

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, August 18, 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 August 4, 2025, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,718,558.03.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$689,472.13.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,133,399.76.

3.h. Approval of Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$86,370.00 to Hall Brothers for the Asphalt Sealing Various Locations - 2025 project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.i. Approval of Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$563,406.30, to Pruss Excavation for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Phase 1S project.

3.j. Approval of special designated license for Marci Watson-Darling, for Indie's Place Grand Opening on September 6, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 115 South 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

3.k. Approval of special designated license for Stone Hollow Brewing Company, for Kinney Manufacturing's Grand Opening on September 25, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 2800 Ridgeview Drive, Beatrice, Nebraska.

3.l. Resolution Number 7608 executing the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.m. Resolution Number 7611 executing an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Renewable Energy Certificates, and any and all other documents necessary, to facilitate the sale of renewable energy certificates, between the City and Harrison Renewable Energy, LLC.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, 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 - None

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7609 executing the First Amendment to the Contract for Sale of Real Estate dated August 19, 2024, to extend the date by which MEI Homes, LLC must acquire a Certificate of Occupancy for the Property from August 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026.

430 N 5th - post office. sold to MEI homes, part of agreement completed by August 31 - have asked for extension to January 1st paid \$1500...owe \$ ____

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7609 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 7610 entering into an Agreement between the City and Beatrice Public Library Foundation, Inc., to create an outdoor learning center located at the Beatrice Public Library.

discussed for awhile. foundation has funds. looking at east side of library, initially drawings. JEO put together design & Library also did. THEY will be responsible for costs foundation can do naming rights. we will owe. complete phase...sticks & stones contractor lined up. 3 phases.

Ted - engineer? didn't have to, JEO had summer interns to design, threw at them. explain difference & library & foundation. TT - JEO did that for free...Library FOundation separate foundation...support library, board of directors, their own money, shows up in our financial but they have their own board & organization to facilitate the library

Terry - Foundation hires/competes, glad they are moving forward. City maintains moving forward, is city comfortable with this contractor? TT - yes, no concerns moving forward. if we bid out, we would take low bid. Permits still reuqried? TT - Yes

Gary - right to _____ tt - most of this project is concrete, we do have some say over who other contractors

Alex - phase I? TT - concrete work, today is a brick patio & sidewalk to tree area, library acquired musical instruments to be installed. PHase II - landscaping by buidlign - purgula & sugar maple by outdoor classroom (Joanne). PHase III - bushes, etc between hwy & area

Eskra - no funds from Foundation after this is complete? Once done ours to maintain. TT - correct, maintain to our standards.

Hydo - think long term good outweighs, getting something wonderful for entire community not with tax \$

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7610 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**

no one appeared

8. **DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS**

8.a. City Administrator's Monthly Report.

construction projects going on
moving forward on the following: CAST initiative - recently email from Federal Highway "on fast track" waiting for official grant application, NDOT will sign off...we don't get an extension - September 2028.

ADA transition plan - SS4A grant - JEO assessment of city bldg, bring back for review Sept/Oct - JEO done beautiful job, parking lot sidewalks, at dog park. outlined what is needed. then GPS located all items, pictures, categories, easy fix...estimated cost for repairs.

Trail to Homestead - still progressing, environmental review - agree that City will grant easement in Riverside Park.

Ted - street projects, is there anything behind/ahead of schedule? TT - many are behind anticipated Lnk did great job opening main line before school, sacrificed intersections - not being complete, due to weather, rain days were figured in. moving along, landfill & airport

Ruh - where at on 14th Street & Monroe? - Bids due 8/20. Market 8-9th - running into issues working through.

Ekra - drain tile? TT - yes, installed area inlet

Ruh - paddock lane sidewalks? trail? why not wider? TT - originally decade ago, penciled our own design. ultimately not where we would install, due to the number of intersections that would need to be crossed. do have proposal for Hannibal to

Mead Lumber - study \$4500 -

Terry - Craig Fisher retired after 32 years thanked for service

9. **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.a. The next regular City Council meeting is **TUESDAY**, September 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Ruh, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 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