

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at the Sargent Room, Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Absent: Council Member Catlin.

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: Carey, Fetty, Langdale, Moore, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Request from Chamber for Lodging Occupation Tax Funds**

Lori Warner, CEO of the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce, requested \$4,629.00 of lodging occupation tax for the visitor rack cards, the Harley Owner's Group, Firefighter's Memorial Event, Fall Nationals, and Homestead Days. Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Attorney, provided an overview of the available occupation tax funds. Discussion ensued regarding the Chamber asking for occupation tax while other entities do not. The Chamber's request shall be presented to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

Bruce Lang, Chief of Police, and Rex Behrends, City Engineer, updated the City Council on the proposed plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street streetscape project. Lang and Behrends advised the Council that they will be proposing two-way traffic on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, diagonal parking, and stamped or dyed concrete. Behrends advised the Council that he has been working with Olsson Associates and he will be bringing a contract for Olsson's assistance with the streetscape plan.

### **Irving Street Bridge**

Mayor Schuster provided an overview and the history of the Irving Street Bridge and advised the City Council that the City has received agreements signed by Store Kraft, Wullschleger, and Westphal approving the removal of the bridge. Ron Baete, Street Superintendent, advised the Council that he spent \$5,800.00 to clean debris away from the bridge and removed 45-50 loads. Discussion ensued regarding repairing the bridge, replacing the bridge, and removing the bridge. Rex Behrends estimated that it would cost about \$150,000.00 to resurface the bridge and \$1,000,000.00 to replace the bridge. The agreements with Store Kraft, Wullschleger, and Westphal are to be presented to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

### **Renting the ROW by Dempters**

Mayor Schuster provided an overview of the area that Kyle Halsey wishes to rent from the City of Beatrice and the proposed rental term of \$150.00 per month. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of rent and whether or not the City should rent the property at all. Tobias Tempelmeyer is to draft a lease agreement with Kyle Halsey and present it to the City Council at a future City Council meeting.

### **CDBG Reuse Loans**

Mayor Schuster and Tobias Tempelmeyer provided an overview of the revolving loan fund and the letter from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development requesting to either monitor all prior loans, or requesting the City to return all unallocated funds. Discussion ensued regarding the possible options and the pros and cons of each. Tempelmeyer advised that if DED found documents missing or filled out incorrectly that DED could require the City to repay all funds involved in that loan. Additionally, Tempelmeyer advised that DED is now imposing rules retroactively to loans when they did not exist when the loan originated. A resolution is to be presented to the City Council at the next City Council meeting to return all unallocated funds to DED.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

Moved by Fetty, seconded by Schmale that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session for the protection of public interest, to discuss strategy with respect to personnel issue.

Roll Call:     Yea: Carey, Fetty, Langdale, Parde, Schmale, Tiemann  
                  Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Beatrice City Council entered Executive Session at 8:10p.m.

Beatrice City Council entered Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

