

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 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, Carey, Cook, Langdale, Parde, Tiemann
Absent: Councilmember Fairbanks

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 17, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of minutes of worksession on February 24, 2014, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- f. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$77,840.61
- g. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$32,959.25
- h. Resolution Number 5599 approving an addendum to the agreement with Olsson Associates for the Highway 136 Study.
- i. Resolution Number 5600 appointing the Mayor of the City of Beatrice to serve as the City's designated voting member for NGage.
- j. Accept the resignation of Erich Tiemann as Councilmember for the 2nd Ward

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, that the items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of item j, be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented.

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

Motion carried.

j – Moved by Catlin, seconded by Langdale, to accept the resignation of Erich Tiemann as Councilmember for the 2nd Ward.

Councilmember Tiemann spoke that due to his family moving outside the city limits he could no longer represent the citizens of the 2nd Ward, that it has been a privilege to represent them and while he has enjoyed this great job, it has also provided him the opportunity to learn of the many aspects of local government.

Roll Call: Yea: Carey, Cook, Langdale, Parde, Tiemann
Nay: Catlin

Motion carried.

3 - Public Hearings/Bids:

- a. Hearings

4 – Resolutions:

- a. Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement establishing the Southeast 911 Region Committee.

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5601 approving an Interlocal Agreement establishing the Southeast 911 Region Committee.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Carey, that Resolution Number 5601 be passed and adopted.

Police Chief, Bruce Lang, explained that Beatrice along with other 911 Systems in Southeast Nebraska have found that a potential problem exists with the hardware in the 911 phone system, which is no longer supported and could be a problem to repair. Therefore, all of the PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) in Southeast Nebraska propose entering into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of hiring an independent consultant to determine the best approach to replace the system. The estimated \$50,000 consultant cost will be shared equally, based upon population, among the PSAPs in the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted Resolution Number 5601.

b. Resolution entering into a revised agreement with the Beatrice Library Foundation to provide funding for the Library Renovation Project.

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5602 entering into a revised agreement with the Beatrice Library Foundation to provide funding for the Library Renovation Project.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that Resolution Number 5602 be passed and adopted.

City Administrator, Tobias Tempelmeyer, explained that the initial agreement signed in November of 2012, provided for a cost of \$1.5 million for the renovation project, however, now that the actual bids have been received the costs came in higher and the Beatrice Library Foundation has the funds available so they have agreed to fund the additional money. The revised agreement increases the amount to be funded by the Foundation to \$1,945,000, with the City's portion of the project at \$38,500 for heat pumps to serve the upstairs meeting rooms and a family restroom to be paid from Norva Price funds.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted Resolution Number 5602.

c. Resolution authorizing agreements or contracts with Elkhorn West Construction for the Library Renovation Project.

Mayor Schuster introduced Resolution Number 5603 authorizing agreements or contracts with Elkhorn West Construction for the Library Renovation Project.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 5603 be passed and adopted.

Mayor Schuster explained that at the public bid opening on February 18th of the eight bids received all were fairly close but Elkhorn West was the low bidder. After review by the architect and city administration the recommendation is to enter into a contract with Elkhorn West for the Library Renovation Project at a cost of \$1,144,800, plus the addendum of \$38,550.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and adopted Resolution Number 5603.

**5 – Ordinances:
None.**

6 – Public Forum:

Lora Young of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, Mike Sothan with Main Street Beatrice and Linda Grell of Keep Beatrice Beautiful, appeared at public forum to share with the council that they are collaborating on looking to replace the welcome signs and thereby beautify the entrances to Beatrice. An open public forum will be March 11th at 5:30 at the Beatrice Public Library to receive community input on what the new signs might look like. They plan to start with the North Entrance sign.

7 – Discussions/Reports:

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

City Administrator Tempelmeyer reported that the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a lunch and learn on March 5th regarding the ballot issue for a proposed ½ cent sales tax for public infrastructure; the event will also be available after that on the internet.

b. Legislative Update

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

9 – Miscellaneous:

Next regular council meeting is March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room. Worksession on March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beatrice Public Library Sargent Meeting Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Tiemann, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Linda S. Koch, City Clerk

Mayor Dennis Schuster