

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 24th day of June, 2013 at the Sargent Room, Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, and Parde. Also present: City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer and City Attorney Gregory Butcher.

Absent: Councilmember Tiemann.

Mayor Schuster announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available 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 Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore, Parde.
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Airport Authority Bonds

A joint meeting of the City Council and the Airport Authority was held. The Airport Authority called their meeting into session. Rob Schafer, attorney for the Airport Authority, presented the update numbers for the bond as provided by Ameritas. A discussion of the wording of the resolution and the tax levy number to be inserted was had. Mr. Schafer noted that this bond would be for the first phase of a two phase project to resurface and replace concrete on the runways. Alfred Benesch and Company's engineer explained how the project's final engineering design was selected. The selected option will replace six inches of concrete and salvage the concrete which below that depth. The FAA supported this option. The final price was reduced from an initial estimate of \$5.23 million to \$4.07 million. Councilman Moore inquired about replacing the surface with asphalt rather than concrete. Councilman Fairbanks asked about closures. Alfred Benesch and Company expected a 45-60 day closure when the intersection of the two runways are being replaced. The Airport Authority is going to add \$50,000.00 from their Husqvarna ground lease to help pay for the project. Mr. Schafer suggested that interests rates may begin to rise, and that the match from the federal government may reduce from a 90/10 to an 80/20 match. Mayor Schuster asked if a 5.5 cent levy would fulfill the requirements of this project. Mr. Schafer stated that he would get a resolution to City Attorney Butcher. Councilman Fairbanks inquired about rolling in other costs such as other pavement costs into the project. The project is strictly limited to the runway pursuant to the FAA match. The item will be place on the agenda of the July 1, 2013 City Council meeting. The Airport Authority adjourned their meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Traffic Light at 5th & Ella

Bruce Lang, Beatrice Chief of Police, explained the option of removing the street light at the intersection of 5th and Ella Streets. The idea was not broached during the planning of the current 5th Street project but has become a possible option after watching how the current traffic reacts and flows with just a stop sign posted on 5th Street. Rex Behrends, City Engineer, also noted that a traffic study should back up the reason for having a street light there in the first place. Councilman Moore asked about moving parking back on the south side of Ella Street to allow for better sight lines for stopping traffic on 5th Street heading north. The City will review that option if stop signs are posted. Councilman Fairbanks asked if we can retain the current stop light footings and do a traffic study to see if the light is warranted. The City has already ordered fluted poles for this intersection which it will not be able to return. This may be repurposed at 19th and Lincoln Streets or 19th and Court Streets. This proposal will be considered by the Council at the July 1, 2013 meeting.

Tobacco Use Policy

Councilman Fairbanks had requested that the City evaluate and establish a new tobacco use policy. His proposal was based upon the BSDC model which prohibits the use of any tobacco products on the BSDC campus and in any BSDC vehicle. Mayor Schuster also noted that the Community Hospital does not allow tobacco use on the property anywhere. Councilman Moore noted that the City and the BPW are self-insured and thus this may help our health insurance costs. Moore also inquired about enforcement. The Council discussed the parameters of a proposed policy and City Administration would begin to work on a draft based on the discussion and the BSDC policy for future consideration.

CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Plan

City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer went over the revised CDBG reuse loan fund plan. An updated plan is now required by the state DED. The new application is combined with the LB 840 application so that the application can be a one stop shop for economic development fund requests. In the future when reviewing large plan changes, Councilman Fairbanks would like to see the old version or a redline version to better see the details which have changed. The council will consider the revised plan at the July 1, 2013 regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Catlin, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Moore.
 Nay: Parde.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk