

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room, 320 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

### ROLL CALL

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

### 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 5, 2018, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims.
- g. Approval of special designated license applications of Community Players, Inc. for a fundraiser to be held on March 10, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at 412 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.
- h. Resolution executing the Statement of Work, with Onsite Health Diagnostic, LLC, for voluntary health screenings including optional prostate and thyroid screenings for full-time employees in 2018.
- i. Resolution executing the Agreement Renewal to Maintenance Agreement No. 4 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the period of January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.
- j. Resolution executing the Certificate of Compliance to Nebraska Department of Transportation, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.
- k. Resolution executing the Memorandum of Agreement between Lincoln Fire & Rescue, the City of Lincoln, and the City of Beatrice for the Beatrice Fire Department to become a participating agency for the Nebraska Task Force 1 of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.
- l. Resolution reappointing Don Schnier as a member of the Housing Authority for a term expiring March 1, 2023.
- m. Resolution authorizing the City, on behalf of Exmark Manufacturing Company, Inc., to enter into the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Site and Building Development Fund Business Recruitment and Expansion Project Contract No. 18-01-112.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS**

### **Public Hearing on the One and Six Year Road and Street Plan for 2018.**

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, reported to the City Council upon review of this item from last meeting, it was found the public hearing notice was not published as required by the State. Tempelmeyer stated there have been no changes made to the proposed One and Six Year Road and Street Plan since the review at the meeting held February 5, 2018 and this is to simply provide the necessary notice.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the public hearing be closed at 7:05 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution Number 6185 adopting the One and Six Year Road and Street Plan for 2018.**

There was no further discussion from the City Council or public.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 6185 be passed and adopted.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## **ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one appeared at public forum.

## **DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS**

### **Beatrice Police Department 2017 Annual Report**

Bruce Lang, Chief of Police, presented the Beatrice Police Department's 2017 Annual Report to the City Council. Lang noted in 2017 there was a significant increase in the amount of drug related arrests. This is largely because the Department has an individual who is working with the County to focus on the increased drug activity that has been seen throughout the county. Lang reported Lt. Oliver suffered a medical issue in December 2017 and has still not been able to return to his position. Sergeant Murphy has been filling in for him during his absence. Lang noted as the Council is reviewing the report, they will see an increase in calls for service. This increase will not reflect in the arrests, as these numbers include calls for the County and City of Crete as well. Mayor Wirth noted there has been an increase in the number of assault and child abuse cases and inquired if Lang had any in site on why this may be occurring. Lang stated it is likely due to how the society has changed their belief in what is acceptable and not acceptable. Lang indicated people are less hesitant to report something they feel is not right. Councilman

Cook noted there has been a decrease in the alcohol cases and inquired if he had a reason why this may be occurring. Lang noted he is unsure, however, noted it is possible the public understands the consequences due to heavy enforcement in the past regarding drunk driving. Councilman Kerr inquired about the safety of our public schools due to the recent shooting in Florida. Lang noted both the High School and Middle School have a School Resource Officer on site during school hours and the elementary schools have taken steps into increasing the security of the schools. Lang stated he believes our schools are as safe as they can be at this time. Lang thanked the Council for their ongoing support.

### **City Administrator's Monthly Report**

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, presented the City Administrator's Monthly Report to the City Council. Tempelmeyer updated the Council on the current TIF projects that are in development. Tempelmeyer also reported to the Council the three (3) properties in which bids were obtained have all been demolished and removed from the various properties. There has been issues with plaster coming off the walls in the entry way of the Carnegie Building. Tempelmeyer noted the City must work with the Nebraska State Historical Department on making any necessary repairs. There will be a contractor onsite to try and establish why these issues are occurring. Tempelmeyer also noted while the City has tried to keep the unrestricted general fund in the positive for the last few years, the fund dipped into the negative side in December due to the cleanup of the Gas Plant. Tempelmeyer noted he is not concerned at this time, however, he did want to make the Council aware of this. Tempelmeyer also noted the legislature is back in session and he testified on LB709, regarding plumbing boards. Tempelmeyer also noted he anticipates some sort of change regarding TIF to be passed; however, he is unsure what the final decision will be at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Council meeting is February 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room. There will be a work session on February 26, 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 7:46 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**Erin Saathoff, City Clerk**

**Stan Wirth, Mayor**