

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the BPS Administration Meeting Room, 320 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers: Cook, Catlin, Clabaugh, Kerr, Langdale, Morgan, and Parde.

Absent: Fairbanks.

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: Cook, Catlin, Clabaugh, Kerr, Langdale, Morgan, and Parde.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Fairbanks arrived at 7:15 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Review of FY2013-2014 & FY2014-2015 City and BPW Budgets**

City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer gave a presentation on the status of the City of Beatrice biennial budget FY2014 and FY2015. Information included in the presentation included a review of the General Fund, Unreserved Fund Balances, Revenues and Expenses by Departments, Total Expenditures by Departments, and a financial review of the Board of Public Works, including the Electric Department, Water Department, WPC Department, and Street Department. The presentation included a review and status on capital improvement projects for each of the various departments, a breakdown of employee count for FY2014, a review of the last ten (10) years of actual cost of self-insured health insurance per employee, and total health insurance cost for the last ten (10) years, a breakdown of the FY2014 goals, and a review of varying items for the upcoming FY2015 including general fund expenses by department and capital projects. Finally, the presentation included information regarding trend lines of Unrestricted General Funds, Property Valuations, Sales Tax, Cash Balances, Net Income, and Long-Term Debt were presented. Members of the Council had a number of questions. A specific question by Councilman Fairbanks involved adding to the southeast trail project to include connection from 2<sup>nd</sup> and Court Street, all the way through to the project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street with the grant that is currently being undertaken. Councilman Fairbanks also inquired what the bottom line is for estimated increases to fees for services and property taxes. City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer reported that approximately ten dollars (\$10.00) would make up the increase in fees and property tax increase for the average user and homeowner.

