

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION HELD JUNE 25, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SARGENT ROOM, BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 100 N 16TH STREET.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers Carey, Catlin, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann; Absent: None.

Mayor Schuster announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

2 – 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: Carey, Catlin, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann
Nay: None Motion carried.

3 – Discussions:

- a. Smoking Downtown

Councilmember Parde requested consideration of an ordinance that would require businesses with customers to provide a receptacle for disposal of cigarette butts within 25 feet of their front door. Discussion was held that it is a litter issue and possible fire hazard, but should the City make it a regulation and whether it would be enforced. Possibly pass a resolution promoting and encouraging businesses to cooperate on their own. Look into purchasing additional receptacles with grant funds and possible City matching funds.

- b. Audit Proposals

City Clerk, Linda Koch, reported on the four proposals received from qualified CPA firms to audit the City's financials for the fiscal year 2012, with the option of an additional three years. Proposals were received from BKD, Orizon, Dana F. Cole & Co., and Hayes & Associates. The lowest cost proposal was received from Hayes & Associates, which would be a new firm to the City; upon review with the Mayor and City Administrator and contacting their list of clients, found no reason to not recommend approval their proposal.

- c. Business Licensing and Insurance

Dave and Tiffany Trauernicht addressed the council regarding requiring contractors doing business within the City of Beatrice, whether it be roofing, tree service or snow removal, to have insurance through some type of City license or permit process and then possibly have a listing available on the City website of those that are licensed and their insurance. Discussion followed that it may be difficult to monitor whether the contractors kept their insurance updated, how much insurance should be

required, whether the license should require proficiency of skills for the job performed, and if by listing them on the website the City would appear to be endorsing them and then be liable. There are some contractors that require state licensing and a state website that provides contractor registration. This requires some more discussion and research into what Lincoln and other cities are requiring before putting something in place.

d. Mainstreet Funding

The City received a request in writing from Main Street Beatrice for renewal of their funding agreement with the City at \$24,000 per year for two years. Stan Wirth, Steph Perkins, Rick Clabaugh, and Linda Clabaugh, addressed the Council regarding the request and provided some statistics of the contributions Main Street has made to the downtown, and successful promotional activities held, with the help of not only the City's funding but the assistance of City staff. Discussion followed that the City also provides office space and utilities at no cost in the City Auditorium, whether to make it a single-year contract, that the rationale was City funds pay for the operations and fundraising efforts pay for projects, and other organizations that receive support from the City. The contract does not expire until September 30th, so the item will be brought back for more discussion at the next worksession in July.

4 – Adjournment:

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

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann
Nay: None Motion carried.