

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the BPS Administration Building Board Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310.
Mayor Wirth led those in attendance in Pledge of Allegiance.

Barnard: Present, Doyle: Present, Eckhoff: Present, Eskra: Present, Fairbanks: Present, Hydo: Present, McLain: Present, Ruh: Present.

Mayor Wirth announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.a. Approve agenda as submitted.

3.b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.

3.c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.

3.d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on June 1, 2026, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$903,273.55.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$85,569.09.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$751,171.47.

3.h. Approval of Pay Request #10 in the amount of \$38,989.16 to Building Crafts, Inc., for the WPC Grit Improvements project.

3.i. Approval of Final Pay Request #14 in the amount of \$40,569.17, to Genesis Contracting Group for the BASWA South MSW Landfill Site Entrance Facility project.

3.j. Resolution Number 7804 approving a request from the Gage Development Coalition to close Highway 136, which is also known as Court Street, from 3rd Street to 19th Street, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the Homestead Days Parade.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

4.a. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the application of Dakuhl Investments, LLC, dba, Vinny's Alchemy & Spirits, 205 North 19th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a new application for a Class C liquor license.

chet - under oath - standard review, change of ownership, cocktail lounge & off sale, allowed with SUP, no concerns
jay - under oath - background no issues

ted - voted against a couple weeks ago, torn up last time, liquor license applicant was not here, vote against, represent city & want to be able to ask questions.

Vinny & tamra - opening a lounge & liquor store, TD - compliment on business plan. drive thru liquor how will that work?
Vinny - drive up teller, check ids like any sale, just don't have to get out of car. put in trunk.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the public hearing be closed at 6:07 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0 Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the application of Dakuhl Investments, LLC, dba, Vinny's Alchemy & Spirits, 205 North 19th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license, be recommended to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for approval P&Z did approve SUP - tt. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7805 executing the Deliverable Capacity Transaction Agreement with the City of Superior, Nebraska, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

SPP increasing reserve by 15% to 36%, short in winter, Dec-March. contacted local companies with capacity. Superior had additional capacity, purchase from them for winter months. price per kw is double what signed with NextEra. luckily still under contract for capacity, as we are seeing increase.

Eskra - was that increase expected? out of blue? TT - SPP making changes, winter will go to 38%, this is the first time we have been short capacity.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7805 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

5.b. Resolution Number 7806 executing the Utility Infrastructure & Ownership Maintenance Agreement with Southeast Community College Area, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

served SCC for decades, never been a clear delineation of where ownership took place. cleaning up with new ag bldg, where starts/stops & they will become responsible for maintenance, no operations will change, just clarification.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7806 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
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5.c. Resolution Number 7807 prohibiting parking along the east side of 7th Street, from Perkins to Scott Street; along the west side of 8th Street, from Perkins to Scott Street; and along the north side of Perkins Street, from 7th to 8th Street.

wroking on development of stoddard south or stoddard 2 - will have offstreet parking, which is required. people will park as close to their front door as possible. proactive & remove parking on one side of surrounding streets. east of 7th? west of perkins? 8th off west side closest to facility. not both to help traffic flow.

ted - looks good
hydo - playground

Dave Rayburn, 100 West Mulberry, 7th street, perkins to Scott, don' have alleys, only time double parked. cutting down parking spots on 7th & 8th S'Treet. when have 2 or 3 will have to walk. its a disruption

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5.d. Resolution Number 7808 executing the Environmental Services Agreement between the City and JEO Consulting Group, Inc., for the Beatrice Court Street Access and Safety Transformation ("CAST") Initiative, Project DPS-34(46), CN 13608.

cast project agreement for environmental services, 1 year, all under separate contract, nothing has changed with the project

Billi Hofeling, 1419 paddock lane, since cast involves intersections coinciding, are those being sent to JEO. mayor - all has been sent to state & jeo, all under discussion with the state.

Gary - what step are we on. TT - top 20s, has been part just sent down a separate contract

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5.e. Resolution Number 7809 executing the Loan Agreement, Promissory Note, Personal Guaranty, Deed of Trust, and all other documents necessary between the City and Hydo Properties, LLC and Todd A. Hydo and Soni Hydo, for a direct loan in the amount of \$62,981.25 from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant (23-DTR-002).

part of DTR working through, Hydo purchased, roof needs to be replaced. forgivable loan if keep for 5 years, just under \$63,000, waiting on contractors. State has some hesitancy of this, Hydo has to write letter within 6 months work is done. if not, they will be responsible for paying back the state

Hydo - struggle with if it's a conflict of interest. considered abstaining, but not

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7809 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

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5.f. Resolution Number 7810 executing the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement for the Lincoln School Redevelopment Project.

common with TIF - delay effective date with when project starts. HH no increase to valuation, delaying, no more TIF money or years, just delays when starting clock today. City is developer, otherwise those are handled by CRA & not this body.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7810 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
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5.g. Resolution Number 7811 executing the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement for the Paddock Lane Redevelopment Project.

same story, Corral Crossing.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7811 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

6. ORDINANCES - None

7. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

7.a. City Administrator's Monthly Report.

highlights LIncoln LEgacy park - nearly complete, sidewalk has been poured back. will come back & seed the area. SToddard school nearly complete, airport going well, hanger project up & running. preconstruction for Navaid Terry - take for granted. know how much time it takes, read it thoroughly. drive down street Ella, close to done, will be planting trees/plants etc. Terry - week of 24th.

Ruh - Lincoln school lots of kids playing on park

Eskra - contractor will pick up leftover stuff? TT - will check with Mark

Hydo - thanked CDD department for busy time.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Contract Negotiations

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the Beatrice City Council go into closed session at 6:26 p.m., for the protection of public interest to discuss contract negotiations. **MOTION: Carried.**

Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
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9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.a. The next regular City Council meeting is July 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor