

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting of the City Council was held on the 30th day of November, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

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 Morgan, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance imposing an additional city sales and use tax at the rate of one half of one percent (1/2%), increasing the total city sales and use tax rate from one and one half percent (1 ½%) to two percent (2%) and approving related actions.

Mayor Wirth introduced an ordinance imposing an additional city sales and use tax at the rate of one half of one percent (1/2%), increasing the total city sales and use tax rate from one and one half percent (1 ½%) to two percent (2%) and approving related actions.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that said ordinance be given number 18-039 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wirth read Ordinance Number 18-039 by number only the first, second, and third time.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Kerr, that Ordinance Number 18-039 be passed and approved.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager explained that this ordinance must be passed and provided to the Department of Revenue in order to implement the sales tax increase the voters approved earlier this month. Tempelmeyer explained that today is the deadline to submit the materials to the State in order for the tax to take effect on April 1st. If the materials are not submitted by today, then the earliest the tax could be implemented is July 1st.

Councilman Fairbanks inquired why there is such a long delay between submitting the required materials and the tax taking effect. Tempelmeyer explained that, per State statute, the Department of Revenue requires the materials one hundred twenty (120) days in advance. Mayor Wirth added that it may also be to allow plenty of time to notify all merchants that they will be required to collect the additional tax.

Councilman Cook inquired how long the tax is projected to be in effect. Tempelmeyer noted the tax is expected to be in place for somewhere around ten (10) years, however that all depends on the final cost of the fire station.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance Number 18-039 has been passed and approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

There were no discussions/reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting is December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room. There will NOT be a work session in December.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED.

Erin Saathoff, CMC, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor