

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 25th day of March, 2013 at the Sargent Room, Beatrice Public Library, 100 N 16th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Absent: None

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, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, and Tiemann.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Two-Way Traffic on 5th Street from Market to Court Street

Councilman Parde requested that the council discuss the conversion of 5th street from one-way to two-way traffic from Market to Court Street. This would be an extension of the decision by the council to convert 5th Street to two-way traffic from Lincoln to Court Street. Councilman Moore inquired about the expense to convert the traffic light system. It was estimated by the administration to be approximately \$80,000. It was noted by City Administrator Tempelmeyer that we would need to get NDOR approval on any changes which effect the light at the intersection of 5th and Court Streets. Mayor Schuster noted that NDOR dictates what changes are needed and the City will need to pay for them. Councilman Langdale felt that we should price out the costs of the conversion. Langdale also noted that he had numerous calls about this issue. Rick Clabaugh of Clabaugh's Pharmacy felt that the conversion would adversely affect his drive thru which was purchased from the city a number of years ago. Clabaugh noted that he had many customers concerned about the conversion of the traffic along 5th Street and that they were contacting City Administration to voice their concerns. Councilman Carey noted that his primary concern was safety. Councilman Fairbanks noted that if the City was to remove all one-way streets that it would not make sense to keep this one block, if the City chose to go in that

