MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, November 2, 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, Ruh: Absent, Craig Zarybnicky: 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 October 19, 2026, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of $819,072.97.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of $4,599.81.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of $1,723,234.79.

3.h. Approval of Pay Request #14 in the amount of $308,802.27 to Building Crafts, Inc., for the WPC Grit Improvements project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.i. Approval of Change Order #1 increase in the amount of $6,470.98 to Danielle's Approach, LLC, for the Beatrice Municipal Airport Project No. 3-31-0009-025/026/027.

3.j. Approval of special designated license for Tall Tree Tastings, LLC, for a shopping event on December 9, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Daisy Lane, 625 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

3.k. Resolution Number 7875 entering into the Second Amendment to the Tower and Ground Space Lease between the City and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, for the water tower located at 1203 North 19th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.l. Resolution Number 7876 executing the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form.

3.m. Resolution Number 7877 appointing Jason Moore as the City's Certified City Street Superintendent.

3.n. Resolution Number 7878 executing the Agreement with Forvis Mazars, LLP, for software implementation and software licenses related to the preparation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

3.o. Resolution Number 7879 executing the Participation Form involving the opioid litigation against Albertsons.

3.p. Resolution Number 7880 entering into a Hangar Lease with Chad Lottman, for the purpose of leasing Hangar L-11, located at the Beatrice Municipal Airport.

3.q. Resolution Number 7881 executing the Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, for computer-aided dispatch software licenses.

3.r. Resolution Number 7882 executing the Test Rental and Use Agreement with Cooperative Personnel Services, dba CPS HR Consulting, for civil service testing.

3.s. Resolution Number 7883 executing Amendment #1 with ClearGovto modify the Scope of Services to the Service Order.

o - eskra question - tt - opioid litigation ongoing nationwide, manufactures who sold opioids. joined state, then direct back to prevention, unsure of dollar amount, current $80k, working with BPS, County, ___, to work on opioid. we received notification we could join the lawsuit

j - Doyle - any administrative approval for liq licenses? TT - rule is reoccurring rein can aprove. this is a different location. hydro - list in back of report

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

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS**

4.a. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed One- and Six-Year Road and Street Plan for 2027.

JB - money from state based on formula, must have plan in place for 6 years showing our intent. plan is fluid, can add, move, etc. and have idea putting money from NDOT info. $1.8 mill doesn't go far.
citylogix - camera score PCI - public outcry,

Ted - how big of a shift, JM - will increase lane miles to 4 blocks. $16000 asphalt & guys time. JB - lane miles - 22 ft wide= 2 lane miles, 36 = 3 lane miles, helps in number. standard roadway is 32'. 1 ft off per curb, 3 lane miles.
yr 1 - Hwy 136, 1st to 24th, $2.43 mill NDOT project funded. Jeff St, complete that roadway to finish area which was replanted & opens up 6 lots. trail goes through - additional cost. 13th st AC - may cut back number of streets shortfall of $16,000 - only award projects budgeted for.
yr 2 - Hwy 77 - number not associated with 3 or 4 lanes, this was provided by state, has budgeted at $9.63? mill. LIncoln St, broken up over 28 & 29 - JEO provided budget 5th to 25th St, $13 mill. broken up into 2 years. account for grant we received. stormwater, ADA ramps, mike - water /sewer included? jb - some included, will go to departments to determine if projects need to be updated along this cooridor. Hydo- with multiple large projects, that we have some share in, how does budget look for that? does this affect? TT - Hwy 77 million $ project should have cash reserves. Lnk depends upon when grant comes through, may be some cash reserves, or may issue hwy allocation bonds. Assume 2 year construction, Zarby - 9" concrete expected? JB - 35-50, with maintence. JM = asphalt road, 2 years later crackseal, year 4-5 years try to seal up again. AC #1 preservation of surface maint. Ted - base of Lnk? Burroughs- brick, Jason haven't tore any up. Bellwood full depth. Eskra - sub-base surprises? JB - yes, take out 2', bring in 2' clay or make mixture depending on which is more economical.will bore prior to project to determine what base is. Elk St - 6-19, constantly AC/AS. redo section $922,000. due to ADA ramps. JM - over last 12-13 years amount of money to increase on our streets, primarily due to grants, no way we had money to do streets previously. grant work has increased millions of dollars on street projects. GB - $45 mill in grants, city match was $5, Ted - lnk $10.___, in order to GB - without leadership, hope we can keep that going. JB - last line summary
yr3 - 2nd 1/2 of Lnk, runs to 25th st; Market St - with cast project, feel might be more traffic shifted to market. JM - earmarked projects to keep things moving. Doyle - INtersections on Lnk - JB - 6th/Lnk line up appropriately, other is 13th jog, preliminary design accounts for that, proceed 19th/Lnk, roundabout or other traffic control addressed at that time, connect ot existing roadway at 25th. JEO has a number of bumpouts for homes without alley access. TT - sidewalk improvements for sure, not sure if it was trail. yr4 - 2030 - Hwy relocation project, could be sooner that this depending upon design. 7th perkins to market; don't want to abandon our normal maintenance schedule for public, if any further behind harder to catch back up. materials not getting any cheaper. more we can do pre-emptively better. JM - 65$ to 81$ ton for asphalt. Eskra - inflation #? JB - use last years cost estimate, bump up, will go back to them to add adjustment. some is added, yr 5 - hwy relocation 5-9th; 12th st, Dorsey - park; yr 6 - final section of downtown. and beaver ave, 6th to 11th, could extend to 13th depending on cost.. future projects - keeping eye on.have list for grants, move projects around to fit. $20 million. $1.8 million annually, spend responsibly Mike - how important safe street for all grant, that's what got us started. TT - study identified 3 main priorities, 136, Hwy 77, Lincoln will address all three.

Randy Schluerer, 1710 N 13th St, bicycle rider, ride city streets, not bouncing all the time. pretty easy to ride. appreciate what guys do.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that the public hearing be closed at 6:55 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

5.a. Resolution Number 7884 adopting the One- and Six-Year Road and Street Plan for 2027, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7884 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
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5.b. Resolution Number 7885 designating how reasonable advance publicized notice of all public body meetings of the City is given.

new law - publish 4 times year of all public bodies. notices on website, 2 bulletin boards. Hydo - general notice?

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7885 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
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5.c. Resolution Number 7886 entering into an Engagement Letter for Commercial Appraisal Services between the City and OmegaVal and an Engagement Letter for Appraisal Review Services between the City and Marilyn Tabor to provide appraisal services for real property owned by Paul A. Voller.

floodplain buyout grant, within 2 mile zoning jursidiction, yellow book appraisal, $4,000, then reviewed Tabor for $1100, then start process of acquiring property.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7886 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
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5.d. Resolution Number 7887 establishing various fees.

TT- fee resolution did not inlcude indoor hitting facility, was in policy, now in fee res.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Resolution Number 7887 be passed and adopted. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
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6. **ORDINANCES**

6.a. Ordinance detaching a portion of real estate lying within the corporate limits of the City, commonly known as 3700 North 6th Street, from the City, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-3316(1).

vaughn wright's rpopeorty near walmart would like to detach, or de-annex most of 15 acres are in foodway, floodfringe, not access by anything else, creek, recommend approval of his request. Hydo - little hesitant as it will set precedence, but agree this is different than other properties, foodway, TT - farmground, trailer park, CZ - limited access to proepryt, all AG, very unlikely to be developed.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that said ordinance be given number 26-36 the title thereof be approved, the rules be suspended and said ordinance be read by number only three (3) times tonight. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that Ordinance Number 26-36 be passed and approved. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS** - None

8. **MISCELLANEOUS**

8.a. The next regular City Council meeting is November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

encourage every one to vote.

Moved by Fairbanks, seconded by Barnard, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

Ruh: Absent, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Fairbanks: Yea, Hydo: Yea, Craig Zarybnicky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk **Stan Wirth, Mayor**