

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on January 5, 2015, 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 December 31, 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, Jim Bulkley, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Stephen Hansen, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Works Director Roger Buell, Public Property Director Doug Moore, and Library Director Drew Brookhart.

**PRAYER:** Council President Bahr led in prayer.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Moser asked all to 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 December 15, 2014, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of report from Columbus Housing Authority (Annual Report) ~ Computation on Payments in Lieu of Taxes.
- C. Approval of reappointment of Shirley Martys and Gary Williams to Cemetery Board for three-year terms.
- D. Approval of reappointment of Roland Augspurger and Jack Gutierrez to Board of Parks Commissioners for three-year terms.

- E. Approval of specifications and estimate of cost for the following equipment and authorization for city staff to advertise for bids.

QTY	UNIT	DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATE
1	5 CY Dump Truck w/Trade-in	Street Division	\$ 95,000
1	Truck-Tractor	Transfer Station	\$115,000

- F. Approval of Resolution No. R15-01 amending Resolution No. R14-86 (Schedule of Fees) by changing library fees as directed by the Library Board and changing the fee for lifeguard review class to include CPR review for Aquatics Department.
- G. Approval of Resolution No. R15-02 accepting and approving acquisition contract and leasehold interest with Jordan Burchatz in the amount of \$100 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- H. Approval of Resolution No. R15-03 accepting and approving acquisition contract and leasehold interest with Rick Gerber in the amount of \$100 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- I. Approval of Resolution No. R15-04 accepting and approving partial acquisition contract with Linda M. and Rob Johnson, Larry R. and Lisa Tworek, Lenette R. and Tod Sprunk, and Nancy A. and Randy Rinkol subject to a life estate in and to Louie and Norma Kontor in the amount of \$380 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- J. Approval of Resolution No. R15-05 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Linda M. and Rob Johnson, Larry R. and Lisa Tworek, Lenette R. and Tod Sprunk, and Nancy A. and Randy Rinkol subject to a life estate in and to Louie and Norma Kontor in the amount of \$670 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- K. Approval of Resolution No. R15-06 accepting and approving partial acquisition contract with John F. and Deborah L. Schueth in the amount of \$200 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- L. Approval of Resolution No. R15-07 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Z & B, LLC in the amount of \$410 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- M. Approval of Resolution No. R15-08 approving agreement with State of Nebraska Department of Roads in the amount of \$34,240, with the city share being 20 percent, for purchase of a lowered floor minivan for the Columbus Area Transit System.
- N. Approval of Finance Department reports.
- O. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 01/16/15 Payroll \$509,188.62; State of Nebraska Department of Revenue – Sales Tax 831.77. TOTAL \$510,020.39.

Moved by Bahr, 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, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council Member Bulkley inquired about procedures for city snow removal. Mayor Moser announced that the Heartland of America Air Force Band will be performing at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2015, at the American Legion.

**DISCUSSION ON UPGRADES TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS:** Council Member Schilling distributed a drawing of a proposed design for new council seating. The units would be portable and the horseshoe design would be more effective for discussion during meetings. The proposed layout would place city staff at a separate seating area facing council members. Schilling said the estimated cost for this design is \$9,800. Finance Director Kinnison explained that \$12,000 was included in the budget for upgrades to the audio equipment and \$15,000 was included for the paperless agenda project. Kinnison noted that plans for extensive improvements to the council chambers have not been made due to the uncertainty of relocating the council chambers. City Engineer Bogus explained that upgrades to the facility would require plans for ADA compliancy. Following extensive discussion, consensus of the city council was that city staff be allowed to proceed with the budgeted upgrades, pursue the concept presented, and report back with estimates and a recommendation.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Augustine-Schulte, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Presented and approved this 19 day of January, 2015.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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