

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 1, 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 May 18, 2026, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.

3.e. Approval of Treasurer's Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,025,209.46.

3.f. Approval of BASWA Report of Claims in the amount of \$24,318.94.

3.g. Approval of BPW Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,299,134.50.

3.h. Approval of Pay Request #9 in the amount of \$67,093.37 to Building Crafts, Inc., for the WPC Grit Improvements project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.i. Approval of Pay Request #9 in the amount of \$28,995.12 to Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for the 2025 Heritage Heights Addition project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.j. Approval of Change Order #4 decrease in the amount of \$11,607.85 and Final Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$51,710.73 to Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for the 2025 Corral Crossing Addition project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

3.k. Approval of Change Order #1 increase in the amount of \$66,097.45 to Midlands Contracting, Inc., dba Johnson Service Co., for the Sanitary Sewer Lining & Manhole Rehabilitation 2025 project.

3.l. Resolution Number 7800 executing the Sponsorship Agreement with First State Bank Nebraska for Hannibal Park.

3.m. Resolution Number 7801 executing the Agreement for Professional Services between the City and JEO Consulting Group, Inc., for review of the City's Industrial Storm Water (ISW) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to ensure the existing ISW SWPPP covers all requirements of the current NPDES ISW General Permit and for SWPPP training.

3.n. Resolution Number 7802 executing the Agreement between the City and SewerAI for the provision of software designed for sewer and stormwater inspection data management.

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 B&R Stores, Inc., dba, Russ's Market #48, 1815 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a new application for a Class C liquor license.

chet under oath, no issues change of ownership.
tt - inv owners/maagers, nothing prohibiting

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the public hearing be closed at 6:05 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 B&R Stores, Inc., dba, Russ's Market #48, 1815 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license, be recommended to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for approval. **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 B&R Stores, Inc., dba, Russ's Market #48, 1815 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, for a Class C liquor license, be recommended to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for approval. **MOTION: Carried.**

Fairbanks: Nay, Barnard: Yea, Doyle: Yea, Eckhoff: Yea, Eskra: Yea, Hydo: Yea, McLain: Yea, Ruh: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 1

4.b. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the acquisition of real property from Benjamin Prebyl, legally described as follows: Lot Eleven (11), Block 60, Beatrice Original, Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, commonly, known as 820 Market Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, Parcel ID No: 009827000.

house had a fire 4-5 years ago, donating, paying back taxes, will demo, no plans at this time.

jim nelson, 1025 n 6th, thank you for being a donation - thank you for putting packet on website.

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

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.a. Resolution Number 7803 executing the Contract for Donation of Real Estate and all necessary documents to acquire real estate from Benjamin Prebyl.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that Resolution Number 7803 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. Beatrice Humane Society Update.

steph clarke, president of board of directors
deanne caspers - foundation
karlee -

steph - thank for partnering with 3 years ago to do TVNR for stray & ferrel cats in beatrice. has been successful & expect it to continue to be. first community to partner for funding for the program. several other communities reaching out with interest. spay/neuter in wymore, fairbury,

karlee - benchmark for other communities as well. low cost clinic a few years ago, first year no kittens come in before May. have gotten the population in community is able to manage themselves. has been great transition. tvnr 63 total, budgeted for 100, 32 different residences used program. allowing natural _____ to recreate? tvnr program is driving conversations with other communities. cozad, Crete, fairbury - \$5000 last month. give light to problem no solution in past hope people are seeing an improvement.

baarnard - how regularly do you have to do this to be success? Marlee - 5 years would probably have to restart if stopped tvnr. 60 cats is small investment to continue to maintain. no complaints the last year.

Eskra- is there a percentage down 5-20%, Karlee - 90% spayed would make to 0 within 7 years? not there yet. wymore 30% - 179 in wymore in 1 day our positives years ahead - we are 40-50%, not seeing ton of intakes, but more manageable 5 years ago taking i 500 cats form Beatrice annually. fairbury is where we were 10 years ago, we have finally gotten to the point

deanne - love to host clinci

tt - 63 does not include other commnities. behavioral issues that cannot be adopted
200 cats only 63 covered by city. some were willing to cover cost - at level not choosing to feed themselves or take care of this problem.

Hydo - used to drive to auburn with 16 cats here to get spayed/neutered, how nice to have a clinic here. no kill shelter. Karlee - 90% bar 98.1% of all animals save rate. incredible job to get out of shelter, which is unique. leading a charge to be able to place animals into a home. doing the responsible thing for our community.. if had a parvo case, would have had loss of mass population, last year, lost 11 kittens - developed protocol for treating several diseases. laSt year marys vile was trying to get a shelter so talkking. HYdo - important how we are leading the charge in so many areas, how important work being done for us & other communities.

karley - only low cost, high volume in NE. 1517 adoptions in 2025. STEPH - lot of people come from linocln, Marlee - had a family from minnesota.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.a. The next regular City Council meeting is June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Board Room.

Moved by McLain, seconded by Fairbanks, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. **MOTION: Carried.**

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

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk

Stan Wirth, Mayor