

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on the 16th day of April, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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.

Mayor Wirth presented the proclamation proclaiming April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day to Linda Grell, Executive Director of Keep Beatrice Beautiful. Grell stated she is thankful to have received approximately \$20,000 of grant funding allowing the City to plant 250 trees last year, further noting the City has planted around 400 trees over past few years.

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 April 2, 2018, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims.
 - e(1). Approval of Gage Area Growth-NGage claim in the amount of \$33,463.49.
 - e(2). Approval of balance of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$396,709.89.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$57,939.57.
- g. Approval of write-off of ambulance bad debts.
- h. Approval of Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$80,293.50 to Philip Carkoski Construction for the WPC Bar Screen Replacement, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.
- i. Award of bid for the Porter Addition Sanitary Sewer Improvements - 2017 to General Excavating, in the amount of \$92,770.80 and approval of Change Order #1 adjusting the completion date to August 31, 2018, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.
- j. Approval of public funding request from the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Homestead Days 2018 event.
- k. Approval of public funding request from the Beatrice Noon Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$1,850.78 for the Annual MUDECAS Basketball Tournament event.
- l. Approval of Beatrice Plus funding request from the City of Beatrice Public Properties Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year for two (2) years, to create a splash pad or spray pool at Astro Park, as recommended by the Beatrice Plus Advisory Board.

m. Resolution Number 6206 regulating parking along West Mary Street, between Penrod Street to Cedar Street, and on Cedar Street, between West Mary Street and Scott Street.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde

Nay: None

Abstain: Morgan – item e(1)

MOTION CARRIED.

I – Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the Beatrice Plus funding request from the City of Beatrice Public Properties Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year for two (2) years, to create a splash pad or spray pool at Astro Park, as recommended by the Beatrice Plus Advisory Board, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Councilman Cook inquired when the splash pad would be complete and how it was going to be paid for. Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, noted the hope is to have the splash pad completed late summer, early fall and further noted this project was budgeted for by the City and will be funded out of the General Fund. Tempelmeyer noted these Beatrice Plus funds, as well as other grants will be used to reimburse the General Fund.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

Public Hearing to receive the semi-annual report of the Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee as provided by the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act R.R.S., 1943.

Mayor Wirth announced that a public hearing will now be held to receive the semi-annual report of the Citizen’s Advisory Review Committee as provided by the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act R.R.S., 1943.

Grant Jones, CARC president, reviewed the LB840 and CDBG funds. Jones report there has been little to no activity and no new applications have been received at this time.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the public hearing be closed at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 6207 executing the Letter Agreement Amendment #1 to add additional services including pilot testing, design services, and pre-selection of equipment for

additional compensation to the Letter Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, and Olsson Associates, Inc., as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 6207 executing the Letter Agreement Amendment #1 to add additional services including pilot testing, design services, and pre-selection of equipment for additional compensation to the Letter Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, and Olsson Associates, Inc., as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that Resolution Number 6207 be passed and adopted.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, reported to the City Council upgrades to the WPC facility will need to be made by the time the next permit will be issued. This Agreement will allow for a preliminary review of the facility and a pilot study on the belt press, which will be hooked up at our facility before making a decision on if this is the correct equipment for the facility moving forward.

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

Resolution Number 6207 has been passed and adopted.

Resolution Number 6208 appointing Abigail M. Stark as City Attorney.

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 6208 appointing Abigail M. Stark as City Attorney.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Clabaugh, that Resolution Number 6208 be passed and adopted.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, noted the effective date of Ms. Stark becoming the official City Attorney will be April 30, 2018, as she will not be sworn in until April 26, 2018. Stark told the Council she is grateful for this opportunity and is looking forward to serving the City.

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

Resolution Number 6208 has been passed and adopted.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bruce Lang, Chief of Police, introduced Officer Jason Sharp, who recently returned from deployment. Officer Sharp stated he was grateful for the support of the Beatrice Police Department during his two and one-half (2 ½) year deployment and is looking forward to being back in uniform this Wednesday. Officer Sharp presented a certificate and flag which was flown over the base he was stationed at in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Chief Lang.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

NGage Quarterly Report

Walker Zulkoski, NGage Executive Director, presented the 1st Quarter report for 2018. Zulkoski attended the Advanced Manufacturing Expo in California, which was the last Site Location Partnership Event, which led to thirteen (13) company leads. Two (2) newsletters were sent out, as well as increased social media outreach. Zulkoski noted he is working on getting a hotel built this year, as the need was indicated with the hotel study. Zulkoski noted the Excel Development ground breaking occurred.

Zulkoski reported to the Council NGage will be conducting Growing Gage Communities meetings in Adams, Beatrice, and Wymore, reviewing the surveys completed by the youth living within Gage County and use these results as a planning tool on how to move forward developing communities in Gage County.

Zulkoski was appointed to the Board of Directors for both the Nebraska Economic Developers Association (NEDA) and Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD).

Zulkoski noted the annual meeting was also held during this quarter and Matt Morrissey, Black Hills Energy, was elected as a board member to replace Pat Naroth, whose term is up.

Councilman Kerr inquired if NGage would be able to help set up more career fairs to keep the youth here in the community. Zulkoski noted they have been working with the school more and have a committee with the manufacturing group, which have given more information out, including job shadowing and tours.

Councilman Fairbanks inquired on how the business retention meetings have been going. Zulkoski noted he does keep in touch with several businesses even though they do not necessarily conduct an official meeting. If there are any red flags that come up during conversations, they focus on that right away.

Councilman Clabaugh inquired what the Community Venture Network (CVN) is. Zulkoski noted it is a company out of St. Paul, MN, which finds businesses looking to expand in the Midwest.

City Administrator's Monthly Report

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, presented the City Administrator's Monthly Report to the City Council. Tempelmeyer noted the dirt work is done for the Hannibal Batting Facility, further noting bids should be going out soon for late summer construction. Tempelmeyer reported the City has started the transition from NPPD to AEP and initial conversations on how that will go have begun. Tempelmeyer noted they are currently working on how to bill BSDC, who has their energy wheeled through the City's system, which is a difference other communities also making this transition did not have. Tempelmeyer reported the proposed changes to the junked motor vehicle ordinance will be brought forward for review at the next Work Session. On April 28th and 29th, approximately seventy (70) teams will be coming in for a tournament, using facilities at Hannibal Park and Scott Street Ballfields. Tempelmeyer noted the City has been reviewing work that has been done in the floodplain within the City's two (2) mile zoning jurisdiction, which requires a floodplain permit. Letters were sent to property owners, requesting they come in and apply for the necessary permits. Tempelmeyer noted the change in the legislature regarding plumbing boards did not get out of committee and will be brought back again next year. Tempelmeyer noted some changes regarding TIF, which will slow down the process, were approved. It will now be required to have a public hearing at both Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and City Council, including any proposed redevelopment plans. Another change is the CRA will be required to submit a report to all entities on what projects were passed. These changes will add at least an additional ten (10) days to the current thirty (30) to forty-five (45) day process.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting is May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room. There will be a work session on April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor