

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

A work session of the Beatrice City Council was held on the 25th day of April, 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, Fairbanks, Kerr, Morgan, Parde.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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 Parde, 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

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

Regulation Over Trailer Parks – Continue With the City or Have the State Take Over Inspections

Rob Mierau, Chief Building Inspector, appeared and spoke about the current status of Trailer Park regulations and inspections. In 1979 the City filed an exemption from inspection by the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”). The City has been responsible for inspection since that date. Upon review the Building Inspection Department was unable to find any recent records demonstrating this has been done. Mierau recommended and the City Council displayed agreeance with lifting the exemption and reverting back to DHHS inspecting trailer parks within the City. Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, noted that a change to City Code and the Zoning Ordinance would be required to make this change possible. City Administration will review what changes are necessary, coordinate with DHHS staff, then forward changes on to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in May.

EMS Services Provided by Beatrice to Wymore

Brian Daake, Beatrice Fire and Rescue Chief, explained the timeline and current situation related to calls for service in Wymore and the surrounding areas they serve. Currently, Wymore EMS is not able to respond to calls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Beatrice is currently called to all Wymore EMS calls and in some cases are turned back if Wymore is able to cover the call. Beatrice is not being reimbursed for these “call-offs” and is also expending significant overtime costs to cover the current regular Wymore area calls. Daake presented a number of call lists and numbers to demonstrate recent trends regarding calls in the Wymore area. The Council discussed a number of potential options. Mayor Wirth tasked Daake and City Administration to speak with Wymore Mayor Pike and work towards a potential solution to be presented at a future City Council meeting.

Possible Changes to Vacant Building Ordinance

The City Council discussed changes to the Vacant Building Ordinance previously passed by the City Council in March 2016 in light of the Adjoining Building Ordinance. Potential changes were discussed. Councilmember Morgan inquired about the status of personal storage in areas which allowed for storage. Greg Butcher, City Attorney, noted that these would not be commercial uses as the code defines them and that the Council may want to explicitly specify if they want to allow/disallow personal storage in areas which are zoned for storage. Mayor Wirth would like to see a committee formed to make recommendations to the City Council at a later date prior to the July 5, 2016, ordinance implementation date.

Possible Adjoining and Vacant Building Incentive Program

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, explained that the Adjoining Building Committee also recommended a reusable loan fund to rehab structural and façade improvements on vacant and/or adjoining buildings. The loan program would be low interest (1-2%) with a fifty-fifty match. It was initially thought that \$50,000 would be sufficient. Mayor Wirth would like to make a bigger

impact and ensure that projects can be completed, thus increase the amount to \$100,000. Tempelmeyer noted that this program is not budgeted for and the funds would have to come out of cash reserves or LB 840 funds. Tempelmeyer also spoke about recent ideas for funding through the Community Redevelopment Authority via a new tax levy or through tax increment financing (“TIF”). Mayor Wirth would like a Committee to review the varying options and make a recommendation back to the City Council in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Catlin, seconded by Billesbach, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor