

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, September 15, 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: Absent, 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. ROLL CALL

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.a. Approve agenda as submitted.

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

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

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

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### 3. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

3.a. Presentation of Cost of Service/Rate Design Study – *John Krajewski, JK Energy*

city looking at power supply in 2031 - rate study to review & give

john - since 2008, great things serving customers well. think about how we run our system compared to others. changes going on in industry, power costs, competitive now & wil continue to be competitive.

2021 - no rate increase, changes to \_\_\_\_\_, if no changes, our rates would be fine. at end of contracts, power costs wil be hire & changes n power, costs need to be recovered. 2030 expire, 2031 cost structure chnage. avoid having to raise 40% in 2031 - phase over time

competitive with other utiiliites, maintain financial performance, very fortunate even with projected 4 years out - clear pursuing power plant most cost effective. very fortunate time when we entered contracts. now costs going up reserve margins require to buy more generation. prices of gneratoins have gone up. need for funding project in 2031 is driving rate changes now. long term need to go up 30% -start stair stepping - 6% annual increaes over next 2 years. TT - need to raise for power plant, same if buy in market. Yes, power plant cheapest route, if not likely would look at 7-8% increase now. provides longer term \_\_\_\_\_ & not at control of market. duel fuel

Hydo - need energy, & capacity -why? JK - not perfect storm, looking 6 years out, fine now, hav time to adequately plan for this change. complicated time in power now, great position tho.

Capacity - to serve single highest hour of usage on your sytem peak 43 megawatts - highest used 43,000 in 1 hour - that is how much we have to buy +plannng reserve margin + 16% in reality 48-49,000 megatwatts. in future NPPD??? winter margin - will be 1.4 megawatts, will need generator on ground or \_\_\_\_\_ to cover

Energy - every day we need to serve, analogy - capisity is like speedometer in car, odometer is energy.

Terry - have choices but not a lot, either stair step instead of all at once down the road. JK - finances ok, but when big change comes in 2031 will have to issue revenue bonds, one thing they look at is what is your rate structure look like. having a head start will help with rate agencies.

Ruh - power plant will it be used or just when needed? JK\_ SWPP - have to look at how much energy & capacity it needs, projections estimate will run 25-35% of the time. most likely will not run at night unless severe energy, may run early am & evening peak. summer - 10-11pm, or 3-8. JK - will get paid to run for SWPP.

gray - preliminary TT - yes; mayor - also have time & will eventually save consumer money, puts us on path to success. unique spot for many cities. JK - majority dependent upon NPPD, OPPD, MEAN - 10% rate increase many cities 6-7% to pay for that.

Cost of service - reasonable, can't be non-discriminatory, Key finding s- extremely low customer charge. cost \$per/month to serve customer. transformer on pole, reading meters & sending out currently \$12.00 per month - does not cover the cost; move customer charge up to appropriately recover cost. winter rate - need to raise somewhat to eliminate

Rate Design - reflecting stability. phase in over couple CUSTOMER CHARGE - raise all customer charges; increase winter rates, increase residential electric heat & general service space. remove irrigation rate schedule.

Proposed Rate Design changes - implement infrastructure charge - collected to be used for \$300 month; \$4 month; General \$10.00; special fund for infrastructure projects- generation project,

Gary - running a business, not making money, eventually will run out. JK - set aside \$ to help with future project. Put in new substation, this could be funded as well

Hydo - infrastructure to help with low customer charge? JK - yes, will help address the customer charge, but designating a portion to infrastructure charge & double in FY27

Typical residential increase \$5.25/month \$3 infer \$2.25 energy

peer group LES, Crete, Norris PPD, NPPD - with this, LES still lower, however our rates still lower than other entities. LES- just raised rates mid year; for Beatrice with 12,000 having competitive rates, speaks well to be competitive with LES 225,000. Eskra - are they charged energy/capacity like us? JK- yes power plant 70th/I80 combined site - everyone having same issues & follow same rules & regulations. all in same boat. HYdo - what year? JK- in effect 10/1/25 to current rates.

