

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on March 2, 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, 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 Moser announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor Michael Moser and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Jim Bulkley was absent and excused. City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Works Director Roger Buell, and Public Property Director Doug Moore.
2. **PRAYER:** Council President Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Moser asked all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **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 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 Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bulkley was absent.
 - 4.A. **Approval of minutes of the February 17, 2015, City Council meeting.**
 - 4.B. **Approval of award of bid to Dale Johnson Trucking for one-year supply of road gravel in the amount of \$10.95 per cubic yard delivered or \$9.32 per cubic yard if picked up.**
 - 4.C. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-34 approving agreement with American Legion Hartman Post 84 for use of Pawnee Park baseball facilities.**
 - 4.D. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-35 approving agreement with Columbus Area Youth Football Organization for use of Bradshaw Park football facilities.**
 - 4.E. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-36 approving agreement with Columbus Mariners Baseball League for use of Berne (Armory) Park baseball facilities.**
 - 4.F. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-37 approving agreement with Columbus Softball Association for use of Gerrard Park softball facilities.**
 - 4.G. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-38 approving agreement with Columbus Youth Baseball League for use of Centennial Park baseball facilities.**
 - 4.H. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-39 approving agreement with Columbus Youth Softball Association for use of Bradshaw Park softball facilities.**
 - 4.I. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-40 approving agreement with Wilderness Park Operations Committee for use of Wilderness Park soccer facilities.**
 - 4.J. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-41 approving agreement with Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce establishing a Sports and Activities Council.**
 - 4.K. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-42 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Craig Potthast and Elizabeth Rall in**

- the amount of \$100 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.
- 4.L. **Approval of Resolution No. R15-43 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Marvin F. and Enola J. Luchsinger in the amount of \$12,765 and partial acquisition contract in the amount of \$15,575 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.**
- 4.M. **Approval of payroll and bills on file.** 03/13/15 Payroll \$487,887.83; Loup Power District – Utilities \$2,402.00. TOTAL \$490,289.83
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
- 6.A. **Proclamation declaring March 2015 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.** Mayor Moser proclaimed March 2015 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Brittani Romshek, Community Relations Manager for Mosaic, accepted the proclamation on behalf of all agencies that provide assistance for people who have disabilities. Romshek gave a brief synopsis of the services provided by Mosaic.
- 6.B. **Presentation from Elizabeth Blaser regarding possible ice skating at the new high school or at Hospital Park Lake.** Elizabeth Blaser, an eighth grader at Columbus Middle School and member of 4-H, gave a history of activities and organizations she has been involved with. Blaser described her project for a proposed recreational ice skating destination in detail and said she is working on the Diamond Clover program, the highest honor awarded in 4-H. Blaser is working with Columbus Public Schools for a possible site at the new high school as well as with the City of Columbus for potential use of an old press box for a shelter at the ice skating pond. Public Property Director Moore explained that Blaser has received a number of commitments from volunteers on this project and said the city has equipment available to clean off the pond for ice skating. The Mayor and City Council commended Blaser on her ambitious project.
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- 7.A. **Consider authorization of acquisition of interests in various tracts of real property by purchase or eminent domain for public improvements included in Concrete Paving Project 2015.** A public hearing was held to consider authorization of acquisition of interests in various tracts of real property by purchase or eminent domain for public improvements included in the Concrete Paving Project 2015. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing was closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Council Member Bulkley was absent.
- 7.A.1. **Resolution No. R15-44 authorizing acquisition of interests in various tracts of real property by purchase or eminent domain for Concrete Paving Project 2015.** City Engineer Bogus explained that this authorization is required to obtain easements needed for this project. Resolution No. R15-44 was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Council Member Bulkley was absent.
8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** None
10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** None
11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None
12. **REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:** None
13. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 13.A. **Comments from Mayor and City Council Members.** Mayor Moser recognized boy scouts from Troop 406 who were in attendance. Council Member Lohr noted

that a number of years ago a neighbor of his, the late Julian Meyer, had attempted to bring ice skating back to Pawnee Park and he would have been very pleased with Elizabeth Blaser's project.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R15-45 approving Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission providing for completion of the Hospital Lake Trail. City Engineer Bogus explained that the city is a recipient of the Nebraska Game and Parks Recreational Trails Program grant for eighty percent of the approximate \$28,000 cost of the Hospital Lake Trail project. Lower Loup NRD is responsible for ten percent of the cost and the city's engineering department will be providing in-kind design and construction phase services that will cover the balance. Resolution No. R15-45 was adopted with a motion by Reardon and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bulkley was absent.

14.B. Resolution No. R15-46 approving non-exclusive franchise agreement with Eagle Communications for construction and operation of a broadband system. Dan Staack, Broadband Sales Executive and Community Relations for Eagle Communications, gave a brief history on Eagle Communications. Staack thanked the Mayor and City Council for their consideration and said he is excited to bring innovative technology to Columbus. Resolution No. R15-46 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bulkley was absent.

14.C. Resolution No. R15-47 approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HDR, Inc. in the amount of \$28,100 for construction engineering services in conjunction with traffic signal improvements at the intersections of 33 Avenue & 38 Street and 33 Avenue & Lost Creek Parkway. City Engineer Bogus referred to the Columbus Public Schools traffic study of the Discoverer Addition area that was conducted by HDR, Inc. and results of the study showed a requirement for traffic signals at the intersections of 33 Avenue & 38 Street and 33 Avenue & Lost Creek Parkway. This supplemental agreement provides for construction observation services of the required signals. Also included in the supplemental agreement are provisions to conduct a left hand turn signal evaluation for 33 Avenue and 27 Street. This evaluation will determine potential changes to traffic control as a result of increased traffic to the Discoverer Addition area and will allow staff to include any additional costs in the budget. The total cost for construction observation services of traffic signals and the evaluation is \$28,100. Columbus Public Schools and Columbus Community Hospital will be sharing in the cost with the city's share to be approximately \$15,000. Resolution No. R15-47 was adopted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bulkley was absent.

15. ORDINANCES ON THEIR FIRST READING: None

16. ORDINANCES ON THEIR SECOND READING: None

17. ORDINANCES ON THEIR THIRD READING: None

18. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE: Included in Consent Agenda

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bulkley was absent.

Presented and approved this 16 day of March, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK