

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA
Regular Session
Sargent Community Center
April 9, 2007**

Legal and Public Notice being duly given as required by law, the regular session of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sargent, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Griebel. The following council members were present at roll call: Nitchie, Kozeal, Oeltjen and Mankle. Absent: None.

Council Member Kozeal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Mankle seconded the motion. Vote all yea.

The Council looked at a complaint submitted by Helen Ruh regarding the properties located at 902 West Main Street and 904 West Main Street. The Council approved a 120-day extension to the possible new owners of the properties in December. That extension expires on April 17th. The owners have made the City aware that they do not plan on taking care of them problem and to proceed as necessary. It was agreed to have a letter sent to the registered owner informing her that the properties must be cleaned up. If the letter is not accepted such notice shall be published in the Sargent Leader for three consecutive weeks.

The Council next reviewed other municipality's sewer rates. It was agreed that Sargent does not need to raise the charges for sewer at this time.

The matter of late bills and disconnects were discussed. It was agreed to have a survey of other municipalities' billing policies and charges for late fees for review at the next regular Council meeting.

Council Member Kozeal made a motion to waive the City's utility rights on land owned by Robert Klooz on the northeast end of town to allow Custer Public Power District to provide the hook-up and service for a pivot. Council Member Mankle seconded. Vote all yea.

At 7:50 Mr. Brad White requested an executive session for his agenda item. Council Member Mankle made a motion to go into executive session to discuss White Sanitation's request for an economic development loan. Council Member Oeltjen seconded the motion. Vote all yea.

Council Member Oeltjen moved to return to regular session. Council Member Kozeal seconded. Vote all yea. Returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Kathy Drake was present at the meeting to discuss the idea of offering businesses incentives to move their operations or start a business in Sargent. The first step is for the City to create a foundation, which Ms. Howard is in the process of. Some of the ideas include free land, a break on the utilities, a tax break, waive loan payments for up to one year and help with relocation costs. The Council agreed to have Mrs. Drake attend the next Chamber of Commerce meeting so that she and Ms. Howard could explain the idea to local businesses.

The Council reviewed the renewal for health insurance for the City employees. The rates will have about an 8% increase from the current rates. Council Member Nitchie made a motion to keep the existing plan and pay for the increase. Council Member Mankle seconded the motion. Vote all yea.

The City Council discussed letters they received from the 5th grade class at the Sargent School. It was agreed to have Mayor Griebel write a letter back to the class.

Steve Conner was present to ask the Council about an increase in the loan he has been approved for. He will have to make another full application for review before the Council could make a decision.

Officer reports were given.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Bernard Griebel
Mayor

Shelly Howard
City Clerk

Claims approved April 11, 2007

Community Center

Appear 98.09
Bank One 1,122.00
Dolly Grause 68.00
NE Central Telephone Co. 49.72
Sargent Municipal Utilities 82.57

Municipal Account

Don's Auto Parts, Inc. 102.88
Forget-Me-Not Shoppe 37.27
GoFer Foods 356.85

Grint Farm Supply 489.36
Huskerland Communications 6.09
IIMC 140.00
Kinder Morgan, Inc. 13.04
Louie's Body Shop 264.54
Meyer Laboratory, Inc 1,739.00
NE Central Telephone Co. 52.90
Nebraska.gov 52.00
NMPP 538.74
Paulsen, Inc. 1,954.41
Petty Cash 48.90
Prairie Eyecare Center 286.00
Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co., Inc 93.25
Sargent Municipal Utilities 1,040.31
Sargent Variety 16.98
Sargent Vol. Fire Dept. 50.00
Tribune 2000 391.28
University of Nebraska-Lincoln 50.00

Utilities Account

Alltel 53.04
Appearra 115.16
Bank One 497.23
City of Burwell 171.00
City of Sargent 410.27
Corner Market 45.36
Credit Bureau Services 5.00
Department of Energy 3,184.74
First National Bank of Ord 841.54
GoFer Foods 275.54
Horky Feed & Supply 31.92
Hydraulic Equipment Service Inc. 330.07
Kinder Morgan, Inc. 805.34
Kriz-Davis Electrical Supply 365.62
League of Municipalities - Utilities Sect 255.00
MEAN 19,705.48
NE Central Telephone Co. 166.36
NE Dept of Revenue 2,612.55
NE HHS Lab 723.00
NMPP 850.00
Sargent Fair Board 20.00
Sargent Municipal Utilities 818.62
Sargent Variety 21.45
Simmernan Electric 140.32
Tribune 2000 135.00
Ward Laboratories, Inc. 5.00
White Sanitation & Trucking 5,592.90

Medical Clinic Account

K.C. Pest Control 105.50