

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 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, Cook, Fairbanks, Langdale, Parde, Tiemann
Absent: Councilmember Carey
Vacant: One Councilmember

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 February 3, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$264,845.19
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$22,494.63

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

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

Motion carried.

3 - Public Hearings/Bids:

a. Hearings

- (1) Public Hearing on the acquisition of real property described as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 6, Harringtons Resubdivision, located at 316 West Court Street.**

Mayor Schuster announced that a public hearing will now be held on the acquisition of real property described as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 6, Harringtons Resubdivision, located at 316 West Court Street.

Mayor Schuster explained that these are vacant lots located on the north side of Court street that would be added to the floodway park ground. Mr. Corey's estate is interested in selling the property to the City for \$2100.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that the public hearing be closed at 7:03 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

4 – Resolutions:

- a. Resolution authorizing acquisition of real property described as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 6, Harringtons Resubdivision, located at 316 West Court Street.**

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5596 authorizing acquisition of real property described as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 6, Harringtons Resubdivision, located at 316 West Court Street.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that Resolution Number 5596 be passed and adopted.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5596 has been passed and adopted.

b. Resolution entering into an agreement with Carnegie Center Inc. to reimburse the City for funds expended to restore and treat three historic plaques in relation to the Carnegie Building.

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5597 entering into an agreement with Carnegie Center Inc. to reimburse the City for funds expended to restore and treat three historic plaques in relation to the Carnegie Building.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that Resolution Number 5597 be passed and adopted.

City Administrator, Tobias Tempelmeyer, explained that Carnegie Center Inc. is interested in having the three historic plaques cleaned and restored; the Gerald R Ford Conservation Center was contacted and provided an estimate and Carnegie Center Inc. has agreed to reimburse the City for the cost to have the plaques cleaned, up to \$3,060, which is the maximum estimate.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5597 has been passed and adopted.

c. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds and service proposals with Gerald R Ford Conservation Center to restore and treat three historic plaques in relation to the Carnegie Building.

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5598 authorizing the expenditure of funds and service proposals with Gerald R Ford Conservation Center to restore and treat three historic plaques in relation to the Carnegie Building.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 5598 be passed and adopted.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution Number 5598 has been passed and adopted.

5 – Ordinances:

None.

6 – Public Forum:

No one appeared at public forum.

7 – Discussions/Reports:

a. Report on and approval of plans, specifications, and advertisement for bids for the remodel of the Beatrice City Hall building located at 400 Ella Street.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that the plans, specifications, and advertisement for bids for the remodel of the Beatrice City Hall building located at 400 Ella Street, be approved.

City Administrator Tempelmeyer presented a review of the project, which addresses three elements which the current building is lacking in; ADA compliance, safety of employees, and fire code. He reviewed the model proposed by the architect; the estimated cost is \$175,000 and completion date depends on whether staff could vacate the building during construction. The cost of the project was budgeted for in the Electric Fund. Discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

b. Police Department Annual Report.

Police Chief, Bruce Lang, presented the Police Department 2013 Annual Report, which provides highlights of the department's statistics and activities. Major Crime numbers were lower in 2013, with a substantial decrease in thefts reported, assaults about the same, and alcohol related arrests were slightly lower. Discussion followed regarding overtime to maintain staffing levels and use of light duty work.

c. Discussion regarding 50' corner lots

City Attorney, Greg Butcher, presented options to deal with development of the traditional 50' x 140' corner lots. Mr. Butcher and City Engineer, James Burroughs, researched codes and brought forth recommendations to maximize the buildable area without giving up safety standards and proposed a 10' setback on the 140' side, noting that 18' is needed to allow for a vehicle to park in the driveway without encroaching onto the sidewalk. Discussion followed that porches could encroach into the 10' setback but that they could not be enclosed; sidewalks would be standard, not curbside; and use of a 30' triangle for sight at the corner. Michael Sothan asked if this would affect commercial districts; no, this recommendation will only be for R-2, R-3, and R-4, maybe O and RC, but not for R-1 or CD.

d. Update on the ballot issue regarding the proposed ½ cent sales for public infrastructure

Brief discussion held on the proposed ½ cent sales tax for public infrastructure and City Administrator Tempelmeyer reported that Gage County had passed and signed the Interlocal Agreement.

e. Legislative Update

City Administrator Tempelmeyer presented a Legislative Update reviewing bills of interest to the City.

f. Progress of 2013 Strategic Planning and Goals

City Administrator Tempelmeyer, reviewed the progress on the 2013 Strategic Goals and an update of the following active goals: a cash reserve policy will be brought for council review at the February or March worksession; two major water main projects are scheduled for this coming summer; group has met with NPPD but a number of questions need to be answered yet so our wholesale contract is not ready to be signed; street lights in need of replacement are being replaced with LED lights; in the City Auditorium the building inspection office will move into the engineering office by the end of March and the Housing Authority will move up into the vacated inspection office, leaving the entire basement for use by the fire department; the RFQ's for the AMI system are due this week and look to select a vendor and begin the process; and hope to bring the library renovation project contract for approval at the next council meeting. Also provided a list of 26 goals that have been completed, including a new city website.

g. City Administrator's Monthly Report

Mayor Schuster referred to the City Administrator's Report as printed in the packet. City Administrator Tempelmeyer reviewed the status of the 2014 capital projects, noting that the Police Dept. HVAC system equipment will be purchased but installation will be delayed until fall; the sewer lining project is being cut back due to lines that do not need to be done and those funds will be used to implement a sewer system model; and the 2nd Street Bridge needs an estimated \$112,000 in repairs, which was not a part of the current street dept. budget.

8 – Executive Session to discuss possible real estate acquisition

Moved by Catlin, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:58 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

Seconded by Tiemann, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:58 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

Mayor Schuster announced moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 7:58 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate acquisition.

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

Motion carried.

Reconvened at: 8:09 p.m.

9 – Miscellaneous:

Next regular council meeting is March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room. Worksession will be February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster