

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on the 20th day of June, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the BPS Administration Meeting 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.

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 6, 2016, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$777,651.01.
- f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$51,598.71.
- g. Approval of Change Order #1 decrease in the amount of \$2,790.00 for the Hannibal Park
- h. Ballfields – 2016.
- i. Approval of Change Order #1 increase in the amount of \$7,050.00 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc., for the Flood Debris Removal – 2016.
- j. Approval of Change Order #1 increase in the amount of \$140.80 and Final Payment of \$46,646.60 to The Road Guy Construction, Inc., for the Armor Coating – 2016 project.
- k. Award bid from Pavers, Inc., in the amount of \$62,924.48 for the Curb & Gutter Replacement – 2016 project.
- l. Resolution Number 5923 entering into an agreement with Caselle, Inc., for the purchase and installation of the Utility Backflow Management software, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Moved by Catlin, 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, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

Public Hearing on the new application of Denise Pahl dba Tall Tree Tastings, 122 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license.

Mayor Wirth announced that a public hearing will now be held on the new application of Denise Pahl dba Tall Tree Tastings, 122 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license.

Bruce Lang, Chief of Police, under oath, reported to the City Council that there was nothing out of the ordinary found regarding the request from Denise Pahl dba Tall Tree Tasting, for a Class C liquor license. Greg Butcher, City Attorney, under oath, presented Rob Mierau, Chief Building Inspector's report and noted the primary concern was the distance of the school and Kensington, and further noted that both of those meet the State's regulations.

Denise Pahl, owner of Tall Tree Tastings, noted they will serve between thirty (30) and forty (40) Nebraska wines, as well as Nebraska craft beer. The business will be divided into two (2) parts, with a tasting area in the front and a room in the back for private events.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Kerr, that the public hearing be closed at 7:06 p.m.

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

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the application of Denise Pahl dba Tall Tree Tastings, 122 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license, be recommended to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for approval.

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution Number 5924 establishing rates for garbage, refuse, and rubbish collection, removal, and disposal.

Mayor Wirth introduced Resolution Number 5924 establishing rates for garbage, refuse, and rubbish collection, removal, and disposal.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Cook, that Resolution Number 5924 be passed and adopted.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, presented the resolution setting the rates for the garbage fees. Tempelmeyer noted the total monthly garbage rate will be set at \$14.50 beginning July 1, 2016, an increase of \$0.30 a month, and will be increased \$0.10 each year following for the next three (3) years of the contract with Sanitary Garbage. Councilman Fairbanks inquired how the rates compare to other communities and asked if that information be sent to the media. Tempelmeyer noted he would provide the media with the numbers obtained approximately one (1) year ago.

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

Resolution Number 5924 has been passed and adopted.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

City Administrator's Monthly Report

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, noted there have been nineteen (19) applications for the sidewalk improvement program and there is still \$38,000 of unallocated funds available at this time. Tempelmeyer noted the Class C State softball tournament with approximately seventy (70) teams was held at the Hannibal Park ballfields this past weekend and work on the installation of the two (2) new fields has begun. Tempelmeyer also noted the Girls Softball Association donated \$8,000 for the installation of protective nets between Fields 4 and 5.

The Historical Society has approved the revised plans for the 2nd Street project and it is anticipated to have the bid letting this fall, with construction taking place in the spring of 2017. Tempelmeyer noted James Burroughs, City Engineer, is working on the City's 2nd Street project from Ella to Grant. Tempelmeyer also noted the City stopped mowing ditches three (3) to four (4) years ago, noting it is the property owner's responsibility to mow the ditches. Councilman Kerr inquired what happens if the property owner does not mow the ditches. Tempelmeyer noted the Building Inspections office will mail a letter giving the property owner five (5) days to mow. If the property owner does not mow within the five (5) days, the City will mow the property and bill the owner. Councilman Parde noted the Public Properties Department did a good job on cleaning up Hannibal Park after the weekend tournament.

Strategic Plan Update

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, gave the City Council an update on the strategic plan. Tempelmeyer noted the State has approved the application to place the downtown on the national registry list and are now waiting for the National Park Service to make their final decision and Michael Sothan, Executive Director of Main Street, is hoping for determination to be made this fall. The Downtown Revitalization Phase I Grant committee has been formed and a plan will be brought to the City Council in September. The Highway Corridor Advisory Committee has been formed and has been working with property owners on how to adding more curb appeal on the entrances to the City. Councilman Fairbanks inquired what the status is on the welcome signs. Tempelmeyer noted the bid came in at an estimate of \$100,000 and are now looking for grants for additional funding in order to complete other projects as well.

The City recently adopted the list of tree species that may be planted within the City and Mark Pethoud, Director of Public Properties, has been working on developing a program in which if the homeowner plants a tree and provides proof that the tree has been planted, the City will plant a tree in one (1) of the City parks. Councilman Fairbanks noted Linda Grell, Keep Beatrice Beautiful, applied for a grant from UPS in the amount of \$10,000.00. Tempelmeyer noted that

grant will be used to plant trees along the trail to replace the trees that were damaged due to the flooding last year.

The Rental Inspection Program will be brought to a future work session. The City has been working with a company with hopes have construction begin soon to provide fiber to residential homes. There are currently four (4) rfps out for various housing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting is July 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room. There will be a Work Session on June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Admin Bldg Meeting Room.

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor