

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 28th day of June, 2010.

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

Absent: Council Member Fairbanks

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 Carey that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

EMS Agreement with Gage County

Chief Brian Daake provided an overview of the proposed EMS Agreement with Gage County. Neal Niedfeldt, City Administrator, and Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Attorney, reviewed some of the proposed changes to the agreement including the removal of names and Attachment "A". The City Administration is to continue to work on the agreement and bring it before the City Council in July.

Parking on Beaver Street – 6th to 8th Street

Mayor Schuster provided an overview of the parking along Beaver Street between 6th and 8th Street. The recommendation is to remove parking on the north side of Beaver Street between 6th Street and 8th Street. City Administration is to bring a resolution to Council removing parking on the north side of Beaver Street between 6th Street and 8th Street.

Parking on Center Street – Court to Helen Street

Mark Pethoud, Public Properties Director, provided an overview of the parking situation in the area around Scott Street ball diamonds. Discussion ensued regarding the need for

additional off street parking and possible locations in that area. Mark Pethoud is to study possible locations over the upcoming month's and present them to the City Council.

Emergency Snow Routes and Downtown Parking

Neal Niedfeldt, City Administrator, provided an overview of the proposed emergency snow routes, snow advisory routes and their impact on parking in the downtown area. The Council requested a list of the streets that are proposed to be emergency snow routes and larger maps. This issue is to return before the City Council at the work session in July.

Political Signs

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Attorney, advised the Council that recent Court decisions have declared our political sign ordinance unconstitutional. The Council discussed possible changes to the ordinance. The Council suggested limiting political signs so that they must be eight feet (8') off the back of the curb, not a sight obstruction, not taller than three feet (3') in height, and limit the size of the signs. City Administration is to prepare a proposed ordinance and bring it to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Carey, seconded by Parde that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk