CITY OF BENKELMAN

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**CITY OF BENKELMAN, NEBRASKA**

**MEETING AGENDA/BUDGET HEARING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR BUDGET HEARING MEETING**

 **NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: The Mayor & City Council follows the Open Meetings Act Guidelines which are posted on the South Wall by the entrance. The Mayor & City Council may enter closed session during the meeting when it determines that doing so is appropriate and is authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Council of the City of Benkelman, Nebraska will meet by regular meeting; at 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 126 7th Avenue East.**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* The Agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current and will be available for public inspection at the City Office. You may call the City Office at 308-423-2540 or e-mail at** **cityben@bwtelcom.net** **for a copy of the agenda.**

 **This meeting will be held by video/telephone conference, ONLY BY REQUEST. Members of the public may attend this meeting in person.**

* **ROLL CALL**
* **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
* **MAYORAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT POSTING**
* **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023-2024 BUDGET**
* **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023-2024 BUDGET**
* **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**
* **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**
* **ADJOURNMENT**

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**CITY OF BENKELMAN, NEBRASKA**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

**AMENDED 9/15/2023**

* **ROLL CALL**
* **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
* **MAYORAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT POSTING**
* **MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**
* **COUNCIL COMMENTS: MAYOR BUFFINGTON ON ARLAN G. WINE PROPOSAL**
* **CITIZENS CONCERNS:**
* **APPROVE TO EXCEED THE RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BY AN ADDITIONAL 1%**
* **ADOPT BUDGET STATEMENTS/ORDINANCES**
* **SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**
* **APPROVE RESOLUTION 9-18-2023 #1 TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**
* **AWARD BID FOR PROPERTY ON LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 8, HIDDLESTON’S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BENKELMAN, DUNDY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**
* **DISCUSS WAIVING C&D SITE CHARGES FOR CLEANING UP THE ABOVE LISTED PROPERTY**
* **DISCUSS WAIVING C&D SITE CHARGES ON HOUSES IN HAIGLER; COMMISSIONERS HAVE WAIVED THEIR FEES**
* **APPROVE 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-839 ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE**
* **APPROVAL OF THE QUITCLAIM DEED TO SCOTT MCDONALD FOR THE PROPERTY; PORTION OF RAILROAD STREET ABUTTING LOT 4, BLOCK 47, SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BENKELMAN.**
* **CRA REPORT: MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023/INFORMATION ON PROS AND CONS FOR AUTHORIZING FIVE RULE TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR PROPERTY TO THE CRA**
* **SHERIFF’S REPORT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

* **Approve Minutes of August 21, 2023, regular meeting and Budget Workshop Meeting of August 23, 2023.**
* **Approve Treasurers Report.**
* **Approve Bills.**
* **Approve payment to Tim Smith, City Street Superintendent. Financial reports are no longer sent, but still being prepared; motion to pay Tim the same amount/$455 per report (2) of them for a total of $910.**
* **DTR Steering Committee: Remove Derrick Jarmin and add Walter Zarkowski.**
* **Planning Commission: Approved CRA Demo permits for 1010 Chief Street, 1004 Chief Street and 808 Chief Street; approved fence permit for Bill Thornbrugh and Lee Anderson at 513 6th Avenue West; approved fence permit submitted by Andrew Haldeen for Jordan & Hannah Stroup at 817 Chief Street.**
* **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
* **Discuss Health Board Minutes and next step on these properties.**
* **Discuss meeting for the DTR Program Applications that were due Friday the 15th of September.**
* **Approve Fire Department Insurance Reimbursement.**
* **Discuss ARPA Bank Account.**
* **Discuss ATV License Plate.**
* **Discuss moving the CRA Bank Account and Savings Account to another Bank.**
* **Report from Jeremiah Unger on Water.**
* **Report from Paul Castillo on Electric.**
* **City Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk: Report**
* **City Superintendent: Report.**
* **FUTURE:**
* **LOOKING INTO GRANT FOR BALER FOR RECYCLING CENTER.**
* **ADVERTISING FOR CITY SALES TAX SPECIAL ELECTION-OCTOBER 10TH.**
* **CITY CLERK/TREASURER: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING.**
* **EXPIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT EXPIRED (3-2023).**
* **LEADERSHIP CERTIFIED COMMUNITY EXPIRED MAY 2023/WE HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO RENEW. MEETING WITH KELLY GEWECKE AND ASHLEY GERLACH TO SEE WHAT HAS TO BE DONE FOR THIS AT 10:30 AM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023.**
* **ORDINANCE FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER WAGES.**
* **STORAGE BUILDING AT BALL FIELD.**
* **OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR DISASTER MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**
* **THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ZONING BOOKS REDONE.**
* **FYI: LETTER FROM HITCH & HAY PUBLIC TRANSIT**
* **ADJOURNMENT**

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