

The regular meeting of the Seward Civic Center Commission of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward.

Present: Rick Endicott, Jan Matzke, Mark Kolterman, Doug Gremel, Ken Morgan and Sandy Wright.

Also in attendance: Megan Kahler, Erin Wieseman

Absent: Pat Sanley, Mark Suhr

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

President Rick Endicott called the meeting to order, mentioning that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in Room Three for public inspection.

President Endicott brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. MANAGER'S REPORT . . . Erin reported that other than the renovation there really is not a lot to report at this time. Erin feels like things are moving along very well.
2. LANGWORTHY TRUST . . . Ken reported that the balance on hand is \$1,122,281.18. We have paid out \$500,000 for the project; we will need to draw and pay out another \$500,000 soon. The city has refunded Langworthy Trust \$35,000 and plans to pay \$10,800 per year for the next 10 years.
3. UPDATE ON RENOVATION . . . Rick, Jan, Erin and Mark attended a meeting and a tour of the progress of the project. Mark reported that the project is 'right on track'. Looks like the first floor could be done in 30 days.
4. REPORT FROM MARK ON S.E. ENTRANCE . . . Mark is reporting that the new entrances (S E) to the building project is totaling \$250,000. With an additional \$200,000 we could complete the project including phase 2. When we get to the \$200,000 mark, we could use a matching fund to begin to finalize the whole building project while we are in the process now. There is a commitment of \$60,000 for this part of the project. Mark has some ideas of who to talk to and has already spoken at Civic meetings in Seward to create interest. He will be talking with other foundations and boards regarding some funding, as well as our own SEWARD GIVES. There will be a brochure going out soon with information about this project. Along those lines there is important information to share, regarding the generosity of Jesse Tishue Langworthy over the years. Ken reported that since 1954 the Langworthy Trust has donated \$21 million to the hospital and over \$8 million to the Civic Center. This is a good opportunity to remind or inform the public of what has been gifted to this community and consider a bit of a payback of appreciation. Rick asked for a motion to make an effort to find the funding and finish the project. Jan made the motion and Mark seconded. All were in favor with AYE!
5. UPDATE ON SPRINKLER SYSTEM . . . As Hwy 15 project gets completed there will still be grass that needs to be planted or sod laid, the decision to wait until spring has been made. Andrew Schlueter has been caring for the lawn and has an association with a sprinkler company to also fix, repair and replace our current system. This is a \$12,000 project that is included in the \$450,000 goal.

6. OTHER BUSINESS . . . None at this time
7. CONSENT ITEMS . . . Mark made a motion to accept the minutes, Doug seconded, All were in favor AYE!
8. ADJOURN . . . Endicott adjourned the meeting at 5:34
9. Next meeting January 13 at 5:00 Room 2.
10. Next meeting September 9 at 5:00 Room 2.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Wright