

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on February 3, 2014 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 on January 30, 2014, 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.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT: Mayor Moser read the following statement: "In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Legislative Bill 898, Second Session Ninety-Ninth Legislature of Nebraska, a current copy of the Act is posted in this meeting room".

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Michael Moser and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Ron Bogus, Jim Bulkley, Rich Jablonski, John Lohr, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Terry Reardon was absent and excused.

City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Stephen Hansen, City Engineer David Goedeken, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Property Director Doug Moore, and Public Works Director Roger Buell.

PRAYER: Mayor Moser asked all to rise and Council President Schilling led in prayer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Moser asked all to remain standing and join him in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: City Administrator 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 a citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Approval of minutes of the January 20, 2014, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of reappointment of Kim Brandt to Municipal Golf Board for three-year term.
- C. Approval of appointments of the following officers for Columbus Fire Department:

Dean Hefti.....Fire Chief
 Pat Miller.....Assistant Fire Chief
 Marty Weber.....Safety/Training Officer

- D. Approval of plans, specifications and estimate of cost in the amount of \$95,000 for replacement of Aquatic Center bulkhead, as submitted by Public Property Director Moore, and authorization for staff to advertise for bids.
- E. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 2/14/14 Payroll \$478,594.93 TOTAL \$478,594.93.

Moved by Schilling, seconded by Lohr, the items on the consent agenda, being routine in nature, be approved as presented. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION OF CR & S, LLC, DBA EL MATADOR, FOR RETAIL CLASS "C" BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS ON AND OFF SALE LIQUOR LICENSE AT 2453 33 AVENUE: The Affidavit of Publication and Notice of Hearing were presented on the application of CR & S, LLC, dba El Matador, for a Retail Class "C" Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits On and Off Sale Liquor License at 2453 33 Avenue. The following exhibits were also presented: Exhibit "A" - Application; Exhibit "B" - Notice of hearing; Exhibit "C" - Letter to applicant; Exhibit "D" - Police Chief's report; Exhibit "E" - City Engineer's report; Exhibit "F" - List of current liquor license holders; and Exhibit "G" - Criteria for approval/denial of license. A memorandum was included from the City Clerk's office regarding Nebraska Liquor Control Commission requirements. Randy Downs introduced himself as the new owner of El Matador. No one appeared in opposition. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the public hearing be closed, the application be approved and a letter be sent to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission notifying them of the Council's action. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried.

APPLICATION OF RANDY DOWNS AS MANAGER OF EL MATADOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLASS "C" LIQUOR LICENSE: The application of Randy Downs as manager of El Matador, 2453 33 Avenue, in conjunction with their Class "C" Liquor License, was presented. A memorandum was also presented from the City Clerk's office regarding Nebraska Liquor Control Commission requirements. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the manager application be approved and a letter be sent to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission notifying them of the Council's action. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council Member Augustine-Schulte reported that last week was Catholic Schools Week and she reminded citizens that supporting parochial schools benefits the whole community by easing the property tax burden supporting public schools.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-07 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JABLONSKI.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-07
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A GRANT AWARD FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECTS FOR WORK DESCRIBED IN THE RESOLUTION AND IN THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED HEREIN.

Moved by Jablonski, seconded by Bogus, Resolution No. R14-07 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-08 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOGUS.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-08
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LINDAHL ENGINEERING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,600 PER MONTH, FOR THE INTERIM CITY ENGINEER POSITION WHEREBY MERLIN LINDAHL WILL SERVE AS INTERIM CITY ENGINEER TO PERFORM REGULAR CITY DUTIES AS DIRECTED.

Moved by Bogus, seconded by Schilling, Resolution No. R14-08 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried. Mayor Moser thanked City Engineer Goedeken for his service the past four years and Council Member Bulkley welcomed former City Engineer Merlin Lindahl back to the engineering department to fill the temporary position.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-09 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER AUGUSTINE-SCHULTE.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-09
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, SETTING MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014, FROM 4 P.M. TO 6 P.M. AS THE DAY AND TIME WHEN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, SHALL SIT AS A BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO EQUALIZE AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Bogus, Resolution No. R14-09 be passed and adopted. In response to Mayor Moser, City Administrator Mangiamelli explained the delay in assessing the 26th Avenue project and noted that there was some misunderstanding between the City and Federal Highway Administration as to whether

the cost of right-of-way acquisitions could be included in the assessment total. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Member Reardon was absent. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Presented and approved this 18th day of February, 2014.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK