

A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on November 6, 2017, 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 Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Chuck Sherer, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Community Development Director Dan Curtis, Assistant City Clerk Michaela Luckey, and Community Center Manager Cindy Branting.
2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bulkley invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vasicek stated that the following items are considered routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. She 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 Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
 - 4.A. **Minutes of October 16, 2017, City Council meeting.**
 - 4.B. **Resolution No. R17-125 reaffirming city's intent to provide or expand municipal solid waste collection service.** Resolution No. R17-125 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, REAFFIRMING ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE OR EXPAND MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE (WHETHER BY USE OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT OR BY CONTRACT) IN AN AREA WHERE THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH SERVICE BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

- 4.C. Resolution No. R17-126 approving agreement with Velosys, LLC in the amount of \$28,800 for 12-month service agreement providing GIS support services.** Resolution No. R17-126 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VELOSYS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,800 FOR A 12 MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR GIS SYSTEM, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
- 4.D. Reappointment of Rich Jablonski, John Lohr, and Ron Schilling to Joint City/County Committee for one-year terms.**
- 4.E. Finance Department reports.**
- 4.F. Payroll and bills on file.** 11/17/17 Payroll \$548,653.40; Black Hills Energy – Utilities 28.89; HDR Engineering Inc. – Phase 4-WWTF 6,126.20; Loup Power District – Utilities 680.07; Mike’s Auto Sales & Service - Vehicle 9,995.00; NDOT-Division of Aeronautics – Maintenance 20,300.00; Police Chiefs Assn. of Nebraska – Dues 50.00; State of Nebraska Dept. of Revenue – Sales Tax 49,030.50; Verizon Wireless – Supplies 240.14; Walmart – Supplies 1,344.04. TOTAL \$636,448.24.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda
- 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
- 6.A. Proclamation declaring November 2017 as Family Caregivers Month.** Bulkley proclaimed November 2017 as Family Caregivers Month. Cindy Branting, Community Center Manager recognized members of a caregivers group who were in attendance and thanked the mayor and council for the recognition.
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- 7.A. Public hearing - Second hearing on application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant No. 14-CR-006.** Mandy Gear, Community Planner for Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, was available to answer questions. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.
- 8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** Included in Consent Agenda

10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**10.A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - November 6, 2017**

10.A.1. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Siting ordinance. The Committee of the Whole recommended to the mayor and council that the city proceed with the adoption of the wireless telecommunications facilities siting ordinance. The report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

10.A.2. Amend Schedule of Fees to add fees for wireless telecommunications facilities; and amend fees for disposal of septic waste and various fees for animal control services. The Committee of the Whole recommended to the mayor and council that the Schedule of Fees be amended to: 1) implement fees for wireless telecommunications facilities as presented; 2) decrease the rate for disposal of septic waste to \$.05 per gallon; and 3) increase the fees for impoundment of animals and the live trap program as presented. The report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

10.A.3. Potential creation of non-profit housing corporation. The Committee of the Whole recommended to the mayor and council that the city proceed with the creation of a non-profit housing corporation. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Application of CASA Connection for Special Designated Liquor License at Henry Building, 2523 11 Street, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., March 23, 2018, for fundraiser. The application of CASA Connection for a Special Designated Liquor License was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

13.B. Application of Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for Special Designated Liquor License at 753 33 Avenue, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., December 8, 2017, for Christmas party. The application of Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for a Special Designated Liquor License was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted

“Nay”.

13.C. Quote from Gehring Construction & Ready Mix Co., Inc. in the amount of \$12,760 for cart path at Quail Run Golf Course. The quote for cart path at Quail Run Golf Course was awarded to Gehring Construction & Ready Mix Co., Inc. with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.D. Comments from mayor and city council members. Schilling commended Vasicek and Branting on the work they do for the city. Bulkley commended the Community Service Technicians on their efforts with the recent city auction.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R17-127 awarding contract to Bierman Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$315,000 for Bradshaw Park Restroom Facility Improvements 2017. Resolution No. R17-127 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BIERMAN CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,000 FOR BRADSHAW PARK RESTROOM FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS 2017 was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Kresha voted “Nay”.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. Ordinance No. 17-25 amending 2017-2018 Pay Plan by changing the classification of Public Works Director. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 17-25 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-20 THAT ESTABLISHED THE PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO GRADE C7 was read by number only with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 17-25 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

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: Update on contract negotiations with Platte Valley Humane Society for animal sheltering services.** A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Schilling to go into closed session; the subject matter to be discussed in closed session is legal advice from city attorney on potential contractual terms in relation to negotiation of a new contract; specifically update on contract negotiations with Platte Valley Humane Society for animal sheltering services; the reason for going into closed session is for protection of the public interests. The following individuals will also be included in the closed session: Mayor James Bulkley, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Attorney Neal Valorz, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, and Police Chief Chuck Sherer. Bulkley announced that a motion was made for the city council to go into closed session; the subject matter to be discussed in closed session is legal advice from city attorney on potential contractual terms in relation to negotiation of a new contract; specifically update on contract negotiations with Platte Valley Humane Society for animal sheltering services; the reason for going into closed session is for protection of the public interests. The following individuals will also be included in the closed session: Mayor James Bulkley, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Attorney Neal Valorz, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, and Police Chief Chuck Sherer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Motion carried. Bulkley announced that the city council voted to go into closed session; the matter to be discussed in closed session is legal advice from city attorney on potential contractual terms in relation to negotiation of a new contract; specifically update on contract negotiations with Platte Valley Humane Society for animal sheltering services; the reason for going into closed session is for protection of the public interests. The following individuals will also be included in the closed session: Mayor James Bulkley, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Attorney Neal Valorz, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, and Police Chief Chuck Sherer. The City Council went into closed session at 7:30 p.m. The City Council exited closed session at 8:28 p.m. with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 20 day of November, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK