CITY OF BENKELMAN

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2022

The City Council met in the Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. for special council meeting and Budget Workshop. Present: Mayor Robert Rhoades; Council Members JoAnn Decker, Deb Stamm, Nicholas Baney (left at 5:00 p.m.), Barb Pinkerton; City Superintendent James Summers; City Clerk Diane Rosenfelt. Absent: Acting Police Chief/Sheriff Nichols and City Attorney Jon Schroeder. Others Present: Linda Seabolt, Sharon Rhoades, City Street Superintendent Tim Smith, Mary Deyle, Greg Burrows, Buck Menuez, Carl Seabolt and Michael Hoback; AMGL, P.C.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Robert Rhoades called the meeting to order and stated that we follow the open meetings law, which is posted on the south wall by the main entrance.

Mayor Rhoades welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Michael Hoback from Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth Certified Public Accountants was in attendance for the Budget Workshop. Mr. Hoback discussed the rest of the fiscal year concerning where we are along with discussing what plans the city and the CRA has for the next fiscal year.

At 4:45 p.m. council member JoAnn Decker made a motion to open the public hearing for the final approval and adoption of the City of Benkelman, Nebraska Downtown Redevelopment Area Blight & Substandard Determination Study, January 2022, seconded by Nick Baney. Ayes: Baney, Decker, Pinkerton, Stamm; nays: none. Motion passed.

Mayor Rhoades spoke to those in attendance that by adopting the Downtown Redevelopment Area Blight & Substantial Study we will be able to proceed with the DTR Program.

Council member Nick Baney made a motion to close the public hearing for the final approval and adoption of the City of Benkelman, Nebraska Downtown Redevelopment Area Blight & Substandard Determination Study, January 2022, seconded by Deb Stamm. Ayes: Decker, Pinkerton, Stamm, Baney; nays: none. Motion passed.

Council member JoAnn Decker made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the City of Benkelman, Nebraska Downtown Redevelopment Area Blight & Substandard Determination Study, January 2022, seconded by Barb Pinkerton. Ayes: Pinkerton, Stamm, Baney, Decker; nays: none. Motion passed.

The mayor and council along with Mr. Hoback continued discussion on the budget along with the budget for the CRA.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

 Robert Rhoades, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Diane L. Rosenfelt, City Clerk