

LYONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2021

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lyons was called to order by Mayor Fuston at 5:32 P.M., October 14, 2021, at the Lyons City Hall. Present were Council members Brink, Wheaton, Housh Sr, and Steinmeyer. Also in attendance were Utility Superintendent Ueding and City Clerk Ritter.

Visitors at the meeting were Brandy McElroy, Chris Taylor, Toni Richards, Deb Taylor, Scott Taylor.

The meeting was called to order upon motion by Steinmeyer, second by Housh Sr. On roll call, AYE: Brink, Housh Sr, Steinmeyer, Wheaton. NAY: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Fuston 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 in the room. Advance notice of said regular meeting was given to the mayor and all members of the Council, and a copy of their receipt of such notice and the agenda is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated by posting notices in three public places and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion by Housh Sr, seconded by Brink to approve a special designated liquor license from Lyons Community Club, Lyons, NE for an event on November 13, 2021, at the Lyons Community Center. On roll call, AYE: Brink, Wheaton, Housh Sr, Steinmeyer. NAY: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the increase of 7.68% renewal rate on current plan for health insurance premium for the next year. Options would be to search for another plan, reduce the \$200 per month benefit the city contributes to each full-time employee's HSA, or remain with the current plan as is and pay the increased premium. The Council decided to stay with the current plan as is and pay the increased premium for December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022.

Utility department crew will be down by two employees. Austin Bonneau's last working day will be October 22, 2021, and Kevin Neuhaus gave notice October 13, 2021, as he doesn't know when he would be available again to work. A suggestion was made to working a four-day week like the State and County crews do, yet there was a concern as Lyons has all utilities. The city has competitive wages and great benefits, yet we struggle with people applying and staying. We will be advertising for two positions.

Council member Wheaton moved to enter Closed Session, seconded by Brink at 5:43 p.m. to discuss personnel. On roll call, AYE: Brink, Wheaton, Housh Sr, Steinmeyer. NAY: None. Absent: None. The meeting returned to Regular session at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Steinmeyer, seconded by Housh Sr to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. On roll call, AYE: Housh Sr, Wheaton, Steinmeyer, Brink. NAY: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Andrew Fuston, Mayor

Mary Lou Ritter
City Clerk

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the 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 for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes 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 of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be covered at said meeting.

Mary Lou Ritter
City Clerk
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