

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 24th day of November, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the BPS Administration Meeting Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Absent: Langdale and Morgan.

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 Clabaugh, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Cook, Catlin, Clabaugh, Fairbanks, Kerr, and Parde.
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

David Parde – Parking on 19th Street by Lincoln School

City Attorney Greg Butcher presented information regarding a request by David Parde to review parking just south of the intersection of 19th and Lincoln Street. Mr. Parde owns a duplex on the northwest corner of the intersection of 19th and Grant Street. Mr. Parde noted that the parking currently from Lincoln Street to Grant Street, on the west side of 19th Street is restricted as a no parking all the time area. Mr. Parde would request that the parking be changed to a limited no parking area during school hours and on school days as is found further to the south. Mayor Dennis Schuster and City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer noted that the prior resolution has inconsistent language with the current signage that exists along 19th Street. The street is currently signed as no parking along the west side of the street, while the resolution read as limiting it to no parking during school days and school hours. Butcher noted that we will need to fix the inconsistencies. Butcher also noted that the Traffic Committee has recommended that the restriction on parking be permanent and not just during school days due to the fact that 19th Street is designated as an arterial road. Erich Tiemann, former City Councilman, also appeared with Mr. Parde and noted that he had been working with Mr. Parde prior to his resignation on this issue and that the City had reviewed it previously at work sessions. Butcher noted that the reason there was a restriction and change in 2013 was due to a review by the Safe Routes to Schools program in conjunction with Lincoln Elementary. Councilman Ted Fairbanks noted that if we were to make it a limited parking area there would be issues with enforcement. Councilman Rich Kerr noted that this restriction limits Mr. Parde's ability to rent his duplex and thinks that we should restrict parking only due to the safety when school is in effect. Councilman "Pede" Catlin noted and questioned whether Mr. Parde would be able to install

parking on his property with alley access or from Grant Street. That idea was discussed and was noted that the north side alley access would be limited by a guy-wire for a utility pole and the south side Grant Street access would be limited due to its proximity to the intersection with 19th Street. City Administration will review this item and bring it back at a future City Council meeting for a vote by the Council.

AMI

City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer noted that this item is at the request of City Council for further review. Tempelmeyer noted that the payback period for the project is now estimated at approximately 6.7 years due to the combination of anticipated voltage control and the reduction of at least one (1) employee. The anticipated annual savings due to these mechanisms is approximately \$300,000.00. Councilman Ted Fairbanks noted that he had talked to other communities with similar AMI systems and he reported that those communities did like the system. Councilman Fairbanks noted that he believed that this system is more of an information gathering system more than anything else. Councilman Fairbanks also questioned whether the possibility of technology changes over the next twenty (20) years might make this system obsolete within that time period. Electric Superintendent Pat Feist noted that he was not going to come out and say that there will not be better technology out there in the future, but they have been reviewing this system for a number of years and had conducted a full review approximately three to four (3-4) years ago. Water Superintendent Steve Kelley feels that this is the best system for both the water and electric utilities in combination. Councilman Fairbanks noted that while the water technology has continued to remain relatively stagnant, electrical utility technology has continued to advance and looks to continue in the future. Councilman Fairbanks also questioned the extent of the discussion had by the BPW Board in regards to this matter. Tempelmeyer noted that this item has been reviewed for a number of years through the budget process and also in general discussion and that their most recent discussions have been limited due to the number of times that they have spoken upon the issue in the past. Feist went into a lengthy discussion in regards to the technicalities of the voltage control process and what he believes to be his ultimate benefit through this AMI system. At that time Councilman Fairbanks felt that he had no need for further discussion and the item will come back for review and approval at the next City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Cook, Catlin, Clabaugh, Fairbanks, Kerr, and Parde.
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Dennis M. Schuster, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk