

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010.

Attending: Mayor Schuster, Council Members: Schmale, Carey, Fetty, Moore, Parde, Fairbanks, Lytle and Catlin. Also present City Administrator Neal Niedfeldt and City Attorney Tobias Tempelmeyer.

Mayor Schuster announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located 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 Fetty, seconded by Schmale that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Schmale, Carey, Catlin, Fairbanks, Fetty, Moore, Parde, Lytle  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Concession License with Beatrice Bullets**

Mark Pethoud, Parks Director, provided a review of the current agreement with Beatrice Bullets and the concessions at the Scott Street ball fields and how that relationship has worked this year. Mr. Pethoud indicated that the Bullets had donated thirty-four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) to the City in 2009 for upgrades and maintenance on the ball fields. None of the City Council Members expressed any concerns with the proposed contract and the item is to be placed on the agenda for March 1, 2010.

#### **Chief Lang – Report on K-9 Dog**

Chief Bruce Lang provided a review of the K-9 program that the Beatrice Police Department is implementing. The Beatrice Police Department has received over fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) in cash donation and has received donations for the insurance, veterinary services and patrol car cage. The Beatrice Police Department will be picking up the dog shortly and the dog and officer will be in training for a number of weeks.

### **Ron Miller – Downtown Parking**

Mayor Schuster, Ron Baete, Street Superintendent, and Chief Bruce Lang indicated that the current ordinance regarding no parking downtown from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. has been in effect since the 1970's and was initiated to allow the Street Department to operate in downtown for street sweeping, snow removal, and other street maintenance. Ron Miller, Dan Helmick, and David Sherwood, landlords of various downtown apartments stated they did not see a reason for the 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. parking ban at all times and encouraged the City to modify or eliminate the ordinance. City Administration is to review the current ordinance and report back to the City Council.

### **Selling Electric Service Department to Norris or Other Utility**

Councilman Ted Fairbanks discussed his desire to have the City explore the possibility of selling or leasing its electric service department to another electric service provider. The City Council indicated that they would be willing to consider any offers that came to the City regarding the purchase of the utility service department.

### **Update of GCED Contract**

Mayor Schuster provided an overview of the current proposed agreement between GCED and the City.

### **Proposed Animal Ordinance – Pages 24-31**

City Attorney, Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, provided an overview of the proposed animal ordinance changes on pages 24-31 regarding dangerous dogs and cats. Councilmember Moore indicated that he would like to deem all pitbulls to be dangerous dogs. The Council members requested that the City Administration review the proposed dangerous dog ordinance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Schmale that the meeting be adjourned at 9:36 p.m. Councilmember Fairbanks left at 9:05 p.m.

Roll Call:     Yea: Schmale, Carey, Catlin, Fetty, Moore, Parde, Lytle  
                  Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda S. Koch, City Clerk