

**COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF PARKER REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

The Parker City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the council room of City Hall. Members present: Council members: Harms, RBuller, Poncelet, Kuchta, and Mayor Nolan. Absent: JBuller and Janzen. Other people attending: Finance Officer Jans, Paul Kraft, Violet Veil, Audrea Buller Tricia Erickson, Tanya Wickstrom, Cody Schwartz, and Interim Sheriff Buteyn. Mayor Nolan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All action in the following minutes was carried out by unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

- 24.20 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- 24.21 Motion by RBuller, seconded by Harms to approve the March claims as presented, except for Parker Pharmacy. List attached. Motion carried. February salaries: General Fund: \$29,408.39. Enterprise Funds: \$21,409.51. TOTAL: \$50,817.90.
- 24.22 Motion by Harms, seconded by RBuller to approve the claim for Parker Pharmacy. Poncelet abstained. Motion carried.

Banner Engineer Paul Kraft was present and discussed a proposed agreement to provide services for a Mulligan Drive storm sewer improvement project and a drainage analysis.

- 24.23 Motion by RBuller, seconded by Poncelet to approve the agreement with Banner Engineering to provide drainage analysis and engineering services for storm sewer improvement on Mulligan Drive. Motion carried.
- 24.24 Motion by Poncelet, seconded by Kuchta to approve the second reading of Amended Ordinance 8.0304 – Use of the Public Sewers. Motion carried.
- 24.25 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by Poncelet to approve the sale and consumption of alcohol at the community building April 6, 2024. Motion carried.
- 24.26 Motion by Kuchta, seconded by RBuller to approve the final pay request and close out the East Side Conversion project. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24.0311

Resolution acknowledging the assignment of Ordinance No. 13.0 from NorthWestern Corporation to NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation

WHEREAS, the City of Parker adopted Ordinance No. 13.0 dated 1/7/2013 (the “Franchise Ordinance”) authorizing Northwestern Corporation to operate a gas distribution system within the City of Parker; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2024, NorthWestern Corporation’s South Dakota and Nebraska assets and related contractual obligations transferred to a new entity named NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy consistent with a corporate reorganization authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Docket No. GE22-002) and the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Docket No. NG-114); and

WHEREAS, other than the above-referenced transfer there is no change to the terms or conditions of the Franchise Ordinance or performance thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Parker hereby acknowledges and accepts the assignment of Ordinance 13.0 from NorthWestern Corporation to NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.

Passed and approved this 11th day of March, 2024.

City of Parker
Derek Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:
Adam Jans, Finance Officer

24.27 Motion by Harms, seconded by Kuchta to approve the preceding resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the SS4A Grant. No action taken.

Department Reports: Interim Sheriff Buteyn was available for questions. Library Director Erickson gave a monthly update and advised the council of a \$1500.00 grant recently awarded to the Parker Library. Finance Officer Jans discussed purchasing a box scraper and hotbox asphalt melter for the street department and reminded the city council of upcoming meetings. Finance Officer Jans noted Street Superintendent Schwarts had completed his certification for mosquito spraying and herbicides.

24.28 Motion by Harms, seconded by Kuchta to increase Street Superintendent Schwartz hourly wage by \$0.25/hour for the certifications. Motion carried.

24.29 Motion by Rbulla, seconded by Kuchta to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Derek Nolan, Mayor

Adam Jans, Finance Officer