MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on the 20th day of May, 2019 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, Kerr, McLain, Morgan
Absent: 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.

Bruce Lang, Police Chief, presented commendation awards to Sergeant Doug Coon, Police Officer Zachary Smith, and Police Officer Derrick Hosick for their meritorious action in response to a call on November 26, 2018. Mayor Wirth thanked the officers for their service and dedication.

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 May 6, 2019, as on file in the City Clerk’s Office.
e. Approval of Treasurer’s Report of Claims in the amount of $653,240.69.
f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of $52,208.52.
g. Approval of write-off of ambulance bad debts.
h. Approval of Manager Application for Michael Schroeder, License #D-046568, in connection with Walmart Stores, Inc., dba Walmart #2784, located at 3620 North 6th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.
i. Resolution Number 6415 appointing Joseph Pieper to the Firefighters’ Retirement Committee.
j. Resolution Number 6416 entering into a Letter Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson Associates, Inc., to undertake a floodplain analysis along the Big Blue River.

Moved by Clabaugh, 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, Kerr, McLain, Morgan
Nay: None  MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 6417 executing the Business Loan Agreement with Pinnacle Bank in order to obtain the $150,000.00 Letter of Credit needed to make transmission upgrades to account for the capacity purchased from NextEra.

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 6417 executing the Business Loan Agreement with Pinnacle Bank in order to obtain the $150,000.00 Letter of Credit needed to make transmission upgrades to account for the capacity purchased from NextEra.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Billesbach, that Resolution Number 6417 be passed and adopted.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, explained that the letter of credit was a part of the agreement to secure capacity from NextEra in 2024 to 2030. SPP did a transmission study which showed that an update to the transmission lines would be necessary.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 6417 has been passed and adopted.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance to amend Section 2-298 of the Beatrice City Code regarding duties of the Chief Building Inspector.

Mayor Wirth introduced an ordinance to amend Section 2-298 of the Beatrice City Code regarding duties of the Chief Building Inspector.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Morgan, that said ordinance be given number 19-020 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, Kerr, McLain, Morgan
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wirth read Ordinance Number 19-020 by number only the first, second, and third time.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Cook, that Ordinance Number 19-020 be passed and approved.

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, explained that with the re-naming of the Community Development Department, changes to the City Code need to be done. This section deals with the duties of the Chief Building Inspector, also known as the Community Development Director, and removes the electrical inspections, which are being done by the State.
Roll Call: Yea: Billesbach, Catlin, Clabaugh, Cook, Kerr, McLain, Morgan
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance Number 19-020 has been passed and approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

Clean City 2019 Review

Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, presented the Clean City 2019 review to the City Council. The number of locations turned in for pick-up was up in 2019, and like-wise the total man-hours increased. The separate drop-off site for mattresses continued to work well. The Street Department staff was commended for the work they performed in providing this popular service to the citizens. Discussion was held regarding the scavengers that come around and pick-up items the day before without the permission of the property owner and whether there was a way to control this. The event was publicized through a BPW bill insert, social media, the newspaper and radio.

Addition of K9 Unit – Police Department

Bruce Lang, Chief of Police, reported to the Council that Police Officer Hosick has expressed a desire to be a second K9 Handler for the Department, and has obtained private funding to pay 100% of the program costs, with the City providing any in-kind costs. The second K9 Unit will be on opposite shift of the current drug dog, Toro, and will be more of a patrol dog and not a dog that goes into the schools like Toro does. Chief Lang explained that the dog will be acquired a couple of weeks prior to the training which is scheduled with the Nebraska State Patrol in September.

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 Community Development Department presented the first two (2) community pride awards this past week, as a way to thank those owners of property that reflect outstanding property maintenance. The Big Blue Water Park is scheduled to open May 25th and they hope to open up the splash pad next week. Initially there will be a fence around it to keep people out of the mud, while the grass is getting established and then the fence will be removed. The Hannibal Park to Water Park Trail project has about fifty percent (50%) of the owners right-of-way acquired and the State is looking at bid letting this fall, with construction in the Spring of 2020. The Electric Department needs to replace the transformer at Substation #6 that went bad a month ago, which is a $400,000-$500,000 cost, so they propose to do this project instead of the budgeted upgrade to Substation #9.
ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting is June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room. There will not be a work session in May.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Billesbach, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Erin Saathoff, CMC, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor