

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the BPS Administration Meeting Room, 320 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Mayor Wirth, Councilmembers: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde.

Absent: None

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

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Lights on the Trails**

This item has been discussed originally at the request of Councilman Fairbanks. Councilman Fairbanks felt the City should move the current decorative lighting along Court Street (as owned by Mainstreet) to the trails, look for grant funding to cover the costs of replacing the decorative lighting along Court Street, and then determine how we will fund the rest of the trail lighting project including contributions from the Electrical Department. Councilman Kerr discussed the project cost and noted that he would like to see all of the trail extension work completed before moving on to the lighting project. City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer noted that the current lights owned by Mainstreet would not be conducive to lighting the trail since they project light up, not down. Tempelmeyer also noted that there are no current regulations for LED lights along state highways, this replacement with current LED products wouldn't be possible at this time. Mayor Stan Wirth wondered if lighting the trail may cause more problems than we solve. The Council discussed set hours for lighting the trail, motion sensors, and demo models to try. Councilmembers Rick Clabaugh and Bob Morgan along with Mayor Wirth would like to see grant funding to assist with the costs. Councilmember Dwight Parde thought this sort of tangible project would be good for the Beatrice Plus program. City Administration will continue to acquire information, test demo models, and prepare a budget for the whole project for future consideration.

## **Sanitary Sewer City Codes**

City Engineer James Burroughs recently completed a review of the City's Sanitary Sewer Codes. Based on codes he has seen in other communities he proposed changes to the following: (1) septic tank/and Sanitary Sewer connection requirements; (2) matching waste measurements to the current Rate Ordinance as passed by the Council early this spring; and (3) updates to definitions and references within the Article. City Administrator Tempelmeyer inquired whether this change will automatically make any users out of compliance. Burroughs noted that it would not. The Council discussed how septic waste that is hauled to the WPC is tested based on these measures. Mayor Wirth noted that this item will be taken up at the next regular Council meeting.

## **Residential Code Foundation Wall Requirements**

City Administrator Tempelmeyer noted that current practice for residential wall foundations doesn't match the requirements of the current Residential Code. The City Administration has been working with Michael Fakler to develop codes which would match the current practice. The proposed changes are taken from the Residential Code as passed by the City of Lincoln. Fakler spoke about issues with soil and soil sampling. Fakler believes that the proposed changes will benefit builders and relieve confusion. City Attorney Greg Butcher noted that he had spoken with local builders Blake Meints and Brett Wells along with subcontractor Dustin Martin. No concerns were noted. The Council had a brief discussion about soil issues. The Mayor noted that this item will return at the next regular Council meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Catlin, that the Mayor and City Council meet in closed session at 7:35 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate. Seconded by Cook, that the Mayor and City Council meet in closed session at 7:35 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Clabaugh, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

**Erin Saathoff, City Clerk**

**Stan Wirth, Mayor**