

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 28th day of May, 2013 at the Sargent Room, Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 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 Tiemann, 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, Tiemann.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Adoption of a Biennial Budget

Mayor Shuster discussed recent legislation which allows First Class Cities to adopt a biennial budget. Should the City adopt a biennial budget it would begin in October of an odd numbered year. Councilman Cook noted this would save time and the Council would still be able to amend the budget if need be. Mayor Schuster noted that rather than a full budget hearing there would be a budget review hearing in the second year of the biennial period. City Administrator Tempelmeyer felt this would give the City more flexibility with projects as circumstances change. Councilman Fairbanks was okay with taking this to a council meeting but felt that he would oppose it due to the removal of the City's power to adopt policy related to the budget on an annual basis. He would like to see reviews of the budget on a quarterly or semiannual basis. The council had no direct recommendation one way or the other on the idea. Mayor Schuster stated that he would not force this upon the Council but would likely bring it to the regular meeting for a formal up or down.

Conversion of 5th Street to Two-Way Traffic From Court Street to Market Street

