

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

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, July 21, 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 July 7, 2025, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,089,477.70.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,389,332.85.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,423,956.56.

3.h. Approval of Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$449,696.93, to Genesis Contracting Group for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Site Entrance Facility project.

3.i. Approval of Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$871,251.75, to Pruss Excavation for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Phase 1S project.

3.j. Approval of Change Order #2 increase in the amount of \$1,765.98 and Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$115,849.32, to M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc., for the Beatrice Lincoln Street Improvements.

3.k. Resolution Number 7589 terminating the Water Tank Agreements between the City and Utility Service Co., Inc.

3.l. Resolution Number 7590 executing any and all documents necessary to amend Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C" of the Contract for Firm Electric Service, Contract No. 13-UGPR-1073, between WAPA and the City.

3.m. Resolution Number 7591 executing Hangar Lease with Air Cowboy, LLC, for the purpose of leasing Hangar D-9 located at the Beatrice Municipal Airport.

3.n. Resolution Number 7592 terminating the Statement of Work Agreement between the City and CivicPlus, LLC, regarding the software and electronic communications services for the City's communications system.

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Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of item k, 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 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that item k. **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 - None

#### 5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7593 executing the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and any and all other documents necessary between the City and Joseph and Manalle Armstrong.

ongoing litigation august 2021, mediation with all parties, during our insurance Travelers settle this matter, travelers decision, not City. member of lawsuit, travelers decision & decision alone

mayor - settled by insurance company. proud of our employees, no wrongdoing found - clarify we have excellent fire, dispatch, police

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7593 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. Main Street Quarterly Report.

Q3 report - share coloring page to schools, small handful received what young people see as historic - light herded touch

annual promotion - next in October night of great pumpkin, holiday shopping guide  
75 business visits

directory - 50% complete - DOyle what info? V - categorized businesses, guide for users TD - public? V - yes, more for those who don't know. lots has changed downtown, good for visitors  
website on hold - merger talks, pending outcome will determine how to move forward  
booms at 46% ally from Main Street  
2 business training scheduled - 7/28 & 8/25 - first marketing workshop good quality  
working with city & RAISE grant  
quarterly reports & financial 75%

monthly newsletter - out 1st of month, just under 1500 recipients  
\$50,000 t-mobile grant application submitted - additional Christmas lights, event fencing & alley mural lighting - end of august  
will announce if received TF - all or nothing? V - all or nothing  
4 businesses reached out planning/startups in progress  
4 businesses opened - few more now - new businesses - all year long, music yoga, zo's, 2 others - vintage sisters & \_\_\_\_\_ country store, within timeframe

downtonw properties - 5 commercial inquiries re lease/sale 3 currently or upcoming renovations

community leadership & involvement  
received Gage county tourism - Be@trice ampaighn - outstanding award  
YOUTH coloring page - historic preservation

MSA - conference in Philadelphia, PA - other towns for creativity, tall bell tower, murals on top of buildings - Franklin LA - lamp post historic claim of fame - conduct dinner under lamp post event  
blighted historic neighborhood artist thriving & artist district is now where dr/lawyers want to live - out of the box creativity

ribfest - extended to 2 local entrepreneurial girls - saving money for DC Trip - pulling in youth, great opportunity to join & participate in events

beer & wine - 247 attendees; kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee & Tx, loved event & location  
Ribfest - 643 - Pickrell locker - 2 canceled due to heat, attendance down 50%, overall attendees had great time & enjoyed food & music

taste of downtown 8/23  
Night of Great Pumpkin October - date TBD

8.b. City Administrator's Monthly Report.

corral crossing - grading work going on, waterline has been installed  
4th & 5th Street - improvements still waiting for schedule  
water park - aquatic study ongoing, waters edge up last week as part of assessment, background at this point, will report to committee when assessment is complete.  
dempsters, airport, landfill, Lincoln street

TF - demisters thanks, no snag?? TT - not that aware, roll offs back there, going smoothly  
TD - hangar project on stall? TT - waiting for feds to release money, has been slow. MM - 1 or 2 reviewing administration's requirements, FAA is starting to see movement. just a capacity issue to have office review & out, same with RAISE Grant

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that 626. **MOTION: Carried.**

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

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

9.a. The next regular City Council meeting is August 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

**Erin Saathoff, City Clerk**

**Stan Wirth, Mayor**