

May 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Seward Civic Center Commission of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room (Room Three) at the Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street. Present: Betty Jean Kolterman, Rick Endicott, John Owens, Jan Matzke. Absent: Janice Rolfsmeier, Gary Pomerence. Others in attendance: Manager Randy Sanley, Live in Caretaker Gary Wolter, Chamber Director Charles Lieske.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places. City Hall, Civic Center, and Seward Public Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of this meeting. All proceedings, hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Kolterman announced that a copy of the Agenda for this meeting is posted at the Civic Center, Seward Memorial Library and City Hall. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in Room Three (south wall) for public inspection.

1. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sanley reported mowing is in full swing. He has completed a bit of landscaping, including cutting back roses. He questioned if a sign outside of the building was needed to direct visitors to the appropriate entrance. Chairman Kolterman thanked Manager Sanley and Live in Caretaker Wolter for their efforts during the State-Wide Women's Club meeting held at the Civic Center. Sanley also noted a toilet in the basement women's restroom will need repair or replacement.

2. LANGWORTHY TRUST REPORT

The balance of the Langworthy Trust as of April 30, 2015 was \$851,032.04.

3. TWENTY STEEL FOLDING CHAIRS

A motion was made by Matzke, seconded by Endicott, to purchase 48 additional chairs to match those previously purchased. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT ON HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY BETWEEN TWO BUILDINGS

The Commission discussed options for proceeding with handicapped access between the two buildings. This discussion included seeking bids and surveying users to determine areas of emphasis as part of a long-range plan. No action was taken.

5. POSSIBLE BUILDING PURCHASE - INFORMATION

Seward Area Chamber of Commerce Director Charles Lieske spoke to the Commission about recent discussion with Seward County Economic Director Jonathan Jank, Visitors Committee President Clark Kolterman and Langworthy Trustee Steve Poots. Previous discussions centered on submission of a pre-application for a grant to allow the Langworthy Trust to purchase the property to the northeast of the Civic Center (owned by Jones National Bank & Trust Company—formerly built as Seward Equitable Building & Loan; 341 North 6th Street). Lieske noted the issue was placed on the City Council agenda, and the group is to find out if a full application is needed by May 15, 2015. The plan would involve some funding by the Langworthy Trust, a grant and possible donation by Jones National Bank. Lieske's plan would allow the Chamber to move their offices to the proposed building, making room for the Seward Economic Development Corporation and the Visitors Committee to also be located in this area.

The Commission expressed concern regarding exclusion from the process, noting if the property were to be purchased, it would need to be approved by the Commission and managed by the Commission under the constraints of the existing budget and trust document. Lieske reported he has been asked to prepare two-year operations projections, along with upgrade/renovation cost estimates while waiting to hear about the grant request. No action was taken at this time.

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6. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Matzke, seconded by Endicott, to approve the consent items (Minutes, Claims, Financial Report). The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m..

John Owens, Secretary