

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on March 7, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the Mayor and members of the City Council, with a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Moser announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor Michael Moser and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Jim Bulkley, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. City staff members present included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Joe Mangiamelli, City Engineer Rick Bogus, City Clerk Janelle Kline, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Public Works Director Greg McCaffery, Fire Chief Dean Hefti, and Assistant City Clerk Michaela Luckey.
2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Moser invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mangiamelli stated that the following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. He pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
  - 4.A. **Minutes of February 16, 2016, City Council meeting.**
  - 4.B. **Minutes of February 26, 2016, Civil Service Commission meeting certifying the following Firefighter/EMT candidates: Brandon Wiedel, Eric Morgan, and Tim Moser.**
  - 4.C. **Reappointment of David Bell to Columbus Housing Authority for five-year term.**

- 4.D. **Bids for vehicles and equipment as follows: 1) Parks - 5 CY dump truck, \$76,748 from Nebraska Truck Center; and 2) Van Berg Golf Course - 11 ft. mower, \$50,660 from VanWall Golf.**
- 4.E. **Bid from Dale R. Johnson for one-year supply of gravel in the amount of \$11.20 per cubic yard delivered or \$10.00 per cubic yard if picked up.**
- 4.F. **Resolution No. R16-22 approving agreement with American Legion Hartman Post 84 for use of Pawnee Park baseball facilities.** Resolution No. R16-22 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LEGION HARTMAN POST 84 FOR USE OF THE PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
- 4.G. **Resolution No. R16-23 approving agreement with Columbus Area Youth Football Organization for use of Bradshaw Park football fields.** Resolution No. R16-23 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS AREA YOUTH FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION FOR USE OF THE BRADSHAW PARK FOOTBALL FIELDS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
- 4.H. **Resolution No. R16-24 approving agreement with Columbus Mariners Baseball League for use of the Berne (Armory) Park baseball field.** Resolution No. R16-24 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS MARINERS BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR USE OF THE BERNE (ARMORY) PARK BASEBALL FIELD, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
- 4.I. **Resolution No. R16-25 approving agreement with Columbus Softball Association for use of Gerrard Park softball fields.** Resolution No. R16-25 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF THE GERRARD PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO

EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith.

- 4.J. Resolution No. R16-26 approving agreement with Columbus Youth Baseball League for use of Centennial Park baseball fields.** Resolution No. R16-26 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR USE OF THE CENTENNIAL PARK BASEBALL FIELDS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith.
- 4.K. Resolution No. R16-27 approving agreement with Wilderness Park Operations Committee for use of Wilderness Park soccer fields.** Resolution No. R16-27 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDERNESS PARK OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FOR USE OF THE WILDERNESS PARK SOCCER FIELDS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith.
- 4.L. Resolution No. R16-28 amending Resolution No. R15-109 (Schedule of Fees) by adding a fee for work commencing before obtaining the necessary permits.** Resolution No. R16-28 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R15-109 (SCHEDULE OF FEES) BY ADDING A FEE FOR WORK COMMENCING BEFORE OBTAINING THE NECESSARY PERMITS, PURSUANT TO THE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED HEREIN SCHEDULE; TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith.
- 4.M. Resolution No. R16-29 approving a one year extension to the interlocal cooperation agreement with Platte County for prosecution services at a revised annual cost of \$34,471.** Resolution No. R16-29 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PLATTE COUNTY FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES AT A REVISED ANNUAL COST OF \$34,471.
- 4.N. Resolution No. R16-30 approving Subrecipient Agreement and Service/Consultant Agreement for housing management services with NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska for Project No. 15-CR-006.** Resolution No. R16-30 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND SERVICE/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT (PROJECT NO. 15-CR-006) WITH NEIGHBORWORKS NORTHEAST NEBRASKA, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

- 4.O. **Payroll and bills on file.** 3/11/16 Payroll \$497,778.93; First Impressions – supplies 480.00; Nebraska Department of Roads – permits 2,500.00; State of Nebraska Department of Revenue – sales tax 38,731.30 TOTAL \$539,490.23.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:**
- 9.A. **Snow Removal from February 2, 2016, Blizzard.** McCaffery reviewed the resources that were utilized during the recent blizzard and explained that the policies and procedures were evaluated following the event. It was noted that recommended modifications to the City Code and the city's snow and ice removal procedures will be presented at a future meeting to better clarify emergency routes and parking limitations. McCaffery pointed out the importance of educating the public on procedures to follow during snow storms.
10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** None
11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None
12. **REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:**
- 12.A. **Flying lanterns - Legislative Bill 136.** Mangiamelli explained that Legislative Bill 136 prohibiting the sale, possession, and use of flying lanterns in Nebraska was approved by the governor on February 24th with an emergency clause and no action by the city council to adopt an ordinance is necessary.
- 12.B. **Request that City Council express opposition to Legislative Bill 958 that would change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations.** Mangiamelli explained the intent of

Governor Ricketts' plan to reduce taxation on agricultural land and pointed out that the city has no agricultural land within the city limits to have taxing authority over. Mangiamelli described in detail the negative consequences that Legislative Bill 958 would have on the city. City staff was directed to send a communication to Governor Ricketts, Senator Schumacher and all State Senators formally expressing the Mayor and City Council's opposition to Legislative Bill 958 and outlining how LB 958 would seriously affect the city of Columbus with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Reardon. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**13.A. Appointment of Eric Morgan as Firefighter/EMT for the Columbus Fire Department.** The mayor's appointment was ratified with a motion by Schilling and a second by Reardon. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13.B. Appointment of Jill Zaruba to Americans with Disabilities Compliance Committee for three-year term.** The mayor's appointment was ratified with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13.C. Quote from Grubaugh Auction Service in the amount of 5% of gross auction sales for the 2016 city auction.** The quote was awarded with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13.D. Comments from Mayor and City Council Members.** Moser acknowledged Columbus High School Social Studies teacher, Joel Bramhall, in the audience and Mr. Bramhall introduced the advanced placement government students who were also in attendance.

**14. RESOLUTIONS:** None

**15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None

**16. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None

**17. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None

**18. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE:** Included in Consent Agenda

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 21 day of March, 2016.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK