

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BPS ADMINISTRATION MEETING ROOM, 320 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BEATRICE, NE**

Mayor Wirth led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1 – Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Wirth, Councilmembers Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Absent: Councilmember Fairbanks

Mayor Wirth 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 15, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$596,745.80.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$51,009.08.
- g. Resolution Number 5715 entering into a farm lease with Jim Brod for crop land adjacent to the Industrial Park and for the old fairgrounds property and other property adjacent to the Big Blue River.
- h. Resolution Number 5716 entering into a haying agreement with Joel Fossler for various parcels.

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

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

Motion carried.

**3 - Public Hearings/Bids:**

**None.**

Mayor Wirth announced to move to items 7a and 7b of the agenda and hear those presentations now.

**a. Presentation from Nebraska Department of Economic Development regarding the Beatrice Recertification.**

Dacia Kruse, Acting Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), presented the recertification recognizing Beatrice as a Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community. Beatrice earned its first designation in October of 2009 and this recertification makes Beatrice one of thirty-six communities in Nebraska to receive this designation, which indicates that Beatrice is prepared for business growth and ready, today, to meet the needs of companies seeking new business and industrial locations and has the leadership and commitment necessary. She highlighted various accomplishments presented in the application, which led to the designation; the City and County working together to fund the newly formed NGage, voter approval to renew and extend the economic development program until

2023, utility infrastructure provided for the new hospital development, the Carnegie building renovation, the Beatrice Library renovation, and increased area business job opportunities and expansion.

**b. NGage Quarterly Report.**

Glennis McClure, NGage Executive Director, presented the NGage Quarterly Report, and introduced the council to Sheena Larsen, the new Executive Assistant at NGage. Highlights of the quarter included completing the recertification to NDED; working on the ECAP Discovery Tool, which is an online survey seeking community input; meetings have been held on the Branding Project; held a Manufacturing Day luncheon for area manufacturers with Lara Huskey, Deputy Director of NDED, as the speaker; since the closure of Store Kraft has been working with those employees and contacted local employers to participate in the Job Fair held, some employees have shown an interest in starting their own business; attended a trade show in Atlanta and felt the networking and contacts made there were very beneficial; met with REAP, which provides small loans for women in business; and noted that in the coming quarter will be working on updating the strategic plan for NGage.

**4 – Resolutions:**

**a. Resolution reappointing various City Officials.**

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5717 reappointing various City Officials.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that Resolution Number 5717 be passed and adopted.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5717 has been passed and adopted.

**b. Resolution executing a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Supplemental No. 1 – BO1222 with Schemmer Associates for the Beatrice Hannibal Park Trail Project ENH-34(42).**

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5718 executing a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Supplemental No. 1 – BO1222 with Schemmer Associates for the Beatrice Hannibal Park Trail Project ENH-34(42).

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 5718 be passed and adopted.

City Administrator, Tobias Tempelmeyer, explained that while preparing the environmental review some issues were discovered mainly along the section of the trail that runs along the land recently purchased by the school and that property owners along the west side may have encroached upon the school property. This supplement to the agreement will provide for additional title search to make sure there are no problems with property rights and ownership. The City's 20% share of the additional cost is estimated at \$2,800.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5718 has been passed and adopted.

**c. Resolution entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Plymouth Rural Fire District for the purpose of providing EMS Services to their service area in and around Gage County.**

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5719 entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Plymouth Rural Fire District for the purpose of providing EMS Services to their service area in and around Gage County.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Parde, that Resolution Number 5719 be passed and adopted.

Fire Chief, Brian Daake, explained that Beatrice Fire & Rescue is the only one in the area to have paramedics that provide advanced life services (ALS) so Beatrice began provide tiering services to other departments, which is when Beatrice is simultaneously dispatched along with the local ambulance to the call; if the transport takes place in our ambulance then we can bill the patient, however, if the local ambulance transports the patient and our paramedic rides along then they bill the patient, which is why we are proposing agreements with these districts to reimburse Beatrice a tiering fee for providing them with the ALS service. This agreement with Plymouth provides that they will pay Beatrice \$276.00 per call.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5719 has been passed and adopted.

**d. Resolution executing a Transmission Services Agreement between the City and NPPD.**

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5720 executing a Transmission Services Agreement between the City and NPPD.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Kerr, that Resolution Number 5720 be passed and adopted.

City Administrator Tempelmeyer explained that the City has had an agreement with NPPD for a number of years and this updates that agreement to increase the price for when we go out and perform a service for them. Generally this is not a large amount of time and the fee covers our costs.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5720 has been passed and adopted.

**e. Resolution prohibiting parking along 19<sup>th</sup> Street and establishing a loading and unloading zone along the east side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street near the intersections of Lincoln and Grant Streets.**

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5721 prohibiting parking along 19th Street and establishing a loading and unloading zone along the east side of 19th Street near the intersections of Lincoln and Grant Streets.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Parde, that Resolution Number 5721 be passed and adopted.

City Attorney, Greg Butcher, explained that the traffic committee had reviewed the parking situation on 19<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Lincoln School and had removed parking on the west side so that children would not be crossing a busy street. There was a discrepancy between the resolution, which restricted the parking on school days and hours, and the signage, which removed parking all the time. The City was contacted by the owner of a duplex on the northwest corner of Grant Street regarding this and City Engineer, James Burroughs, further researched the area and reported that due to the number of alleyways and driveways site triangles, after setting up those distances, there was not enough length for parking anyway. The recommendation was to leave the signage as is and pass a new resolution removing parking all the time.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5721 has been passed and adopted.

**5 – Ordinances:**

None.

**6 – Public Forum:**

No one appeared at public forum.

**7 – Discussions/Reports:**

**c. Consideration of approval of Public Funding Requests from Main Street Beatrice.**

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Kerr, that the public funding request from Main Street Beatrice for the Preservation Month & Mother’s Day Tour Event in the amount of \$221.41, be approved.

Michael Sothan, Main Street Beatrice Executive Director, presented the request for funding to help with this popular annual event that brings in a large number of people from outside of Beatrice.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Cook, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Clabaugh

Motion carried.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Kerr, that the public funding request from Main Street Beatrice for the Beatrice Farmer’s Market Event in the amount of \$679.44, be approved.

Michael Sothan, Main Street Beatrice Executive Director, presented the request for funding to help with this annual event that has grown and has drawn a variety of vendors locally and from the immediate surrounding area. Vendors do pay a fee and as it continues to be successful will hopefully lessen the dependence on community funding.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Cook, Kerr, Morgan, Parde  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Clabaugh

Motion carried.

**8 – Executive Session:**

Moved by Catlin, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:49 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss union negotiations.

Seconded by Morgan, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:49 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss union negotiations.

Mayor Wirth announces that Moved by Catlin, seconded by Morgan, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:49 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss union negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

Reconvened at: 8:10 p.m.

### **9 – Miscellaneous:**

Next regular council meeting is January 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Schools Administration Building Meeting Room; there will be a Worksession on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Schools Administration Building Meeting Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Morgan, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

**Linda S. Koch, City Clerk**

**Mayor Stan Wirth**