Community Betterment Committee Application to Support Workforce Housing Projects in Milford and Seward County

Dear Milford Community Betterment Committee,

In 2020, the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) raised \$431,500 locally for workforce housing through the Rural Workforce Housing Fund (RWHF) program. This included a gracious, \$75,000 grant from the Milford Community Betterment Committee. Combined with matching funds from the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), Seward County's \$1,263,000 RWHF has been critical in spurring housing developments across the county. By the end of 2022, SCCDP disbursed all \$1.263 million to four housing projects in Milford, Seward, and Utica. These four projects total an estimated **\$15,753,190 of investment** that will result in **91 new housing units** to support Seward County's workforce needs. This means our local dollars were leveraged nearly **37x**! In Milford specifically, the RWHF program incentivized the rehabilitation of the former Crestview Care Center. This development transformed a dilapidated, unused building into a 21-unit apartment building that will support Milford's continued growth.

In 2022, the Nebraska Legislature approved an appropriations bill that replenished the State of Nebraska's Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund. Considering the success of Seward County's original RWHF and the availability of additional state funding, SCCDP is embarking on a capital fundraising campaign to raise \$500,000 locally to apply for the 2-to-1 state RWHF match to create a \$1.5 million revolving housing loan fund. This fund would allow SCCDP to support new housing developments throughout Seward County. The SCCDP is committing \$75,000 to begin our fundraising efforts. As a dedicated community partner with a history of supporting previous housing initiatives, SCCDP is requesting a grant of \$75,000 from the Milford Community Betterment Fund to create additional housing units in Milford and Seward County to support our growing workforce needs.

#### Why Donate?

- If the grant is awarded, the Milford Community Betterment Committee's contribution will immediately generate a 200% return on investment for the Seward County Rural Workforce Housing Fund.
- More workforce housing increases the number of people that can live and do business in Seward County.
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#### Pledge Details

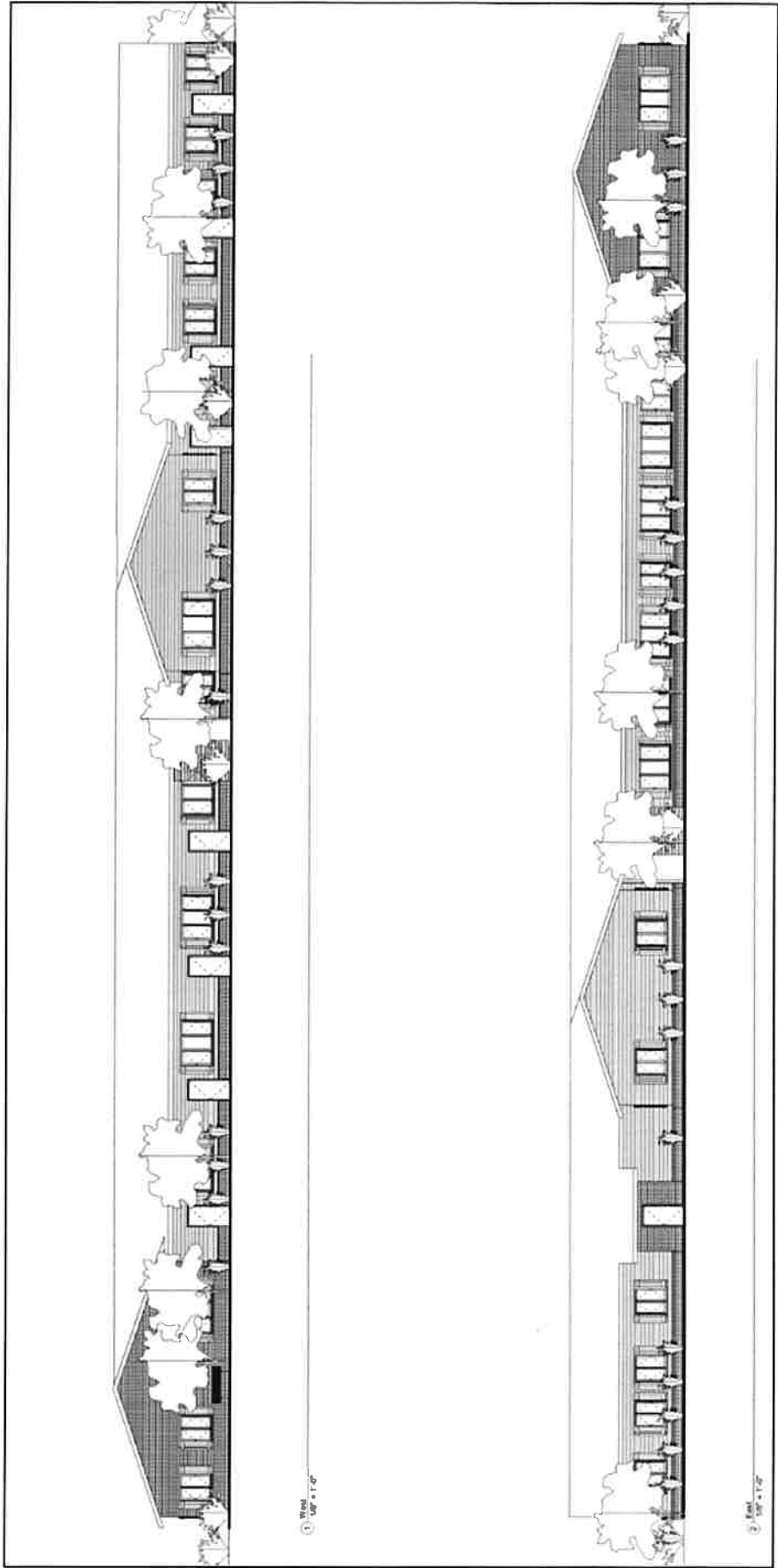
- Pledges need to be made by March 17, 2023.
- Donations are only accepted if the State grant is awarded to SCCDP.
- The SCCDP will be informed of the grant award in May 2023.

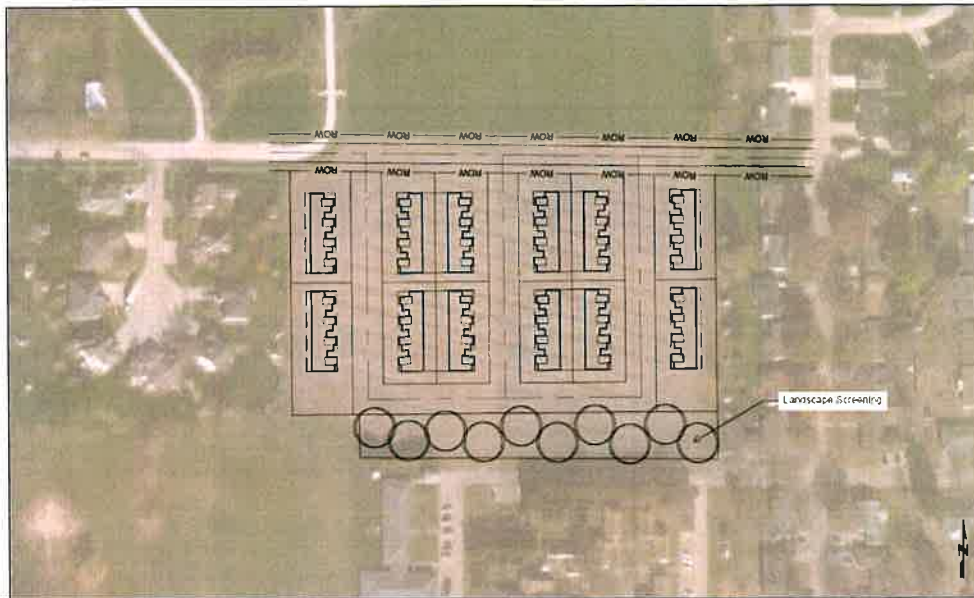
Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

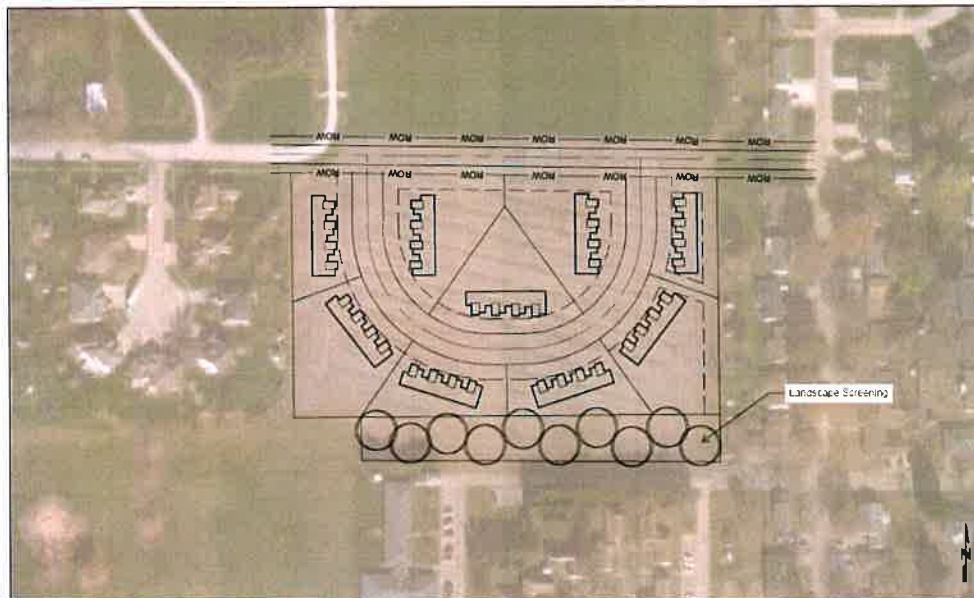
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Jonathan Jank, MBA & IOM  
President & CEO  
Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership

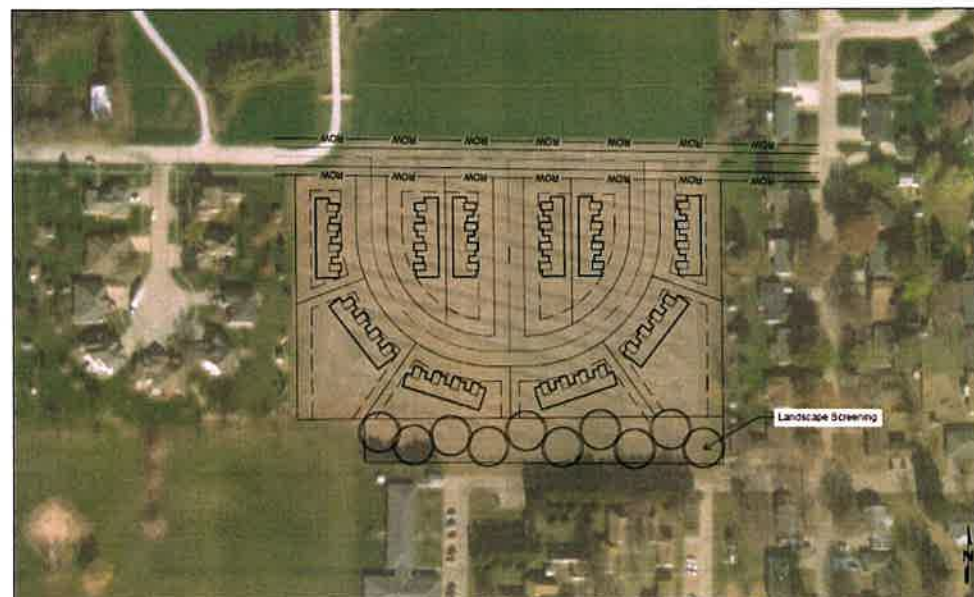




**CONCEPT A**  
MILFORD, NEBRASKA



**CONCEPT B**  
MILFORD, NEBRASKA



**CONCEPT C**  
MILFORD, NEBRASKA





## Milford Senior Center SSAD Provider Request

Presented by Amy Salistean, Manager

The Milford Senior Center, with the recommendation of the Milford Aging Services Commission, is requesting permission from the Milford City Council to become a SSAD (Social Services for Aged and Disabled Adult Program) Certified Meal Provider.

The Social Services for Aged and Disabled Adult Program (SSAD) provides services to individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled and need assistance in remaining as independent as possible. Eligibility is based on the client's income as well as their need for the requested service. The SSAD program provides services to clients who do not qualify for Medicaid or are ineligible to receive assistance from other programs. There are two types of meals available to be provided and one Certification provides for both:

- **Home Delivered Meals:** Delivered meals are provided to individuals who are unable to prepare balanced meals for themselves due to ailments. Meals are delivered to the client's residence typically during the noon hour.

- **Congregate Meals:** Congregate Meals are provided to individuals who are unable to prepare balanced meals for themselves due to ailments. Congregate meals are provided at an approved location and offer the individual a warm meal as well as socialization.

**HOW THIS BENEFITS THOSE IN NEED:** There are currently six preapproved SSAD individuals who are requesting meals from the Senior Center. These individuals were receiving meals from Linden Village until the closure of their kitchen. These six individuals, along with the rest of the Linden Village residents, are now receiving meals from the Senior Center on a daily basis. The potential to provide meals to others in need in this community beyond Linden Village is very significant as well.

**HOW THIS BENEFITS THE MILFORD SENIOR CENTER:** The Center will receive \$6.25 per SSAD approved meal from the State (DHHS). That money comes directly to the Senior Center through the City of Milford. Currently, the Senior Center, per the Older Americans Act, is obligated to provide meals to anyone 60 and older at a Suggested Contribution of \$6.00 (not a fee). Based on ability, the six individuals currently might not be paying for their meals and this would correct the large budget imbalance.

**THIS IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION:** More seniors in our community will be able to receive nutritionally balanced meals and the Milford Senior Center will have the ability to provide those meals at no monetary loss.

To become a SSAD Meal Provider, the Center will apply through DHHS, fulfill the necessary background check and possible \$5.00 filing fee. Being a Provider will cause minimal work for the Senior Center, including monthly records being sent to DHHS containing specifically who received how many meals in the previous month. These records are already strictly kept by the Senior Center, reporting them online to DHHS would be the difference.

