

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 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, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, and Parde.

Absent: Cook.

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: Billsbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan and Parde.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Proposed Contract to Provide 911 Services to Crete**

Beatrice Police Chief Bruce Lang gave a brief history of the current Beatrice/Gage County 911 System. In the coming years the current 911 Call System hardware will not be supported. Counties and municipalities in southeast Nebraska including Beatrice, Lincoln and Crete have formed an interlocal organization to negotiate for and help design a uniform system for southeast Nebraska. Under the current system proposal the full system will need a "big box" hardware system (likely located in Lincoln) and an additional backup (located offsite). Further each dispatch center (PSAP) will need its own smaller box. By consolidating dispatch centers local government can save on the expense of this smaller box hardware system. The City of Crete approached the City of Beatrice about consolidation. They will need to improve a substantial portion of their current dispatch center to catch up to current requirements, thus it would be more cost effective to consolidate. Our current Beatrice center will be able to handle their call load. Initially we would hire three (3) additional people: two (2) dispatchers and one (1) communications director. Gage County will help by paying for twenty five percent (25%) of the cost of the new communications director. It was noted that a consolidated center can provide a greater level of communication and dispatch service when there are multiple calls or a major event, rather than the current one (1) dispatcher in Crete currently. Chief Lang noted that we will not be taking on this additional call load with any additional cost to the City. When the final



