

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on April 6, 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, Jim Bulkley, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. City staff members present included City Administrator Joe Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Steve Hansen, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Works Director Roger Buell, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Human Resources Director Mike Oglevie, Library Director Drew Brookhart, Area Transit Supervisor Karen Dvorak, and Area Transit Office Associate Sandra Griffiths.
2. **PRAYER:** Council President Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Moser asked all to join him 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. Council Member Bulkley requested that Resolution No. R15-55 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Platte County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$295,500 and partial acquisition contract in the amount of \$58,600 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts, be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda under Item 14, Resolutions. The items on the consent agenda, with the exception of Resolution No. R15-55, were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
 - 4.A. **Minutes of March 16, 2015, City Council meeting.**
 - 4.B. **Purchase of used 2007 Dodge Dakota pickup from Mike's Auto Sales and Service in the amount of \$14,500 for Police Department.**
 - 4.C. **Quote from Mueller Sprinklers, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 for 72" zero turn riding mower for Park Department.**
 - 4.D. **Resolution No. R15-54 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with John P. and Barbara A. Woerth in the amount of \$250 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.**
 - 4.E. **Payroll and bills on file.** 4/10/15 Payroll \$500,666.22; Nebraska Environmental Products – equipment 151,227.45; Platte County Agricultural Society – acquisition/easement 354,100.00; State of Nebraska Department of Revenue – sales tax 39,626.02 TOTAL \$1,045,619.69.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 6.A. Presentation from Black Hills Energy regarding compressed natural gas vehicle conversion.** Allan "Chip" Wical, Operations Supervisor for Black Hills Energy, presented an incentive check to the City of Columbus in the amount of \$9,850 for conversion of a meter reading van to compressed natural gas. The incentive check covers the cost of the conversion. Wical thanked City Administrator Mangiamelli, Mayor Moser, and the City Council for supporting compressed natural gas as an alternative fuel. Compressed natural gas is low cost, abundant, environmentally friendly, and produced in the United States. Wical invited city staff to contact him with information on any other large vehicles that may be considered for conversion and he would submit a request for additional incentive while the program is still available.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 7.A. Public hearing for the purpose of amending the hours of service and reviewing policies and procedures for Columbus Area Transit for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration.** It was noted that the hours of operation would change from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The hours of operation on Saturdays and Sundays would remain the same. It was further noted that having policies and procedures in place for the Columbus Area Transit will ensure that the city continues to receive assistance from state and federal agencies. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing was closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Bulkley. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 7.A.1. Resolution No. R15-56 authorizing application for funds for operation of Columbus Area Transit System Program for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.** Resolution No. R15-56 was adopted with a motion by Lohr and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 7.A.2. Resolution No. R15-57 approving policies and procedures for Columbus Area Transit.** Resolution No. R15-57 was adopted with a motion by Reardon and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 7.B. Application of Casey's General Store #2881, for Retail Class "B" Liquor License at 2903 23 Street.** The public hearing was closed and application approved with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 7.B.1. Application of Tina Krings as manager of Casey's General Store #2881, in conjunction with Class "B" Liquor License.** The manager application was approved with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 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. Award of quote to Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$133,010.19 for implementation of server virtualization and backup.** Finance Director Kinnison explained that the maintenance contract for all equipment is \$13,000 for three years. Rick McIllece, Client Executive for

Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., noted that the cost of a multi-year maintenance agreement is less expensive than a per year contract and should the equipment retire early, the cost would be prorated back to the city. The quote was awarded with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

13.B. Implementation of downtown traffic signal removal sequence as recommended by Iteris and city staff. Based on results of The Columbus Downtown Traffic Study, Iteris is recommending six traffic signals be removed and replaced with stop control in the following order with city staff's recommendation for scheduling: 1) 25 Avenue and 14 Street – May through July 2015; 2) 23 Avenue and 11 Street – Fall 2015; 3) 23 Avenue and 14 Street – Fall 2015; 4) 23 Avenue and 13 Street – Fall 2016; 5) 25 Avenue and 13 Street – Fall 2016; and 6) 27 Avenue and 13 Street – Fall 2017. A communication was presented from Bob Stachura, owner of a business located at 2910 13 Street, expressing opposition to removal of the traffic signals due to safety concerns. Extensive discussion was held with regard to the process for traffic signal removal, the ninety day test period, who determines the result of the evaluation following a ninety day test period, plans for the bulb outs, the traffic pattern of the downtown area, necessity of the signal removal and whether removal of each traffic signal should be considered individually. A call for the question passed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Implementation of the downtown traffic signal removal sequence failed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and Augustine-Schulte, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, and Reardon voted "Nay".

13.C. Comments from Mayor and City Council Members: Council Member Bulkley said he feels the city should implement a citywide spring clean-up day. Mayor Moser said he feels the city code on nuisances should be revisited. Council Member Reardon commended the Street Department on their efforts of extensive overnight street cleaning.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R15-58 approving agreement with Advanced Consulting Engineering Services in the amount of \$23,250 for surveying services at Columbus Municipal Airport, Wilderness Park, and an industrial area east of East 14 Avenue and north of 8 Street. Resolution No. R15-58 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Reardon. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.B. Resolution No. R15-59 approving agreement with Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$45,900 for design and construction phase engineering services in conjunction with development of model for sanitary sewer lift station renovations. Resolution No. R15-59 was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.C. Resolution No. R15-60 approving utility services agreement with Loup River Public Power District in the estimated amount of \$345,877 to relocate power lines in the corridor of the proposed 3 Avenue viaduct. Resolution No. R15-60 was adopted with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.D. Resolution No. R15-61 approving lease agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company to provide for use of roadway extension of 48 Avenue to access Socks Pond. Mayor Moser commended city staff for all their efforts in achieving an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad in order to allow public access to Socks Pond. Resolution No. R15-61 was adopted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte,

Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 14.E. Resolution No. R15-55 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Platte County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$295,500 and partial acquisition contract in the amount of \$58,600 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.** City Engineer Bogus explained the process for determining the purchase price for property acquisitions. Resolution No. R15-55 was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 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 8:08 p.m. with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 20 day of April, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK