

## **MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 23<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 in the Sargent Room of the Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, and Tiemann. Also present: City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer.  
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 Carey, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Carey, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, and Tiemann.  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Possible Revisions to City Code Regarding Weeds Due to LB643**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, reviewed LB643 which was passed by the Nebraska Legislature during their last session. LB643 had three (3) main items for the Council to consider. First, LB643 more clearly defines the appeal process for weeds. Tempelmeyer advised that there are no changes that need to be made to City Code because the revised appeal provision has already been adopted. Second, LB643 states that a city shall establish a method for providing notice and that notice may be given via first class mail. Tempelmeyer advised that City Administration recommended against altering the City's current notice provisions due to the fact that there is no way to prove when somebody received notice if it is sent by first class mail. Third, LB643 states that a City shall establish by ordinance the height in which weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation are a nuisance. The current Beatrice code states that height is twelve inches (12"). The City Council expressed their desire to leave the Beatrice City Code at twelve inches (12"), but they would like to address the issue of weeds growing up in someone's sidewalk. City Administration will review what can be done to address this issue.

