

**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Monday, October 19, 2020**

**Present:** Sändra Washington, Roy Christensen, Tammy Ward, Bennie Shobe, Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, and James Michael Bowers

**Others Present:** Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Jon Carlson, Administrative Aid to the Mayor; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development; and other City Staff present

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes from October 5, 2020, approved and adopted

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

Under Consent Agenda – Items(s) 1.d. through 1.f. are SDL's on private property.

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Item(s) 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together. Item(s) 4.d. through 4.h. will each have a substitute Resolution; the verbiage on the Agenda lists several dates, the substitute Resolution will only approve the October 31, 2020 dates.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Item 6.c. has a Motion to Amend No. 1 to adopt a substitute Ordinance; adding language for site specific conditions.

Discussion followed.

**IV. MAYORS OFFICE**

Jon Carlson advised Council that Dan Marvin will be providing Council with an update on the Cares Act Funding and Emergency Grant Funding the City has received and dispersed over the past few weeks in response to the pandemic.

Dan Marvin updated Council on the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) funding for rental and utility assistance. Marvin stated that on July 7, 2020 the Mayor issued a Press Release stating there were CBDG funds available that amounted to about \$4 million dollars; some of these funds are going towards homeless shelter funds, the other is going towards rent and utility assistance and an additional third is going to the Food Bank to provide additional dollars. On September 11, 2020, there was another funding source of \$975,000 that was earmarked specifically for rent and utility assistance; those dollars were available between now and the end of the year; funds are currently being distributed. Recently the City received an additional \$1,148,992 in CBDG funding to further assist residents in rent and utility assistance; this funding will allow the City to assist individuals beyond next year, so funding will go into calendar year 2022 after the \$975,000 is exhausted. The City has partnered with a number of different organizations who are assisting the City in processing applications for assistance. The Lincoln Community Foundation is the only organization authorized to issue the funds directly to the landlords and/or utility companies. To date, a total of 177 individual claims have been responded to totaling approximately \$80,000 a week in disbursements.

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Discussion followed.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**  
**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD).

Lopez briefed Council on the latest guidance and concerns regarding COVID-19. Lopez reported the following:

We are currently at 8,112 total cases; it is expected that 80 to 90 positive cases will be reported today. It is anticipated that there will be additional deaths in the community this week that will be reported. For the week of October 17, 2020, there were a total of 648 cases, which is the second highest weekly total; the week of September 12, 2020 was the highest week with a total of 694 cases. 35% of all cases are connected to a non-positive case; 13 % of the positive cases are in the 60 – 79 age groups; which continues to be a big concern. 41% of the positive cases are in the 30 – 59 age groups. 44% or 3500 individuals have recovered. The positivity rate for cases reported last week was 13.9%, which is higher than the previous week. Part of the concern that is impacting the positivity rate is the additional testing that is being done in long-term care facilities; the negatives that are being reported effect the over-all positivity rate. Work is currently being done to separate this information out so we can obtain more accurate numbers. Over-all positivity rate is at 8.8%. The seven day rolling average of cases, in August was 19 cases, and is currently at 93 cases for the week ending on Saturday. About 29% of Lancaster County residents have been tested. On-going conversations are being had with all the schools throughout the community and UNL.

**VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. **Parks & Rec** – Christensen (10.08.20)  
Christensen reported the meeting was brief, and golf is up beyond last year and beyond projections.
2. **BOH** – Bowers (10.13.20)  
Bowers reported discussion included the pervious report by Pat Lopez.
3. **MAC** – Shobe (10.13.20)  
Shobe reported discussion was had on what has been accomplished in the past year and what can be done going forward into the next year.
4. **PBC** – Meginnis, Raybould (10.13.20)  
Raybould reported the Hall of Justice (HOJ) project is wrapping up and they hope to have that completed by the end of the month. Discussion was had on the District Energy Corp. (DEC) including their proposal on bonds and financing. The PBC decided to stick with all the other entities when it comes to the pool of funding and they look to continue to support the funding necessary for their own bond issue for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission projects. Discussion was had on the north parking garage in need of repairs and improvements. Discussion was also had on department space and the upcoming needs of that space with employees working remotely.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.