General service - right there with range of reasonableness - load factor, very competitive

Conclusion- need to raise \$6.6 million - cost of service

recommendation to adopt rate ordinance, first step of rate increases. 1st in 10/1/25 & 10/1/26. - opinion will need to raise rates further, plan on seeing rate increase in few more years. look then & proceed as wish. appreciate engagement. Mayor - have to make a decision on what other competitors have done that has led to success. Eskra - should raise in 28 & 29? JK - likely a need doing due diligence to make good decisions

#### 4. ORDINANCES

4.a. Ordinance establishing electric utility rates in the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-26 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 25-26 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA – CONTINUED

5.a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on September 2, 2025, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

5.b. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,253,080.62.

5.c. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,750,547.43.

5.d. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$646,553.16.

5.e. Approval of Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$155,015.78, to M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc., for the Beatrice Lincoln Street Improvements.

5.f. Approval of Pay Request #8 in the amount of \$934,817.76, to Genesis Contracting Group for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Site Entrance Facility project.

5.g. Approval of Pay Request #8 in the amount of \$777,382.19, to Pruss Excavation for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Phase 1S project.

5.h. Refer claim of Keith and Mary Ellen Long regarding damages to their personal property to City Attorney and City Insurance carrier for review and disposition.

5.i. Resolution Number 7616 executing the Agreement between the City and SewerAI for the provision of software designed for sewer and stormwater inspection data management and for migrating the City's previous data to the SewerAI platform, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

5.j. Resolution Number 7617 designating the City Administrator and Finance Director as authorized signatories for financial documents as Financial Agents of BASWA.

5.k. Resolution Number 7618 executing the Second Amendment to the Lease with Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency (BASWA).

5.l. Resolution Number 7619 adopting an Abuse Prevention Policy.

5.m. Resolution Number 7620 adopting a Bilingual Pay Policy.

5.n. Resolution Number 7621 executing the Lease Agreement between the City and Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc., to continue leasing a postage machine from Quadient.

5.o. Resolution Number 7622 granting permission to the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce and Gage County Tourism, and their designees, to sell or offer for sale or peddle goods, wares, or merchandise upon the City Property located in Charles Park, the Carnegie Building, the public parking lot just south of the Carnegie Building, and on 5th Street between High Street and the east-west alley between Ella Street and High Street as part of their Holiday Lighted Parade event on December 6, 2025.

5.p. Resolution Number 7623 executing any and all documents necessary between the City, Everbridge, Inc., and Jefferson County, including but not limited to, an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for the City to use Everbridge, Inc.'s mass communication platform.

barnard - what is this for? TT- alleged sewer backup

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of item k, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that item k. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

6.a. Public Hearing for the purpose of setting the property tax request for the City of Beatrice for Fiscal Year 2026.

last meeting went over budget, set priority tax request - proposed \$3,811,235. tax rate increase of \_\_\_\_\_; new state budget form, \$3.3 + growth rate + inflation + exemption for bonds + exemption for prior unused tax authority = \$3.8 million request. Doyle - look at city only has been taxing for long period of time - highest tax just city changed in 2019 was \$400, lowest was in 2003-04 & \$274 - \$60 higher for next year; hard to imagine, only talking about city of Beatrice just over 20% that time. councils try to do best can to keep as low & still give them all they are asking. as well as working to apply for grants. also don't have people come to these meetings. trying to continue to meet complex rules & reg & keep all employees, dept heads, - thank Hannah & dept heads to look 8 years out. did a great job on the budget. Mayor - have to look at if you don't take that step, will be behind - will defend the budget. he didn't want to do that cut out \$830,000 that they will get back that will affect their public safety/ have to look for future, otherwise when cash reserves are out,

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the public hearing be closed at 7:06 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.b. Resolution Number 7624 setting the property tax request for the City of Beatrice for Fiscal Year 2026.

sets property tax levy

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7624 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.c. Public Hearing for the purpose of supplementing the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

supplement budget - have a few spots. general fund \$445,000 grant funds - most not budgeted for, but received; depsters \$ \_\_\_\_\_; public safety debt - not issued: health insurance claims & reimbursement with reinsurance \$1.3 mill; cdbg - carried over \$872,000; capital improvements - demisters demo \$106,000; RCRP grant - didn't budget for, kensington into playgrounds; sanitation has a few items - vehicles, etc., however had additional revenues as well; electric - didn't have radiant tech - additional power purchase; water dept - usually have capital projects to make up, but only had 1 & that was boring river - had many little things that needed to be taken care of.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the public hearing be closed at 7:10 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.d. Ordinance adopting the supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-20 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1  
Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-20 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.e. Ordinance adopting the Biennial Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-21 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1  
Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 25-21 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.f. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering adoption of Plan Modification "25-2" to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area No. 9. (Manes Way Redevelopment Project)

tif project - bowling alley. rehab & refurbish. cra, p&z, cra, CC & then back to cra. red area created in 2020? meets all specs  
for tif, mot will be for site acquisition.  
michelle - excited all in - community needs this  
McLain -thank for investing in commuity  
\Barnard - thank you.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the public hearing be closed at 7:16 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.g. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the application of The Manes Way, LLC, dba, Manes Lanes, 2223 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license.

Under oath - Chet - no concerns Jay - no issues

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that the public hearing be closed at 7:17 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the application of The Manes Way, LLC, dba,  
Manes Lanes, 2223 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license, be recommended to the Nebraska  
Liquor Control Commission for approval. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.h. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the rezoning of real property commonly known as 29912 US Hwy 77,  
Beatrice, NE 68310, Gage County Parcel ID 005215000, and a portion of real property commonly known as 30026 US Hwy 77,  
Beatrice, NE 68310, Gage County Parcel ID 005220000, from "AG" Agricultural District to "RR" Rural Residential District.

selling ground has been zoned AG - 1 with house, other for acreage - most other is RR

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the public hearing be closed at 7:20 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

7.a. Resolution Number 7625 adopting Plan Modification 25-2 to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area No. 9.  
(Manes Way Redevelopment Project)

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7625 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.b. Resolution Number 7626 adopting a Cash Reserve Policy.

talked about for a number of years, time to finalize it.

HB - purpose short & long term financial stability, making sure middle ground, protected from liabilities & not being too stingy  
& hoarding

fund balance - governmental funds GF, Street, Airport - REstricted, committed - COVID-19, assigned - lodging, ems, unassigned  
- residual balance

net position - enterprise fund - elec, water, wpc, sanitation

general fund 25-50%

street 25-50 operating

airprt 25-50% op

enterprise - el, wtr, wpc - 25-50%; electric also 25%

sanitation - looking at capital funds as well - purchase of a garbage truck

BASWA 15-30% operating

special reserve funds - restricted/unrestricted - infrastructure funds, stability, customer deposits, closure/post closure

internal funds - EBA funds to pay health claims large outstanding liability

unique funds - not need - debt reserve funds, no need to define IT - as funds roll in, no need;

Reserve - unanticipated when below %, proposing to have plan in place over 3 fiscal years, in order to have an entire budget year  
if exceed - identify capital or new projects - reduce city indebtedness, not using for recurring operating expenses

monitor & review - plan to look at this during budget & audit - every 6 months good time to review

examples of where funds would be

Terry - sales tax? HB - additional tax flows. nothing wrong with having guidelines  
Gary - appreciate looking down the road & have something in place that sounds reasonable  
Mayor - 3-6 months cash in bank at any one time.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7626 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.c. Resolution Number 7627 establishing various fees.

every year with budget - fee review  
ambulance rate increase  
water park rates  
camping rates  
added mow to own fee  
hydrant meter fees - fire hydrant usage, no fee written down - same fee charged for years now

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7627 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.d. Resolution Number 7628 executing the First Amendment to the Union Contract with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 1536, A.F.L.-C.I.O., regarding work performed as part of mutual aid and to eliminate the maximum pay for employees represented by the Union.

represents all except police & fire - 6 year contract - proposed amendment to remove maximum wage for all employees; now regardless eventually hit max & can't give increase - not incentivize to be  
also very typical that electrical lineman pay from time leave & return - 200% or job where they are working - doesn't negatively impact - city bills customer/& we are reimbursed. there 6-7 days for quite some time.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Resolution Number 7628 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.e. Resolution Number 7629 executing an Animal Control Services Agreement with R. Steve Bragg, for the term of two (2) years, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2027.

issued rfp - received 1 that was on time, other not on time, ultimately renew with Bragg, similar rate to \$72,000 from \$60,000 since he has been doing

Ruh - why 30 minutes to respond? TT has been response since beginning. Ruh - concern with that

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7629 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Hydo: Nay, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

## 8. ORDINANCES - CONTINUED

8.a. Ordinance amending the Zoning Map for the City of Beatrice, Nebraska by changing the zoning of real property commonly known as 29912 US Hwy 77, Beatrice, NE 68310, Gage County Parcel ID 005215000, and a portion of real property commonly known as 30026 US Hwy 77, Beatrice, NE 68310, Gage County Parcel ID 005220000, from "AG" Agricultural District to "RR" Rural Residential District.

next plat - helps iwth legal description

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-22 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-22 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.b. Ordinance approving the plat of Schroeder's First Subdivision, City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska.

plat discussed 1 selling land to another into 1 lot

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-23 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-23 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.c. Ordinance vacating Lots One (1) and Thirty (30) thru Thirty-Four (34), Gage County Industrial Park Second Addition to the City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska.

into stomrwater detention. lots vacating - just to east of pond, lot 30 west of pond, much needed for stomrwater detention pond - someone indicated interest in part of ground. previous ground not vacated. this was previously platted & no rezone needed. Mayor - long process

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-24 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 25-24 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.d. Ordinance approving the plat of Gage County Industrial Park Third Addition to the City of Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-25 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 25-25 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.e. Ordinance revising the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

water rate ordinae increase of infra fee \$2.00 per month. slight increase per gallon for Koch & Agrium - also some others -  
\_\_\_\_\_ similar to infra fee

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-27 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-27 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.f. Ordinance regulating the fees and charges for the use of the Wastewater Treatment System of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

wpc - inrase \$2.;00/mo & permitted users  
Hydo - how much more? \$9.25/month for typical residential customer

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-28 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-28 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.g. Ordinance amending Section 13-52, 13-53, 13-54, 13-55, 13-56, 13-57, 13-61, and 13-62 of the Beatrice City Code regarding peddler permits.

peddler permits door to door - whether or not keep, consensus to keep, clean up. redline copy - application what is needed to be presented, fingerprinted, background check, all same as today, cleaned up section.

clerk/city clerk fourteen days - clarified calendar years. old revocation - said we mailed letter; will now notify if we wish to revoke, will email & call so they can appeal. may be a better way to reach if needed.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-29 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 25-29 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.h. Ordinance amending Section 19-9 of the Beatrice City Code regarding camping on City-owned properties.

MP wishes to set max stay: riverside 7 days; chatauqua 30 days - if asked to leave, fee non-refundable.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-30 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-30 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.i. Ordinance establishing salaries and compensation for various City and Board of Public Works non-union employees.

required by law for non-union employees 2.5%; IBEW is 2.5% Fire 2.5%; FOP under negotiations.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-31 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-31 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.j. Ordinance establishing salaries and compensation for various City and Board of Public Works union employees

union contracts in place 2.5% increase IBEW & Fire. FOP - will bring back

Hydo - what are the ABCDEFG??

TT - salary steps, typically each year, or other requirements.  
IBEW got rid of steps decade ago & now no maximums

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 25-32 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that Ordinance Number 25-32 be passed and approved.  
**MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 9. PUBLIC FORUM

**10. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS - CONTINUED**

10.a. City Administrator's Monthly Report.

aquatic park study if not able to attend, survey is on website - 10-12 questions to provide input for water park  
forestry grant - awarded another - allow for more tree surveys in park, expand to other areas  
astro park - work has begun, 10 days to 2 weeks to complete

**11. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**Erin Saathoff, City Clerk**

**Stan Wirth, Mayor**