

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, December 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: 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 December 1, 2025, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,329,786.04.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$682,570.31.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$742,626.03.

3.h. Award of bid for the Armor Coating Various Locations – 2026 project to Sta-Bilt Construction, in the amount of \$33,317.20, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.i. Award of bid for the Asphalt Sealing Various Locations - 2026 project to Hall Brothers, in the amount of \$29,007.24, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.j. Award of bid for the Stoddard Park Playground Improvements – 2025 to Play-Pro Recreation, LLC, in the amount of \$198,808.00.

3.k. Approval of Amendment No. 1 for the Beatrice Municipal Airport Construct T-Hangar/Taxilines, CDS 3-31-0009-024, to reduce Design Phase Services and add Re-Bidding Phase Services.

3.l. Approval of Pay Request #11 in the amount of \$229,804.20, to Genesis Contracting Group for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Site Entrance Facility project.

3.m. Approval of Change Order #1 decrease in the amount of \$52,937.09 and schedule adjustment for rain days to Pruss Excavation, Co., for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Phase 1S.

3.n. Refer claim of Dave Hauptman regarding damages to his personal property to City Attorney and City Insurance carrier for review and disposition.

3.o. Resolution Number 7685 granting Joseph Billesbach, and his designees, permission to serve alcoholic beverages upon the City Property located at the West Scott Street Ballfields on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as part of the Solstice Gravel Grinder.

3.p. Resolution Number 7686 entering into a Letter Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson, Inc., to conduct an inspection of two (2) underground potable water reservoirs owned by the City, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.q. Resolution Number 7687 executing an Agreement with AHRS Construction, Inc., and any and all other documents necessary, to retain AHRS Construction, Inc., for construction services to construct a new T-Hangar, upgrade Taxilanes, and reconstruct a hangar approach at the Beatrice Municipal Airport, subject to and contingent upon FAA concurrence in award for said bid and the offer of a federal grant.

3.r. Resolution Number 7688 executing the Agreement between the City and Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) to retain SENDD to administrate the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the purpose of updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, Contract No. 25PP001.

3.s. Resolution Number 7689 appointing Grant Jones to the Beatrice Board of Public Works.

Doyle - item r - what will we get for \$53,000, have \$75,000 budgeted. full blown plan? TT - whole new plan. last one was 2001. got # from talking to firms,

Moved by McLain, 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 - None

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7690 executing the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement dated September 20, 2024 for the redevelopment of the Lincoln Elementary School Site, between the City and the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), to modify the Effective Date of the Redevelopment Project, to modify the amount of the Series A and Series B TIF Notes for the Project, issued on September 20, 2024, and to designate the Project as a layered TIF project.

TIF agreement for Lincoln site
TIF project interest rate involved. bank charges interest and is figured in net present value. in this matter, city is bank to itself, didn't make sense to charge interest. lowered net present
set up like normal with several TIF notes. put in all infrastructure into 1 TIF note
effective date was 1/1/26, no construction has been done, pushed back 1 year
TIF note \$1.3 million

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7690 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 7691 executing the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement dated September 20, 2024 for the redevelopment of the Paddock Lane Elementary School Site, between the City and the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), to modify the Effective Date of the Redevelopment Project, to modify the amount of the Series A and Series B TIF Notes for the Project, issued on September 20, 2024, and to designate the Project as a layered TIF project.

same for paddock - corral crossing, TIF \$1.9 million
Ted - compliment Tobias & rest on how rapidly this was developed. need for this in the community,

Moved by McLain, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7691 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

6.a. Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Beatrice City Code regarding stormwater, erosion, and sediment control.

changes - make sure code book matches with the manual adopted. original ordinance, changed to city instead of issuing authority.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-39 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight WHO SECONDED???? **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 Ordinance Number 25-39 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

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

6.b. Ordinance amending Section 7-13 of the Beatrice City Code regarding storm water management.

chapter 7 - building codes, one section laid out stormwater criteria, pull out of 7-13, still there, but directs to the drainage manual.
Mayor - manual changes, now we have examples, HH, CC, sponge park

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that said ordinance be given number 25-40 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight - SECOND??. **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 Ordinance Number 25-40 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

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

7. PUBLIC FORUM

8. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

8.a. City Administrator's Monthly Report.

33rd & Lnk - contractor should be in making repairs. defect on center turn lane, part of warranted work, start after 9am & done by 2pm. is one in front of preschool entrance, not until Thursday...no cost to City

Tree inventory - coming forward next time, tree inventory everything east of Hwy 77 - may see people wandering through yard, part of inventory of ROW inventory.

CAST Initiative - has been movement - federal highway had been in talks with NDOT, responded Feds sent back to NDOT - done any day now.

Landfill - \$6.2 million on building new cell, 1 change order & it was for a decrease, went very well. Burns & Mac did a great job planning.

Teryr - thanks for Open House at BASWA

Ted - \$10,000 grant for Royals - report, chet's office, did better job this summer than in past, still taking in more than clearing. now that no more weed - will office catch up? TT _ working on clearing back cases. Taylor has been working with their office - help facilitate to close the case.

Ted - structures being demolished - where at comparatively - TT - down currently - usually backloaded in the year, like to put them all together

Terry - hiring fully staffed?

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Real Estate

Moved by McLain, seconded by Ruh, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 6:21p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss real estate. **MOTION: Carried.**

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

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.a. The next regular City Council meeting is January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor