

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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

Absent: Council Member Schmale

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

Roll Call: Yea: Catlin, Carey, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Mike Nolan – Presentation of LARM**

Mike Nolan, Pete Patterson, Fred Pollack, and Bob Perry with LARM spoke to the Council about some of the programs that LARM offers and the benefits of being in a risk pool. LARM stressed that their major focus is safety programs and loss control programs.

#### **Extension of Contract of an Animal Control Officer**

Steve Bragg advised that his current contract expires in February 2012 and his proposal is to extend the contract until February 2015 at a rate of \$60,000.00 per year. Mayor Schuster indicated that the City Administration would recommend that we proceed with extending Steve Bragg's contract. City Administration is to bring a contract to a future City Council meeting for consideration.

#### **Transportation Enhancement Grant – Grable Avenue/Bike Trail**

Neal Niedfeldt, City Administrator, advised that Nebraska Department of Roads has a Transportation Enhancement Program. Eligible projects include trails and historic transportation facilities. A letter of intent to apply is due May 20, 2011. A couple of projects that the City

Administration has been considering is an extension of the bike trail in town and the reconstruction of Grable Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding these two projects and other projects which may be eligible. City Administration is to call NDOR and see which projects would be considered most favorable and the Council is to continue to think about which project they would support.

### **Expansion and Redesign of Riverside Park**

Mark Pethoud, Director of Public Properties, advised that with the new campground being installed at Riverside Park he is looking to either repurpose or install some new playground facilities at Riverside Park. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not to remove the tennis courts or to repurpose the tennis courts and where to locate a new playground facility. Mark Pethoud is to work on a couple of ideas and obtain some cost estimates.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Assistance with Homestead Days & Tourism Events**

Lori Warner advised the Council that the Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$1,000.00 from Occupation Tax to offset various costs for a Springer Spaniel Competition that will be taking place in December, \$500.00 for a golf group at the Country Club in July, and \$2,000.00 for Homestead Days in June. All of these events bring a significant amount of people to the community. City Administration is to prepare a request to be presented to the City Council at a future meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Moore that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call:     Yea: Carey, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Tiemann  
                  Nay: Catlin

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda S. Koch, City Clerk