

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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

Absent: Councilman Carey

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

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Interlocal Agreement for Public Libraries**

Lauren Riedesel, Library Director, advised the Council that Nebraska is attempting to establish a consortium of various public libraries that would integrate everyone's card catalog. Beatrice has been offered an opportunity to step into an existing grant. The proposed cost savings would come from the savings on software and computer hardware. The Library Board unanimously approved entering into the consortium. The item is to appear on the City Council consent agenda on March 7, 2011.

#### **YMCA Lease – Prairie Playground**

Deanne Casper-Moon and Dale Kruse are spearheading the effort to rebuild Prairie Playground at the YMCA. They advised that Exmark has offered a \$25,000.00 matching grant and with Exmark's grant they are close to already having raised \$50,000.00. The proposed out of pocket expense is \$160-175,000.00 plus \$60,000.00 for loose crumb rubber. They are still requesting that the City lease the property and maintain the playground equipment once it is installed. Discussion ensued regarding the playground being located on private property as several Council members indicated they would rather see the playground located on City owned property. The Council agreed that we should proceed with the lease with the City providing the insurance, maintenance, and ownership of the equipment.

## **Irving Street**

Mayor Schuster advised that there are no State or Federal funds available for the necessary repairs to the Irving Street bridge. Discussion ensued regarding funds necessary to repair the bridge versus expending those funds on other necessary street repairs. The City Administration is to contact Store Kraft and Arnold Wullschleger and ask if they are willing to give the City the necessary real estate.

## **2011 Lawn Care Bids**

Mark Pethoud, Public Properties Director, provided an overview of the procedure he used in acquiring the 2011 Lawn Care Bids. Namely the invitation for bids was advertized in the Beatrice Daily Sun and on the City website, all bids were submitted via sealed envelope, and were opened at the end of a Department Head meeting. Council Member Schmale was the low bid on all 3 projects. Discussion ensued whether or not elected officials should do any work for the City.

## **Financial Responsibility for BASWA Revenue Bonds**

Mayor Schuster provided an overview of the BASWA revenue bonds necessary for the construction of the next cell at the Landfill. The bond underwriter, Edward Jones, is requesting additional assurance and is asking for the City to state that they will be financially responsible in the event that BASWA is unable to make the payments. The Council was presented with a couple of options: 1) to wait and get all of the members on BASWA on board or 2) the City can give the assurance and the process can move more quickly. The Council indicated their willingness to proceed with the City assuring the BASWA revenue bonds. The City Council will look to amend the service agreement with BASWA when they approve the bonds.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Langdale that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

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Linda S. Koch, City Clerk