

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 22nd day of July, 2013 at the Sargent Room, Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers: Carey, Catlin, Langdale, Moore, and Parde.
Also present: City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer and City Attorney Gregory Butcher.
Absent: Councilmember Tiemann, Fairbanks, and Cook.

Mayor Schuster announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Langdale, Moore, Parde.
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parking on 19th Street Near Lincoln Elementary

City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer updated the Council on proposed changes to parking restrictions near Lincoln Elementary School. The proposed resolution updates the parking on the west side of the school along 19th Street. The resolution was drafted with two purposes: (1) to combine all parking resolutions covering this area into one document, and (2) to explicitly remove parking along the west side of 19th Street, between Grant and Lincoln Streets. Tempelmeyer also noted that these updates are in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School Project. The Council inquired about parking signage and safety issues. The Council inquired about the painted crosswalks at the elementary schools. The Council would like to see if a crosswalk could be established at 19th and Grant Streets. Lastly, Tempelmeyer informed the Council that the Traffic Committee will review the “No Right on Red” sign located at 19th and Lincoln. Options include a time controlled sign, a sign designating specific hours of enforcement, and other options. The parking proposal will be brought to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Public Records Policy

City Administrator Tempelmeyer updated the Council on a proposed resolution to update the City's Public Records Policy in light of recent changes made by the Nebraska State Legislature. The main change will require the City to bill for employee time for record searches only after the first four (4) hours. Previously, the City could bill for all employee time expended in records searches. Further, the City will not be able to bill for an attorney's time when such attorney is reviewing records for a reason to exclude disclosure. Police reports will now be charge at \$0.25 per page rather than \$2.00 per report. City Attorney Greg Butcher noted that if public records area made available online, the City will only need to direct anyone requesting such records to the proper online domain. Tempelmeyer noted that the City's new accounting software will allow for more digitized content to be made available in the future. The Public Records Policy resolution will be brought to the Council at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Moore, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Parde, Langdale, Moore.
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Attest:

Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk