

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 25th day of July, 2011.

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

Absent: None

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: Catlin, Carey, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Prairie Playground

Deanne Caspers-Moon and Dale Kruse advised that their committee has raised approximately \$82,000.00 for Prairie Playground and that they are looking to purchase various playground pieces over time. In addition they are looking at installing crumb rubber under the swings and the rubber pads under the rest of the playground. At this time they are requesting the City to provide \$6,400.00, labor to install the playground equipment and would like the City to consider an additional \$25,000.00 for the rubber surfacing. Discussion ensued regarding what funds the City could use for this request and if this request would better be handled through the budget process. Deanne Caspers-Moon indicated that they would be happy to receive the donation in either fiscal year; however, the sale ends August 15th and allows them to save approximately \$8-10,000.00. The Council agreed to review the proposal through the budget process.

Downtown Revitalization Grant

Corey Scott and Cary Thomsen, with RDG Planning & Design, put on a presentation regarding possible streetscape plans. Discussion ensued regarding what type of improvements should the City pursue first. Stan Wirth, representing the Main Street Board, indicated that the three (3) things on the wish list were sidewalks, facades, and an ordinance to assess vacant buildings.

