

MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 26th day of May, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the BPS Administration Meeting Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

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 Parde, seconded by Cook, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LARM

Representatives of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) were present and gave a presentation regarding the pool. Geneie Andrews advised that prior to September 2014 a three (3) year commitment was required, but this is no longer the case, and a member may leave LARM by giving ninety (90) day notice to the Department of Insurance. Greg Getting stated that the pool is like insurance, but it is not insurance. Mark Weaver advised that LARM had a surplus of \$6-\$8 million for the past six (6) years. Mike Nolan stated that LARM has a number of tools available including webinars and training.

Councilmember Morgan asked if dividends were repaid to members. Nolan indicated that LARM had paid dividends twice in their history. Andrews advised that LARM had implemented a local agent program and they have partnered with Lillian Fritch to be the local agent in Beatrice. Mayor Wirth asked about the amount of the discount that LARM would offer. Nolan indicated that the discount was five percent (5%) for a three (3) year commitment. The size of the discount is the same regardless of the size of the member.

Andrews recommended that the City hire an insurance consultant to prepare the RFP and to evaluate the responses. Councilmember Fairbanks indicated that if we are comparing apples to apples and there is a cost difference he was okay with saving \$8.00. Andrews advised that there is not an apples to apples comparison in the insurance industry. Discussion ensued about looking around at other insurance options.

Socrata Financial Software

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, displayed the demo of the Socrata financial software for the Mayor and City Council showing them the operating revenues, operating expenses, and capital expenditures. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the software, the ease of implementation, and the length of the contract. Tempelmeyer advised that Socrata had presented offers of one (1) year, two (2) year, or three (3) year contract, all with essentially the same cost per month. The City Council they were satisfied with a one (1) year contract to give an opportunity to see how many people were using the software. This item will be brought before the City Council at a future City Council meeting.

NGage Funding Agreement

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, advised that the current funding agreement with NGage was set to expire on June 30, 2015. Councilmember Fairbanks asked if NGage is cash strapped. Tempelmeyer indicated that it did not appear so as we review their expenditures monthly. The City Council then reviewed whether a three (3) year term would be agreeable, of which the City Council appeared to be agreeable with a three (3) year term and with leaving the funding at \$100,000 per year. Councilmember Morgan did request that language be added that NGage must seek renewal of the funding agreement at least ninety (90) days before the expiration of the agreement to give the City Council ample opportunity to review the funding agreement to determine what, if any, changes needed to made before moving forward. Councilmember Kerr requested that NGage not be allowed to be the applicant for LB840 funds in the future. Some Councilmembers expressed a dislike of NGage being the applicant. Other Councilmembers agreed that it was not an ideal situation, but that the time that NGage was the applicant was a unique situation.

The City Council then discussed the proposed bylaw amendment by NGage regarding membership/investment levels. Tempelmeyer explained the voting procedure for members of NGage and the decision that needed to be made between weighing votes or not weighing votes. Councilmembers Parde and Kerr both stated their support for the weighing of votes while Councilmembers Fairbanks, Morgan, Clabaugh, and Mayor Wirth indicated that they were not in favor of weighing votes.

A new funding agreement will be brought before the City Council at a future City Council meeting for action.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Parde, seconded by Clabaugh, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor