

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 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, Moore, Parde, Tiemann
Absent: None

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 December 16, 2013, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of minutes of the special meeting on December 23, 2013 as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- f. Approval of minutes of worksession on December 23, 2013, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- g. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$496,066.58
- h. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$97,660.28
- i. Approval of contract with Road Guy Construction in the amount of \$23,110.50 for the Armor Coat Project #14-501, as recommended by the BPW.
- j. Approval of contract with Trauernicht Construction in the amount of \$41,812.00 for the 2014 Misc Curb & Gutter Project, as recommended by the BPW.
- k. Setting the public hearing for the One & Six Year Street Plan to be held January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- l. Accept the resignation of Jason Moore as Councilmember for the Third Ward.
- m. Resolution Number 5590 approving an application for a U.S. EPA Brownfields Coalition Grant.
- n. Resolution Number 5591 designating James Burroughs as the City's NDOR Certified City Street Supt.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of items l and m, be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented; Fairbanks abstained from items e & f.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook that Resolution Number 5590, approving an application for a U.S. EPA Brownfields Coalition Grant, be passed and adopted.

m – Councilmember Tiemann requested further information on what the grant would be used for and if any matching funds were required. City Administrator, Tobias Tempelmeyer, explained that this grant would provide for a Phase I study of potential contaminated areas and identify what cleanup would be needed and no match would be necessary. Once the study is received a Phase II grant could provide for the cleanup and a city match may be required, however, the City would have to acquire the properties. Property owners will have to give permission for their properties to be studied.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, to accept the resignation of Jason Moore as Councilmember for the Third Ward.

I – Councilmember Moore thanked everyone for their support the past five years and acknowledged that it had been the greatest honor serving as councilmember for the third ward. Mayor Schuster announced that the resignation would be effective following the conclusion of this meeting.

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

Motion carried.

3 - Public Hearings/Bids:

4 – Resolutions:

- a. Resolution designating handicap parking along the south side of High Street west of the intersection of 10th and High Streets.**

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5592 designating handicap parking along the south side of High Street west of the intersection of 10th and High Streets.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that Resolution Number 5592 be passed and adopted.

City Attorney, Greg Butcher, presented the recommendation of the traffic committee to place additional handicap parking for the church at this corner, at the request of the church to serve more members of their congregation.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted Resolution Number 5592.

5 – Ordinances:

6 – Public Forum:

No one appeared at public forum.

7 – Discussions/Reports:

- a. Approval of applications for requests for public funding**

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Carey, to approve a request for funding from Main Street Beatrice for May events, Historic Preservation Month and Mother’s Day Tour, in the amount of \$206.06.

Michael Sothan, Main Street Beatrice Executive Director, presented the request and explained the event activities that are free and open to the public. City Administrator Tempelmeyer reported that the City had budgeted \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2014 and has previously approved requests of \$6,700 leaving \$8,300 for tonight and future requests.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, to approve a request for funding from Main Street Beatrice for House & Home Traveling Exhibit in the amount of \$1,476.70.

Michael Sothan explained that Main Street had received a grant for the traveling exhibit which will provide an opportunity to promote downtown and encourage visitors to the community and have a lead-in to Homestead Days. The exhibit will be free and open to the public at a location to be determined most likely the Carnegie Building.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Carey, to approve a request for funding from Main Street Beatrice for Beatrice Farmer's Market in the amount of \$647.30.

Michael Sothan presented the request for funding to support this annual event, which has grown over the years. The location across from Aunt Mary's has been well received by vendors and those attending. There is no charge to participants and vendors pay a small fee. No peddler's permit is required as it is on private property.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, to approve a request for funding from Main Street Beatrice for the City-Wide Sidewalk Sale in the amount of \$678.19.

Michael Sothan explained that the annual City-Wide Sidewalk sale is an evolving project which in past year's had been a huge draw, but has slid down in past years. Main Street is working with the Chamber to improve the event and incorporate city-wide participation.

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

Motion carried.

b. Discussion on proposed additional ½ cent sales tax

Mayor Schuster introduced additional discussion on a proposed ballot question for an additional ½ cent sales tax to assist with funding of road projects and Gage County Board of Supervisors, Matt Bauman, Myron Dorn, and John Hill were present to discuss the inclusion of an interlocal agreement as a portion of the project. City Attorney Butcher explained that statutes provide the opportunity to add an additional quarter or half cent to fund public infrastructure projects and that a portion in the range of 5% has to go into an interlocal project that must be defined. In order to put the question on the May primary, the County Clerk would need the ballot language by March 1st. Discussion followed regarding possible projects with the County, including improvements to 33rd Street along the cemetery and leading to the High School and SW 32nd Road which would serve the re-opened Bio-Diesel Plant. Other options considered for interlocal projects could be with the NRD for flood control projects, with Beatrice Rural Fire for facilities, the public school system or any other connecting jurisdiction within Gage County. The County Board members were open to coming up with a mutual project and proposed an improved EMS Communications System serving the county, but are willing to look at other projects that could be completed with the additional funding source.

8 – Miscellaneous:

The next regular council meeting is January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room and a Worksession will be January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Library Sargent Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that the meeting be adjourned at _8:04 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster