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## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

2024 September 3

TIME: 7:00 PM

BILL READERS: THOMPSON & RENNAU PUBLIC NOTICE: (FOLLOWING PAGES)

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

#### II. ROLL CALL:

## III. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Mayor led the Council Members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Cramer advised the public body of the Open Meetings Act that is posted in the meeting room and entry hall.

## IV. CITY COUNCIL OF WOOD RIVER DECLARATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

The City of Wood River abides by the open meetings act in conducting business. A copy of the open meetings act is displayed around the board room and in the hall as required by state law. The City Council may vote to go into closed session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

## V. CITIZENS WITH BUSINESS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA.

(Comments may have a limitation of 15 minutes per topic. The purpose of the public comment is for the presentation of an item to the City Council that is not on the agenda) (As required by State Law, no matter may be considered under this item unless Council determines that the matter requires emergency action.)

#### VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed under consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed and will be considered after completion of the consent agenda.)

VI. Regular Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2024

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VI. Disbursements \$111,192.70

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VI. Checks not on the list \$31,265.51

VI. Automatic payments

1. Sunlife Financial \$169.52



2. Blue Cross Blue Shield \$5,968.65 3. Lincoln Financial Group \$548.79 4. Redwing Software \$1,420.00 5. Ameritas \$59.16 6. Zero Fee \$29.99 7. Clearfly \$361.59 VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS RESOLUTION 2024-202 A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO SELL Pages 4-5 A TRACT OF LAND TO CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY FOR \$160,000.00. VIII. UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS (City Council may vote to go into **CLOSED SESSION** on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.) 1. SHERIFF'S report for the month of August 2024. Handout 2. MAYOR CRAMER discuss/approve final plat prepared for 8th Street lots. Page 6 3. ASHLEY MANNING discuss/approve increasing local share amount by \$3,400,00 for a

total of \$5,225.00 to purchase a new siren through Hall County Emergency Management.

4. ASHLEY MANNING discuss/approve attending LONM annual conference October 3-4

5. MAYOR CRAMER discuss/approve paying Bill Gideon for damaged irrigation pipe.

in Lincoln.

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6. MAYOR CRAMER discuss/approve payment to JEO (Invoice 153514) in the amount of \$967.50 for work completed on the 202 Electric System Improvement project.	Page 12
7. MAYOR CRAMER discuss nuisance property.	
IX. COUNCIL REMARKS:	
X. MAYOR'S REMARKS:	
XI. DEPARTMENT'S REMARKS:	
XII. NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULES ARE AS FOLLOWS: September 17   October 8   October 22	

#### Official City Council Minutes City of Wood River, Nebraska Regular Meeting August 20, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Wood River, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 108 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St, on August 20, 2024. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publicized notice on August 14, 2024 in the Clipper and the Grand Island Independent. An agenda for the meeting, was kept continuously current, and was made available for public inspection on the City's website (woodriverne.com).

Mayor Greg Cramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Rodriguez, Nielsen, Rotter, Klingsporn, and Thompson.

City Officials Present: Christina Wemhoff, Treasurer; Brent Gascho, Utilities Superintendent; Ashley Manning, City Clerk

Public Present: Nate Mayhew; Veronica Kaufman; Jenie & Matt Maloney; Jocelyn Rauert; Cassie Lechtenberg.

Mayor led the Council Members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cramer advised the public body of the Open Meetings Act that is posted in the meeting room and entry hall.

Public Comment: Nate Mayhew mentioned that it would cost \$12,000-\$14,000 to change the boilers and water heaters over to natural gas. Converting them to gas would allow the Fire Department to purchase a cheaper generator and switch – about \$57,000. Will come to a future meeting with more exact numbers.

Items on the consent agenda for approval were:
August 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Disbursements reviewed this month by: Rotter & Klingsporn
Disbursements totaling: \$35,237.66
Checks not on list: \$108,036.66
Sales Tax Paid: \$5,119.12
Pool Sales Tax Paid: \$2,295.83
Payroll: \$98,457.85
Payroll Tax: \$14,455.62
Retirement: \$3,173.20

Rotter made the motion to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Rodriguez. Motion carried 4/0. Nielsen abstained. Rennau absent.

Cassie Lechtenberg and Jocelyn Rauert were present to go over the end of season report for the Aquatic Center. Great Plains Communications sponsored open pool day on August 4th for Fun Fest – over 700 people were in and out of the pool that day. Last open day of the pool was August 5. All has been shut down, mechanical shut down list was sent to Brent and Greg. Cassie mentioned the women's bathroom floor needing deep cleaned/stripped due to sunscreen buildup. Greg to touch up some paint spots in the pool that are chipping. They handed out a list of all employees that worked all summer, including shut down. Rotter motioned to approve paying \$50.00 bonuses to the list of 31 pool employees totaling \$1,550.00. Motion seconded by Nielsen. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent. Cassie and Jocelyn requested a heavy duty cleaning brush, shop vac, lifeguard tubes, hoses, slide tubes, storage, and tanning chairs. They presented quotes and sources for all requested items. Nielsen motioned to approve purchasing the items requested for the Aquatic Center for an estimated total of \$3,515.83. Motion seconded by Thompson. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Nielsen motioned to approve by-laws and application form for Fire Department Auxiliary. Motion seconded by Rodriguez. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Jenie Maloney presented Council with 5 Cadet applications and 2 Fire Department applications for approval. Cadets: Andy Aguilar, Ikaiah Edgren, Sidney Frear, Jacob Jackson, Preston Kuskie. Fire Department: Joshua Gartner, Riley Campbell. Rotter motioned to approve the 5 Cadet applications and 2 Fire Department applications. Motion seconded by Nielsen. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Nielsen motioned to approve requesting quotes for a utility rate study. Motion carried by Thompson. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Brent Gascho presented Council with two quotes for purchasing a spare pool pump. Brent is to verify the components of both quotes and bring back to a future meeting.

Mayor Cramer discussed advertising for excess equipment, list to include the garage sitting on the 8th street lots. Brent to come up with a list of more equipment/items and bring to a future meeting.

Nielsen motioned to approve renewing membership with League of Nebraska Municipalities in the amount of \$5,246.00 for September 2024-August 2025. Motion seconded by Rotter. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Rotter motioned to approve renewing membership with the Utilities Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities in the amount of \$869.00 for September 2024–August 2025. Motion seconded by Rodriguez. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Rotter motioned to approve payment to NEMA in the amount of \$3,986.25 for overpayment on project DR-4420-NE-0019 (Advance Assistance Project). Motion seconded by Thompson. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Christina Wemhoff asked Council to start considering a cost of living increase rate to include in the 2024/2025 budget.

Christina Wemhoff presented Council with a budget summary packet. All funds were discussed at length.

Nielsen motioned to approve payment to JEO (Invoice 153187) in the amount of \$20,915.00 for work completed, CDBG #22-PW-009 (Senior Center Project) Thompson seconded. Motion carried. 5/0, Rennau absent.

Thompson motioned to approve drawdown #8 in the amount of \$13,061.42 CDBG #22-PW-009 (Senior Center Project). Rotter seconded. Motion carried 5/0. Rennau absent.

Christina Wemhoff had already presented all of the fund balances for July during the budget discussion.

#### Department Remarks:

Veronica Kaufman: Sidewalk to the door of the library is very uneven, asked Utilities Employees to look into repairing it.

#### Council Remarks:

Nielsen: Thanked everyone for their help with Fun Fest.

#### Mayor Remarks:

- (1) Bartunek purchased the lots at 13th \* Walnut and is looking to build 2 5-plexes there, property will need rezoned.
- (2) Carbon Capture project through Green Plains seems to be moving forward, estimated to be a 5 million dollar project.

As there was no further business to come before this session of the Council, Council member Thompson made the motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion seconded by Rodriguez.

You can find agenda request forms and minutes from previous meetings on the city's website at <a href="https://www.woodriverne.com/agendaform.htm">www.woodriverne.com/agendaform.htm</a>. You can preview all ordinances and resolutions at the city office during regular business hours.

Greg Cramer, Mayor	Ashley Manning, City Clerk

**CLAIMS** 9/3/2024

ABBREVIATIONS USED: RP=REPAIRS, SU=SUPPLIES, SE=SERVICES, IT=INS/TAXES/RETRM, RE=REIMBURSEMENTS UE=UTIL. EXPENSES, DM=DUES/MEMBERSHIPS/FEES, SP=SALARIES PAID, ER=ELECTRICAL REBATE, MI=MISCELLANEOUS, OE=OPERATING FXPFNSES. CD=CD'S PURCHASED

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<b>General Fund</b>			
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	44.71	
HALL CO BLDG DPT	SE	6595.12	
CAPITAL BUS SYSTEM	SE	454.84	
Street Fund			
TITAN MACHINERY	SU	71.25	
Fire Fund			
SANTA FE	SU	748.58	
Park Fund			
RICKS FERTILIZING	SE	6331.05	
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	SE	28.39	
Electric Fund			
JELINEK ACE HRDWR	SU	110.23	
VILLAGE UNIFORM	SE	102.46	
SPPD	UE	77915.07	
BORDER STATES	SU	586.41	
WESCO	SU	44.00	
Water Fund			
LONM-UTILITIES	DM	65.00	
WINSUPPLY	SU	49.72	
Senior Center Fund			
WHISKEY RIVER	SU	536.00	
Game & Park Fund			
NEBRASKA GAME & PARK	RE	35.00	
Variety Fund			
PRESTO-X	SE	201.36	
MACQUEEN	MI	3399.57	
EAKES	MI	1172.67	
VERIZON	UE	175.74	
CWR	UE	5661.58	
BLACK HILLS	UE	467.46	
TRAVELERS	IT	4523.00	
ARNOLD MOTOR	SU	143.53	
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	MI	1729.96	

REVIEWED BY:

COUNCILPERSON

TOTAL DISB. \$ 111,192.70 **CHECKS NOT ON LIST** \$ 31,265.51

142,458.21

### Checks not on list

38450 LONM	5246.00
38451 UTILITY LONM	869.00
38452 NEMA	3986.25
38453 JEO	20915.00
38454 USPS	249.26

### RESOLUTION NO. 2024-202

WHEREAS, the City of Wood River, Nebraska owns a tract of real property described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOTS SEVEN (7) THROUGH TWELVE (12) BLOCK TWENTY-SEVEN (27), ALL OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) BLOCK TWENTY-EIGHT (28), A PORTION OF THE VACATED NORTH FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF NORTH STREET LYING SOUTH AND ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS ONE AND TWO OF BLOCK 28, AND ALL OF VACATED NORTH STREET AND EIGHTH (8<sup>TH</sup>) STREET AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 588 INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2024-03926, ORIGINAL TOWN OF THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, and

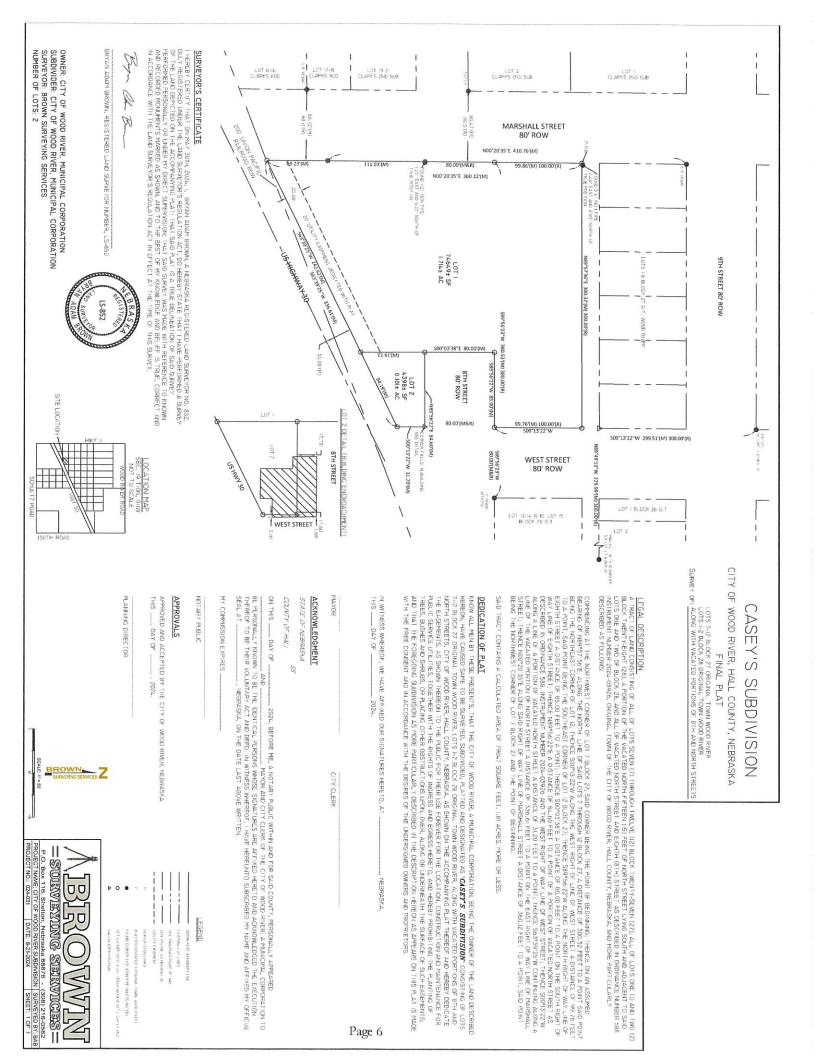
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Wood River, Nebraska by Neb. Reb. Stat. § 17-503 as amended, the City desires to sell said real property to Casey's Retail Company for \$160,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration, to include the City's future cost savings in property improvements, upgrades, and other ancillary expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wood River, Nebraska:

1. That pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Wood River, Nebraska by Neb. Reb. Stat. § 17-503 as amended, the City states its intention to sell A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOTS SEVEN (7) THROUGH TWELVE (12) BLOCK TWENTY-SEVEN (27), ALL OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) BLOCK TWENTY-EIGHT (28), A PORTION OF THE VACATED NORTH FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF NORTH STREET LYING SOUTH AND ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS ONE AND TWO OF BLOCK 28, AND ALL OF VACATED NORTH STREET AND EIGHTH (8<sup>TH</sup>) STREET AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 588 INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2024-03926, ORIGINAL TOWN OF THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA to Casey's Retail Company for \$160,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration, to include the City's future cost savings in property improvements, upgrades, and other ancillary expenses.

- 2. Said sale shall be "as is" and without warranties, express or implied, of any kind, and conveyance shall be subject to all restrictions and encumbrances of record.
- 3. Said sale shall be subject to compliance with any and all Nebraska laws governing the procedure of the sale of real property by a Nebraska municipality, to include publication of the proposed sale and its terms once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the City. If within thirty (30) days after the third such publication a remonstrance petition against such sale is signed by registered voters of the City equal in number to thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters of the City voting at the last regular municipal election held in the City and is filed with the City Council, such property as described above shall not then, nor within one (1) year thereafter, be sold, provided, however, the City Council shall determine the validity and sufficiency of said remonstrance petition.
- 4. Following passage of this Resolution, publication of the notice of the proposed sale, and passage of the 30-day remonstrance period, the property shall be sold as described in the above, and such sale shall be confirmed by passage of an ordinance as provided by law.

Passed and approved this	_ day of September, 2024.	
	Greg Cramer, Mayor	_
ATTEST:		
Ashley Manning, City Clerk		





## Siren costs



### Afternoon,

I wanted to let you know that the City of Grand Island will be sending invoices for the "extra" cost of the siren for non-covered portion of the grant.

Because of the delay from time the siren application was submitted to the time FEMA actually gave the "Okay" to start the work, costs increased. I did not realize that the cost increase was \$5000.00 per siren (from \$12250 to \$17567), and apologize for this oversite of not notifying you. From my calculations, your portion increased by \$3400.00

What do you need from me in regards to the overage / extra costs for your records? Do we need to do another letter of approval? I know/expected there would be cost increase during the grant processing delay, but it didn't dawn on me that you may need reapproval of the increase.

Mindy Osterman Hall Co / Grand Island 911 Communications & Emergency Management Hall County LEPC 1210 N North Rd Grand Island, NE 68803 308-385-5360



## GRAND ISLAND - HALL COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT • COMMUNICATIONS
1210 N. North Road
Grand Island, NE, 68803

Grand Island, NE 68803

Phone: 308-385-5360 / Fax: 308-385-5378 Email: emergencymanagement@grand-island.com

2/14/2023 2:20 PM

Mr. Ervin L. Portis Governor's Authorized Representative Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) 2433 N.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, NE 68524-1801

RE:

City of Wood River and FEMA RFI #1: DR-4641-NE-0007 Hall County/City of Grand Island Warning Sirens

Dear Mr. Portis,

The City of Wood River hereby commits to cover the local share amount of \$1,825.00 in cash towards the City of Grand Island for FEMA RFI #1: DR-4641-NE-0007. These funds are currently available and will remain so for the duration of the project, or 36 months from Project Approval and Obligation of Funds.

If you have any questions regarding this financial commitment letter, please feel free to contact Melynda Osterman (308) 385-5360 or melyndao@grand-island.com.

Sincerely,

Ashley Manning

Subgrantee Point of Contact (Authorized

Representative)

Cc: NEMA Hazard Mitigation Staff

Director: Jon Rosenlund - Deputy Director: Larry Smith



## **2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

## **LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES**



# Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln Oct. 2-4, 2024

## **Delegate Registration**

Municipality:					
Name (as you want it to ap	pear on name tag):	3333 Steel on the Steel of the			
Title:		Spouse (if attending):		**************************************	
First League Conference	? Yes No				
Check #		enclosed for \$	(Advanced payment end	couraged)	
Billing address:				***************************************	
Phone:					
Email:		(Required for you to receive electronic handbook.)			
		Through Sept. 11	After Sept. 11	Recordings Only (prepayment required)	
Wednesday Preconferer (Includes Preconference		\$110	\$135	\$110	
Thursday & Friday Conf (Includes electronic handl Per city/village official		\$395	\$425	\$395	
Partial Conference: (Includes electronic handl Thursday morning only Thursday afternoon only Friday morning only	pook)	\$150 \$150 \$150	\$170 \$170 \$170	\$150 \$150 \$150	
Conference Total:	\$ 395.00				
<b>Meals:</b> (not included in re Wednesday Luncheon Thursday Luncheon	gistration fee)	\$30 \$30			
Meal Total:	\$				
Grand Total:		\$ 395.00			

- ☐ Preregistration deadline is Sept. 11. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- Advanced registrations not cancelled by Sept. 11 or "no shows" will be billed for the conference and meals.
- ☐ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by Sept. 11.
- ☐ The sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through Dec. 31.

Send registration and payment to: League of Nebraska Municipalities, 206 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800, Lincoln, NE 68508; info@lonm.org; or fax to 402-476-7052.

Click here to register and pay online. \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*



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## **LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES**



# Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln Oct. 2-4, 2024

## **Conference Information**

All conference sessions will be held at the Corhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
To make room reservations at the Cornhusker, call 1-866-706-7706 or 1-402-474-7474 or <u>book online</u> . When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. The deadline for reserving a room is <b>Sept</b> . 10.
The room rate is \$112 for a single or double room with Government ID card. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
Check in time is approximately 4 pm; check out time is 11 am.
Preregistration deadline for delegates is <b>Sept. 11</b> . Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
Advance registrations not cancelled by <b>Sept. 11</b> or "no shows" will be billed for the conference, reserved display table and meals.
The sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through Nov. 30.
If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by Sept. 11.
To meet production schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund, or display table, information must be returned by Sept. 11.
For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.

City of wood River
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Valves 647.00

18" pipe wit Shutoff 326,52

18" 30' pipe 60.00.

1035.52

Pay Bill Gideon 702 Elmst Wood River N.E., 68883

was in the field along schuly road. Backet over with tractor cleaning the culvects out. do now non usable.





#### Invoice

August 23, 2024

Project No:

R230797.00

Invoice No:

153514

Invoice Amount:

967.50

Brent Gascho City of Wood River 108 W. 10th Street PO Box 8 Wood River, NE 68883

Project Manager

Matt Kalin

Project

R230797.00

Wood River 2023 Electric System Improvements

Professional Services through August 16, 2024

	Contract Amount	Percent Complete	Billed-to-Date	Previous Billing	Current Billing
Lump Sum Phase(s)					
Preliminary Design	\$12,500.00	100%	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	0.00
Final Design	\$8,500.00	100%	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	0.00
Bidding and Negotiation	\$5,000.00	100%	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00
Construction Services	\$10,750.00	35%	\$3,762.50	\$2,795.00	\$967.50
Total	\$36,750.00		\$29,762.50	\$28,795.00	\$967.50
	Total Amount Due Upon Receipt :				\$967.50