

SUMMARY OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BPS ADMINISTRATION MEETING ROOM, 320 NORTH 5TH STREET.

1 – Roll Call: Present: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski
Absent: Councilmember Kerr

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.

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 June 2, 2008 as on file in the City Clerk's office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$406,006.61.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$51,817.21.
- g. Approval of Fire Service Agreement with Exmark Manufacturing.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski
Nay: None Motion carried.

3 - Public Hearings/Bids: None.

4- Resolutions: None.

5 – Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance Number 08-17 annexing various parcels of land located in Section 28, T4N, R6E of the 6th P.M. Gage County, Nebraska. (Read by title two times.)**

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Cook, that Ordinance Number 08-17 be read by title only the third and final time tonight.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski
Nay: None Motion carried.

Mayor Schuster read Ordinance Number 08-17 by title the third time.

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Cook, that Ordinance Number 08-17 be passed and approved.

Councilmember Parde expressed concern that this was against the majority of the property owners wishes and therefore was opposed to it. Councilmember Lytle felt it was important to move forward with this annexation and deal with the remainder of the property in the future.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Witulski
Nay: Parde Motion carried.

Ordinance Number 08-17 has been passed and approved.

6- Public Forum:

Doug Pieper, 510 Bellwood Drive, spoke to the Council requesting that due to the recent rise in gas prices, he would like the City to consider adopting a resolution to allow All-Terrain Vehicles as a legal form of

transportation on City Streets in accordance with State laws however not making it so restrictive that it becomes unusable.

Angela Fortier, on behalf of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City and City staff for all their help during Homestead Days.

Daniel Meints, 718 South 9th Street, asked that the City notify him when discussion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is on the agenda.

7- Discussions/Reports:

a. Regarding bids received for the purchase of a new aerial platform truck for the fire department.

Brian Daake, Fire Chief, presented a comparison of the bids received for either the purchase of a custom truck or the purchase of a demonstrator truck. This item was included in the fiscal year 2008 budget. Since the current ladder truck failed a recent testing and has been placed out of service, the Fire Chief's recommendation was to proceed with the purchase of a demonstrator model that met and exceeded the bid specifications. Delivery could be as soon as 60 days, whereas a custom truck would take up to a year. Discussion followed. The truck which has a practical life of 30 years will be stainless steel, carry a 20 year warranty, is from a quality company, and will fit in the current station.

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Witulski to approve the purchase of the demonstrator model aerial platform truck from Fireguard, in the amount of \$796,913 after trade-in, upon physical inspection by the Fire Chief.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski
Nay: None

Motion carried.

b. Approval of the Intent-To-Apply for a Transportation Enhancement Program Grant in the amount of \$25,500 for Historic Byway Signage as a part of Main Street Beatrice's development plan.

Matt Schmitt, 305 Morton Drive, on behalf of Main Street Beatrice Inc., explained that the grant application must come from a government agency and is a re-application of a grant awarded a few years ago that fell through the cracks. Everyone was made aware that this grant is to be considered secondary to the trail grant.

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Fairbanks, that the Intent-To-Apply for a Transportation Enhancement Program Grant in the amount of \$25,500 for Historic Byway Signage to assist Main Street Beatrice's development plan, be approved and authorize Mayor Schuster to sign the appropriate documents.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski.
Nay: None

Motion carried.

8- Miscellaneous:

Reminder that the Fire Building Committee is meeting Monday, June 23rd at 6:30 at the fire station.

Councilmember Lytle asked that the policy regarding when to sound the sirens during storms be reviewed.

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Cook, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Fetty, Lytle, Parde, Witulski
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster