

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BPS ADMINISTRATION MEETING ROOM, 320 NORTH 5TH STREET.

Pledge of Allegiance

1 – Roll Call: Present: Mayor Schuster, Councilmembers Catlin, Carey, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Parde
Absent: Councilmember Tiemann
Vacant: One Councilmember

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.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on January 20, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of minutes of worksession on January 27, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- f. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$124,078.79.
- g. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$32,008.20.
- h. Approval of Write-off of ambulance bad debts
- i. Resolution Number 5593 adopting amendment #2 to the City of Beatrice/BPW Employee Health Plan to allow employees the option of Plan A or Plan B regarding prescription card coverage.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented. Langdale abstained from item 2(e).

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Schuster announced to move forward on the agenda to item number 7.

Rachael Ryan, Michael Harris, and Harley Alderson, of Flint Hills Resources appeared before the council to update them on the status of operations upon the company's purchase of the biodiesel plant in the Industrial Park. The plant is owned by Duonix Beatrice which is a joint venture between Flint Hills Resources and Benefuel, Inc. They are in the process of renovating the plant, which they hope will be operational in 2015 and eventually employ approximately 44 people.

3 - Public Hearings/Bids:

4 – Resolutions:

- a. **Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with Gage County for the administration of a public infrastructure project from revenues generated by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) increase to the City of Beatrice sales and use tax.**

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5594 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Gage County for the administration of a public infrastructure project from revenues generated by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) increase to the City of Beatrice sales and use tax.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Carey, that Resolution Number 5594 be passed and adopted.

City Attorney, Greg Butcher, reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement which would designate an interlocal roads project as a part of the proposed ballot question to be placed before the voters at the May primary election. The proposed project is for the reconstruction of 33rd Street, also known as South 10th Road, between Lincoln and Court Streets. This street can be changed as agreed upon by both the City and County. Discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5594 has been passed and adopted.

b. Resolution placing on the ballot of the primary election the question of whether to increase the existing City of Beatrice sales and use tax by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%).

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5595 placing on the ballot of the primary election the question of whether to increase the existing City of Beatrice sales and use tax by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%).

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 5595 be passed and adopted.

City Administrator, Tobias Tempelmeyer, distributed a listing of possible road projects that could be completed with the additional ½ cent sales tax and their placement on the One & Six Year Road plan over the past 14 years. He also provided a schedule of revenue sources over the past 14 years showing how state funding has fluctuated and sales tax has been up and down. Discussion followed that due to lack of revenue many projects keep being put back and the road plan is falling behind.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5595 has been passed and adopted.

5 – Ordinances:

6 – Public Forum:

No one appeared at public forum.

7 – Discussions/Reports:

a. Flint Hills Resources to present an update on plans and progress for the BioDiesel Plant.

Presentation was heard after the consent agenda.

8 – Executive Session to discuss possible real estate acquisition

Moved by Catlin, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:40 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

Seconded by Carey, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:40 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

Mayor Schuster announced moved by Catlin, seconded by Carey, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:40 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

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

Motion carried.

Reconvened at: 7:55 p.m.

8 – Miscellaneous:

Next regular council meeting is February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room. Worksession will be February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Library Sargent Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster