

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on June 2, 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 28, 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, John Lohr, and Ron Schilling. Council Members Rich Jablonski and Terry Reardon were absent and excused.

City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Mark Sipple, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, and Fire Chief Dean Hefti.

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 May 19, 2014, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of reappointment of Police Chief or Designee, Fire Chief or Designee, and Communications Supervisor – Systems Operator to E911 Technical Committee for two-year terms.
- C. Approval of reappointment of Robert C. Elsasser, Connie Hellbusch, Jeffrey C. Johnson, and Dwayne Smith to Citizen's Advisory Review Committee for four-year terms.
- D. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 6/6/14 Payroll \$523,587.03 TOTAL \$523,587.03.

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, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION TO NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PHASE II COMPREHENSIVE REVITALIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 (\$120,000 FOR PURCHASE/REHAB/RESALE OF FOUR SINGLE FAMILY UNITS; \$9,600 FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT; \$6,000 FOR LEAD BASED PAINT ACTIVITIES; AND \$14,400 FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION): The Affidavit of Publication and Notice of Hearing were presented on the application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant Phase

II comprehensive revitalization activities in the amount of \$150,000 (\$120,000 for purchase/rehab/resale of four single family units; \$9,600 for housing management; \$6,000 for lead based paint activities; and \$14,400 for general administration). A memorandum was also presented from Alyssa Silhacek, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Community Planner, submitting detailed information and a recommendation to proceed with the 2014 Comprehensive Revitalization Phase II application. It was noted that the total project cost is \$350,000 and the City of Columbus will provide \$200,000 in matching funds for Swift Addition sanitary sewer extensions and relining between 16 Avenue and 18 Avenue from 17 Street to Behlen Street. No one spoke regarding this issue and no one appeared in opposition. Moved by Schilling, seconded by Bahr, the public hearing be closed. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-52 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOHR.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-52
ADOPTED: JUNE 2, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NEBRASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PHASE II COMPREHENSIVE REVITALIZATION ACTIVITIES, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO; AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Moved by Lohr, seconded by Schilling, Resolution No. R14-52 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

AWARD OF QUOTES FOR UPGRADE TO AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEM AND REPLACEMENT OF FOUR CAMERAS AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

A memorandum was presented from Finance Director Kinnison recommending that the quotes for upgrades to the video system in the City Council Chambers be awarded to AVI Systems, Inc. as follows: \$20,254 for upgrades to the audio video system and \$6,589 for replacement of four cameras. Moved by Bogus, seconded by Schilling, the quotes be awarded. Kinnison explained that the four cameras have updated technology and will replace aged cameras. The upgrades to the audio video system will improve the picture and sound for televised City Council meetings. Currently there are two government channels provided by Time Warner Cable, one for the city and one for the school. The plan is for the city and school to share one channel making the other channel available for additional programming. It is anticipated that an agreement with Columbus Public Schools to share in the cost of this equipment will be presented at a future meeting. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM FROM HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR OGLEVIE REQUESTING CONTINUATION OF REGIONAL CARE INC. AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS HEALTH PLAN:

A memorandum was presented from Human Resources Director Oglevie submitting detailed information and a staff recommendation to continue using Regional Care, Inc. (RCI) as the administrator of the City of Columbus Health Plan. It was noted that the request to continue with the current plan benefits was incorporated in the bid specifications as material changes to the health plan coverage would force the city to make substantive liberalization of plan benefits before required by the Affordable Care Act. It was also noted that the proposal received from RCI is basically the same as last year's cost of services and only 12 percent higher than the proposal accepted by the City Council three years ago. It was further noted that RCI has continued to provide very accurate, prompt, and high quality services to the city and its employees. Steve Albin, United Benefit Services and agent for RCI, noted that the fixed cost basis is the number to use for determining the lowest proposal. Discussion

followed with regard to grandfather status and it was pointed out that any changes to the plan would fall under the Affordable Care Act regulations and would be costly to the city. Moved by Schilling, seconded by Augustine-Schulte, to approve the continuation of RCI as the health insurance provider. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council Member Augustine-Schulte commended Public Property Director Moore and all who were involved in restoring the Civil War Memorial in Frankfort Square. Mayor Moser announced that the United States Air Force Band, RAPTOR, will be performing in the first Lawnchairs on the Square for the 2014 season at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 7th in Frankfort Square. The remaining Lawnchairs on the Square activities will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-53 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOGUS.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-53
ADOPTED: JUNE 2, 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MID-NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE FIRE ASSOCIATION, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

Moved by Bogus, seconded by Bahr, Resolution No. R14-53 be passed and adopted. Fire Chief Hefti explained that this agreement is for mutual aid between a number of communities and is updated every 25 years. A directory listing each community's available equipment is provided to all parties of the agreement. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Schilling, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Council Members Jablonski and Reardon were absent. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Presented and approved this 16th day of June, 2014.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK