

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on May 5, 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 May 1, 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 Terry Reardon. Council President Ron Schilling was absent and excused.

City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, Assistant City Clerk Michaela Luckey, City Attorney Stephen Hansen, City Engineer Rick Bogus, 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 Member Lohr 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 April 21, 2014, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of Resolution No. R14-50 amending the cemetery rules and regulations for Columbus and Roselawn Cemeteries to include hours for weekday funerals.
- C. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 5/3/14 Payroll \$475,597.51 Total \$475,597.51

Moved by Lohr, seconded by Bahr, 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 Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION BY COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON SCHOOL BOND ISSUE:

The report of the Committee of the Whole was presented with the recommendation that Resolution No. R14-51 supporting the proposed high school project and encouraging all eligible voters to vote in the May 13, 2014, election on the proposed school bond issue be adopted. Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Bahr, this report be adopted. Council Member Jablonski stated that this project is needed; however, he does not feel the City Council should show support for another taxing authority. He expressed support for the portion of the Resolution encouraging the public to get educated about the project and to vote. Council Member Reardon commended the School Board and committee for presenting a better vision and educating the public; however, he also does not feel the Council should be supporting this issue. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – PRESENTATION BY COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON SPORTS COUNCIL:

The report of the Committee of the Whole was presented with the recommendation that city staff continue to develop this project with the Chamber of Commerce and to include possible city costs as part of the budget development process for City Council review and consideration. Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Lohr, this report be adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR VOIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

A memorandum was presented from Finance Director Kinnison recommending that the low proposal for a VOIP Telephone System be awarded to Heartland Communications, LLC in the approximate amount of \$55,110. A memorandum from Martin Nore, RVW, Inc. and consultant for this project, was also presented including bid tabulations and a recommendation that the proposal from Heartland Communications, LLC be accepted. Steve Rerucha, Heartland Communications, LLC, explained that departments will be connected through the internet using existing cable lines and noted the advantages of this technology. Finance Director Kinnison stated that this upgrade in technology is a good investment for the city and is necessary due to the difficulty of replacing old equipment and also to separate the E911 System from other city departments. Kinnison explained that the VOIP system will also bring the city into compliance with the Nebraska Public Service Commission Wireless E911 grant requirements. Moved by Bogus, seconded by Bulkley, the proposal be awarded. Council Member Jablonski noted that he has worked with Heartland Communications, LLC in his personal business and has received good service. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

APPLICATION OF WHEELS TAVERN FOR SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE TO SERVE BEER AND DISTILLED SPIRITS IN AN OUTDOOR AREA AT HARLEY

DAVIDSON SALES, 410 23 STREET, COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, 5 P.M. TO 1 A.M., MAY 24, 2014, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DANCE/BEER GARDEN:

An application was presented from Wheels Tavern, 706 Hwy 30, Silver Creek, Nebraska, for Special Designated License to serve beer and distilled spirits in an outdoor area at Harley Davidson Sales, 410 23 Street, Columbus, Nebraska, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., May 24, 2014, in conjunction with a dance/beer garden. A memorandum was also presented from Police Chief Gumm recommending the application be approved. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, the application be approved and a letter be sent to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission notifying them of the Council's action. Council Member Lohr commended Harley Davidson Sales on their 50 years in business. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council Member Lohr commented on the Supreme Court ruling that allows opening prayers at government meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-51 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BULKLEY.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-51
ADOPTED: MAY 5, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE CITY TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND ISSUE ON MAY 13, 2014.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, Resolution No. R14-51 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, and Lohr voted "Aye" and Council Members Jablonski and Reardon voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Augustine-Schulte, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council President Schilling was absent. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Presented and approved this 19th day of May, 2014.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK