

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 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 Schmale 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**

#### **Issuance of Special Permits for Exotic Animals**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Attorney, provided an overview of the newly enacted animal ordinance and provisions regarding exotic and unusual animals. Alexis Winder had requested this item be placed on the agenda as she is the owner of pot bellied pigs and would like to be able to keep her pets. Discussion ensued regarding the mechanics of the permitting process. Items mentioned by the City Council included having a public hearing, proof that the animal is in a proper enclosure, proof that the animal has a clean bill of health, and that the permit be granted by the full Council. City Administration is to draft a permitting process and bring it to the City Council.

#### **Review of the City Budget**

Neal Niedfeldt, City Administrator, provided an overview of the City budget. Discussion ensued regarding the number of days of cash reserve the City should have, the possibility of bonding in the future, and potential ways to increase revenue or decrease cost.

