

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 15, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BPS ADMINISTRATION MEETING ROOM, 320 NORTH 5TH STREET.

Pledge of Allegiance

1 – Roll Call: Present: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Absent: None

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

Mayor Schuster read a Proclamation proclaiming April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day.

2 - 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.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 1, 2013, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims
 - (1) Approval of claim of Robert L Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$9,000.00
 - (2) Approval of balance of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$442,701.35
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$32,485.87
- g. (removed and will be corrected and resubmitted at a future meeting.) Special designated permit application of Main Street Beatrice for a beer garden in the parking lot adjacent to 120 N 6th Street for on June 15, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. for a fundraiser.
- h. Resolution Number 5514 approving an amendment to the lease agreement with U.S. Cellular for attachments to the water tower and ground space at 1203 N 19th Street, as recommended by the BPW.
- i. Resolution Number 5515 approving lease with Dennis Frerichs for a community garden on City-owned property.
- j. Resolution Number 5516 approving agreement with Fry & Associates in the amount of \$59,375 for Riverside Park ADA playground equipment and rubber surfacing, pending approval by Nebr. Game & Parks Commission.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of items h and j, be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented. Tiemann abstain from item e(1).

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that Resolution Number 5514, approving an amendment to the lease agreement with U.S. Cellular for attachments to the water tower and ground space at 1203 N 19th Street, be passed and adopted.

h - Councilmember Fairbanks had a question regarding how the value of the lease was determined; City Administrator Tempelmeyer explained that the new rent of \$2,376 includes the cost of adding three antennas and a 15% increase.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Nay: None

Motion carried.

City Administrator Tempelmeyer explained that the retirement committees for the various City plans, Police Officers, Firefighters, and General Government, had met and discussed some service issues with Principal and therefore decided to send out RFP's to look at other options. Proposals were received from four firms and two of those were interviewed by the committees. The committees' recommendation is to move forward with entering into a contract with Ameritas to provide retirement plan services for all City plans.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5517 has been passed and adopted.

5 – Ordinances:

6 – Public Forum:

No one appeared at public forum

7 – Discussions/Reports:

a. Airport Authority to request approval of an additional tax levy for issuance of debt service.

Diana Smith, Airport Manager; Rob Schafer, Attorney for the Airport; Andy Beal of Alfred Benesch, engineering firm for the project; and John Trecek of Ameritas; all appeared before the council to request approval of an additional tax levy for the issuance of debt service to fund the Airport's 10% share of a \$5.2 million federal project to reconstruct runway 18/36. The project as originally proposed was to do both runways, however, due to a cut back in federal funds Beatrice was asked to pursue only the primary runway at this time. In checking with financing alternatives, it is proposed to fund the Airport's share of cost through a special bond issue of \$550,000, which would increase the Airport's total levy 2 cents to 5.5 cents. Statutes require city approval for any additional levy over the 3.5 cents allowed for airports, up to 7 cents, therefore, the Airport is requesting approval for levy authority of up to 7 cents. Discussion followed regarding the project and whether the Airport had looked at other ways of funding part of the cost, either through a reduction in expenses or possible increased operating revenues. The Airport was asked to look at ways to economize and a resolution for the levy authority will be brought forward for consideration at the next regular meeting.

b. Legislative update

City Administrator Tempelmeyer presented the Legislative Update, not much movement.

c. City Administrator's monthly report

Mayor Schuster referred to the City Administrator's monthly report as printed in the packet. City Administrator Tempelmeyer updated the council on the following: 1) It was found that some centrally assessed property in annexed areas had not been added to the City's taxing district, the change will increase the City's assessed valuation \$430,000 this next year, 2) Updated information has been received regarding estimated costs and time-line for cleaning up the Former Gas Plant Site, cleanup order to be received by 2014 and completed by 2016, potential liability could be \$1 to \$1.3 million dollars, 3) updated information from Nebr. Dept. of Roads regarding a reduction in STP dollars for street repairs, Beatrice current projects are budgeted for and taken care of, but future funding may be delayed to 2017.

8 – Miscellaneous:

Next regular council meeting is May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room.

Worksession will be April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Library Sargent Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Moore, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster