

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the BPS Administration Building Board Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310.  
Mayor Wirth led those in attendance in Pledge of Allegiance.

**Barnard: Present, Doyle: Present, Eckhoff: Present, Eskra: Present, Fairbanks: Present, Hydo: Present, McLain: Present, Ruh: Present.**

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.

### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

3.a. Approve agenda as submitted.

3.b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.

3.c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.

3.d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$630,394.51.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$226,449.85.

3.g. Approval of Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$207,208.80, to Genesis Contracting Group for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Site Entrance Facility project.

3.h. Award of bid for the West Court Street Water Main Crossing project to Judds Brothers Construction in the amount of \$415,000.00, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.i. Award of bid for the Chautauqua Park Playground Improvements - 2025 to Play-Pro Recreation, LLC, in the amount of \$200,586.00.

3.j. Award of bid for the Fire Hose Replacement – 2025 Project to MacQueen in the amount of \$105,881.00.

3.k. Approval of Manager Application for Adam Lovgren, License #B-97463, in connection with Farmers Cooperative, dba, Farmers Cooperative, 1615 North 6th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

3.l. Approval of special designated license for Good Liv'in, LLC, for a Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser on June 11, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 205 North 19th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

3.m. Resolution Number 7562 executing the Agreement between the City and the Permitting and Engineering Division within the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy pursuant to Title 179 NAC 7, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.n. Resolution Number 7563 executing the Add-On to Gateway Services Master Agreement between the City and Xpress Bill Pay for the provision of a Forms Builder feature, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.o. Resolution Number 7564 appointing Anthony Brockman to the Firefighters' Retirement Committee.

3.p. Resolution Number 7565 executing the Fixed-Based Aerial Applicator's Agreement and the Operator's Lease and Services Agreement with Precision Aerial Ag, LLC, for the purposes of conducting aerial applicator or crop spraying services and conducting aeronautical services on the Beatrice Municipal Airport's airfield.

3.q. Resolution Number 7566 entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing the Mutual Finance Organization.

doyle - explain i

RCRP grant to update removed playground by campground, had been there since 1980's, new will be near tabernacle & restrooms.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

4.a. Public Hearing on the acquisition of real property from Hoppe & Son, LLC, legally described as follows: All of Lots Twenty-Three (23) and Twenty-Four (24), South Beatrice, an Addition to the City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, Parcel ID No: 014419000.

stoddard school, traded, notice not published in paper due to paper issue. acquiring received from school, transferred to hope, for grant transferred back to us to place playground on same site. this will be bid next.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that the public hearing be closed at 6:06 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7567 committing the City to respond to the current crisis in roadway fatalities by taking substantial and comprehensive action to reduce serious and fatal injuries on the roadways of Beatrice to zero (0) by December 31, 2032.

did ss4a action plan, when submitted to federal highway department, they want us to set a deadline or goal to achieve a death free roadway. resolution is one way, we will make every effort to make these changes. by 2032 restriping of Hwy 77, reroute of 136 completed & Lincoln street should be completed as well. if we don't meet the deadline, nothing happens.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7567 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

5.b. Resolution Number 7568 executing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center, Inc., to facilitate the timely transfer of patients from 4800 Hospital Parkway, Beatrice, Nebraska, 68310, to other medical facilities.

earlier this year BCH approached Daake & TT, today not only transport, but if BCH needs transport somewhere else, if we have staffing available, we transfer. not sure many missed calls, however, they are concerned with patient care. trying to alleviate...7-8 on duty, as vehicles start going out, all off duty employees sent out request to come in...sometimes difficult to bring someone back in. much like utility guys, provide opportunity to volunteer to carry phone for 12 hours, will get paid for calls & stipend, cost \$146,000, BCH has agreed to pay all those costs...city will adopt policy, BCH pay back quarterly, does not obligate if we do not have staffing available. Mike - do they get min pay? TT - yes, TF - falls to Daake to organize this? TT - correct, fire has policy. TD - 4 guys for each 12 hr.

Hydo - that's max, only charge if necessary? TT - correct

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7568 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

5.c. Resolution Number 7569 entering into an Emergency Dispatch Service Interlocal Agreement with the County of Gage, Nebraska, to operate a County-wide Enhanced 911 System and a radio dispatching system on behalf of the County of Gage, for a term ending on June 30, 2030.

have had joint dispatch for number of years, current expires soon. 5 year contract, auto renew unless either gives notice. 2% increase from amount currently, then 2.5% increase every year after...cleans up IT language, to clarify where our services end & their's begin. service level agreements as well, different services, just dispatch, dispatch + CAD, etc., Gage has opportunity to give notice & change to PLatinumn, Gold, etc.

TF - thrilled for 5 year contract. 1-2 year hassle, better long term  
TD - have they seen it? TT - they will get this

Hydo - what services? TT - dispatch, command, cad system, records, mobile devices, track vehicles, those are big ones. Hydo - we keep records? TT - yes

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7569 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

5.d. Resolution Number 7570 executing the Forbearance Agreement and any and all other documents necessary between the City, The Paddock, LLC, and RIC Paddock STCI, LLC, for the City to forbear from exercising certain of its rights and remedies with respect to the Loan until a certain date, as set forth in said Forbearance Agreement.

Kensington, transferred to Hoppe, part of their funding mechanism is for historic tax credits, generally are sold to 3rd party to use on their tax returns. Hoppe investor, is \_\_\_\_\_, RIC Paddock, does not want anything to foreclose on the Paddock, forbare or prevent foreclosure for eight (8) years, after substantial completion of building for an additional sixty (60) days? don't normally want to do this, however, Hoppe has to meet certain requirements before they are issued money, under our agreement, hope can't technically default until 9th year,

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7570 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

## 6. ORDINANCES - None

## 7. PUBLIC FORUM

## 8. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

8.a. Award of bid for the Dempsters Asbestos Removal to McGill Asbestos Abatement, LLC, in the amount of \$148,750.00.

Ted - break down how arrived at this bid process & thought process moving forward, next, what street department is working on. Dempsters Committee knows.

TT - between fire & city's acquisition of buildings that face Hwy 77. grant funds to remove asbestos from buildings. we now have ownership. asbestos abatement, working on grant application. knowing limited to \$10,000 per builing. patched a few buildings, then said give number to remove all asbestsos. prior report \$500,000 - give new estimate. 7 contractors submitted bids. looking at low bid to remove all asbestos McGill \$148,000 high bid \$5\_\_\_\_\_, how we went through process. certified company

items not removed - roofs - roofs have some asbestos for safety concerns, those will be removed during demoltion. second item not included are windows. some have window glazing, not willing to remove those due to acces last thing not included is landfill fees. we will have additional landfill fees. mcgill start mid-June, complete within 3-4 months.

Street Dept since fire & 30 days after - they have begun sorting through hauled debris to back, can't remove & in landfill for 30 days? now separating asbestos into 1 pile, hauling off bricks (2-3) loads & separating out metal. some recycling locally, others will be hauled out later.

Mike - does state have to certify it has been removed? TT \_ yes, part of their bidding process.

Ted - roof part, walked today again, some roofs you can see are over 1' thick,

TT - note - this is encapsulated in tar, it will all be disposed of properly - that can go to our landfill, must be wrapped in plastic, etc.

Hydo - building? this is to remove from site? TT - yellow gone, S no asbestos, red - burned, have to have asbestos removed before demo.

Doyle - money come from? TT - general fund, non-budgeted item, looked for sales tax coming in higher than budgeted, as well as \_\_\_\_\_

Ted - can't see from street, but working on this.

Alex - worked with them? TT - not that know of.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that the bid for the Dempsters Asbestos Removal be awarded to McGill Asbestos Abatement, LLC, in the amount of \$148,750.00. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
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#### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.a. The next regular City Council meeting is June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Doyle, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

**Erin Saathoff, City Clerk**

**Stan Wirth, Mayor**