

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on the 15th day of October, 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

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.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on October 1, 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 \$33,886.12.
 - e(2). Approval of balance of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$401,288.13.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$55,470.83.
- g. Approval of Change Order #2 increase in the amount of \$35,067.00 to Building Tech for the Beatrice Batting Complex.
- h. Approval of public funding request from Main Street Beatrice in the amount of \$418.75 for their Night of the Great Pumpkin event.
- i. Approval of public funding request from Main Street Beatrice in the amount of \$1,918.75 for their Christmas/Holiday Activities.
- j. Resolution Number 6284 executing agreements with Lincoln Financial Group regarding long term disability insurance and life insurance for all active full-time employees of the City.
- k. Resolution Number 6285 executing an Amendment to loan an additional Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200.00) to Ann L. Freese, for her building located at 505 Court Street, as part of the Downtown Façade Improvement Program from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase II Grant 15-DTR-109.
- l. Resolution Number 6286 executing an Amendment to loan an additional Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,250.00) to John and Colleen Schoneweis, for their building located at 620 Court Street, as part of the Downtown Façade Improvement Program from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase II Grant 15-DTR-109.
- m. Resolution Number 6287 executing an Amendment to loan an additional Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00) to Ronald and Norma Maschmeier, for their building

located at 722 Court Street, as part of the Downtown Façade Improvement Program from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase II Grant 15-DTR-109.

- n. Resolution Number 6288 executing an Amendment to loan an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Phillip and Judith Knowles, for their building located at 105-109 North 4th Street, as part of the Downtown Façade Improvement Program from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase II Grant 15-DTR-109.
- o. Resolution Number 6289 executing the Agreement for Services to authorize Terracon Consultants, Inc., to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services for the West Sargent Road reconstruction project.

Councilman Fairbanks inquired if the completion date will change for the applicants who are receiving the additional funding for the Downtown grants. Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, stated the completion date will remain the same, further explaining the additional funding they are receiving will bring them to the seventy-five percent (75%) match they were eligible for.

Councilman Fairbanks asked for clarification on the dollar amount of the Treasurer's Report of Claims, because the worksheet and SparqData information did not match. It was explained the total on Sparq is the total of item e(1) and e(2) together, for a total claims listing for approval to be \$435,174.25.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan
Nay: None
Abstain: Morgan – item e(1)

MOTION CARRIED.

g – Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, to approve Change Order #2 increase in the amount of \$35,067.00 to Building Tech for the Beatrice Batting Complex.

Councilman Clabaugh inquired what the change order increase is for. Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, reported to the Council upon receipt of the original bid submitted, the artificial turf was removed for further research on the item. Tempelmeyer stated it was always intended to add the artificial turf back in after further research was done, and this change order is to add the artificial turf back into the project.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 6290 approving a Union Contract with the Firefighters Union, Local No. 1098.

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 6290 approving a Union Contract with the Firefighters Union, Local No. 1098.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Morgan, that Resolution Number 6290 be passed and adopted.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, presented the union contract with the Firefighters Union, Local No. 1098. Tempelmeyer explained this contract is for three (3) years, with a two percent (2%) cost of living increase each year of the contract. Most of the changes were clerical issues and no significant changes were brought forth on either side during negotiations.

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

Resolution Number 6290 has been passed and adopted.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

NGage Quarterly Report

Walker Zulkoski, NGage Executive Director, presented the 1st Quarter report for 2018-19.

Zulkoski reported to the Council he had the opportunity to attend the Canada Recruitment trip in Toronto, as well as the Governor's Summit. Erin Chadwick also attended the Midwest Japan Association conference that was held in Omaha this year.

Zulkoski reported the NGage Board of Directors met for a retreat to determine what the entity should focus on next. Zulkoski noted they will also be looking at the strategic plans with the Chamber and Main Street.

Zulkoski reported they have been working with the next generation healthcare and manufacturing groups. Zulkoski reported they recently held Manufacturing Day, with some area high school students touring the plants and educating those students there are opportunities available for them to stay here in the community after high school.

Mayor Wirth inquired if Zulkoski was able to visit the home office of Hendrix Genetics while he was in Canada. Zulkoski noted he did visit with Hendrix. Zulkoski further noted they are up to twenty (20) employees at the Beatrice location and are doing well.

Councilman Clabaugh asked Zulkoski to discuss securing space for GT Midwest, Wurth Adams, and Midstates Bussing. Zulkoski reported there was a transition at 415 Industrial Row, which was acquired by Exmark, that housed a number of tenants. The tenants were able to find a new location and Zulkoski further noted there is still a need for additional spec space. Zulkoski noted Exmark is officially in their new location and it is anticipated they have enough room for a ten (10) year growth.

Councilman Fairbanks inquired if they are meeting their goal of forty (40) Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) visits. Zulkoski noted it is hard to determine what a BRE consists of, further noting he has daily contact with many of the businesses. Zulkoski stated Chadwick and himself are working on a better process to track the BREs and providing the City the information they want from these visits.

Councilman Fairbanks noted he has a general concern with Zulkoski sitting on State boards, NGage would be taking marching orders from the State, rather than from the NGage Board or a body such as this, who funds NGage. Zulkoski noted attending those meetings is more of having a seat at the table and being able to have our voice being heard.

Councilman Morgan noted NGage Board of Directors had a successful retreat and does a great job of helping Zulkoski plan future goals for the organization. Zulkoski noted they are still going through those goals and developing a checklist to proceed with.

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 walls and roof is up on the indoor batting facility at Hannibal Park and the interior work is moving along. Tempelmeyer reported the splash pad parts have arrived and it will be installed, weather permitting. Tempelmeyer noted the Public Properties Department will be seeding and planting

trees in the 1st and Grant Street area with weather cooperation. Tempelmeyer reported work on Chief Standing Bear Trail is moving along nicely. Tempelmeyer reported Nebraska Department of Transportation announced the bid letting for the Water Park Trail to Hannibal Park will be in February 2019.

Councilman Fairbanks inquired on the Store Kraft clean up. Tempelmeyer noted there has been some difficulty getting items removed and getting onsite to inspect. Rob Mierau, Chief Building Inspector, James Burroughs, City Engineer, have been working with the contractor in order to try to figure out a timeframe.

Councilman Clabaugh inquired the result of the Board of Public Works utility deposit discussion at their last meeting. Tempelmeyer noted the Board discussed the current commercial deposit policy and decided to continue with the policy as it is written. The commercial deposit is two (2) months average bill and is refunded after twenty-four (24) months good credit.

Wayne Bruns, 1201 Grant Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, inquired where the remaining difference of the Downtown Façade Improvement Program from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Phase II Grant 15-DTR-109 will be distributed. Tempelmeyer noted there are three (3) other Amendments waiting to be signed and will be distributed upon approval by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting is November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room. There will be a work session on October 22, 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 7:31 p.m.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Erin Saathoff, CMC, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor