

**MINUTES OF THE BEATRICE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION**

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 23rd day of May, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the BPS Administration Meeting Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Mayor Wirth announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available 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 Billesbach, that the items listed under the consent agenda be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

Presentation by Southeast Community College regarding their upcoming bond issue

Dr. Paul Illich, Southeast Community College (SCC) President, gave an informative presentation related to the upcoming November 2016 bond issue. Dr. Illich went over the history of how SCC decided on a bond issue and how they assessed current facilities at the Beatrice, Lincoln,

and Milford campuses. Dr. Illich spoke about the role and responsibilities of SCC. Dr. Illich's presentation then focused on the assessment of the current Beatrice Campus and the plan redevelopment of that facility. The entire bond issue will be for approximately \$369 million dollars, with approximately \$127 million going towards the complete demolition and rebuilding of the Beatrice Campus. The estimated cost for the bond issue across the fifteen (15) county SCC region will be 3.9 cents per \$100.00 of valuation. Councilman Clabaugh inquired about the timeline for the Beatrice Campus improvements which were estimated at 5-10 years for implementation and construction of the entire designed campus. Mayor Wirth inquired about additional or expanded programs. Dr. Illich noted the Beatrice Campus would look at expanding the nursing, veterinary tech, and agriculture programs, along with additional sports teams for soccer and cross country. Dr. Illich noted that after complete implementation the Beatrice Campus student population may rise from 1,000 students to near 1,900 students. Mayor Wirth noted it may be beneficial to have another presentation at a regular City Council meeting in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor