

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2017; 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Invocation was given by Jack Whitcomb and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of North Platte, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 211 West 3rd Street. Present were Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. Mayor Dwight Livingston presided and City Clerk Angela Gilbert recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Livingston stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act of Nebraska is posted on the wall at the back of the Council Chambers.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places in the City as follows: North Platte Public Library, Lincoln County Courthouse, City Hall, the designated method for giving notice (certificate of posting), being attached to these minutes. Proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of April 4, 2017.
2. Place on file ML&W reports for March 2017.
3. Place on file Treasurer's report for March 2017.
4. Send application of Switchyard Grill & Pub Inc. dba Switchyard Grill & Pub for a Class C Liquor License (Beer, Wine & Distilled Spirits, On & Off Sale) located at 520 North Jeffers Street to the Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
5. Accept and place on file North Platte Fire Department Annual Report for 2016.

Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #6
PUBLIC HEARING
ON REMOVAL OF
DOWNTOWN
SIDEWALK
CANOPIES

Mayor Livingston declared a Public hearing relating to the removal of sidewalk canopies along Dewey Street in downtown North Platte.

Megan McGowan, representing North Platte Chamber/DEVCO, told the Council in addition to Urban Development Services,

there have been recommendations in prior studies to remove the canopies. She said the buildings will be more open and inviting and it will help give the downtown the wow factor it needs. She stated that funding is being pursued for a grant program to help with façade improvements and damage that may happen during the removal of the canopies.

Eric Seacreast, Executive Director of Mid-NE Community Foundation, told the Council not only do they have to decide whether to spend money to repair or remove the canopies, but they have to decide which use of money will best benefit the downtown for the future.

The following downtown business workers, business owners and/or building owners spoke in favor of removing the canopies: Michael Phillips, Alan Hirschfeld, Gil Wilkinson, Sarah Talbot, Mike Honnerman, Renea Brandt, Ann Marie Blakely, Brandon Raby, Tanner Pettera, Shay Caldwell, Katie Chingren, Nick Seevers and Kristine Henningsen. They cited reasons such as only having to remove them once, they have served their time and purpose, the building signs and windows are covered and make the businesses hard to find, the downtown needs revitalization and better curb appeal, sales and tourism will increase and if we do not step forward and make the investment, we will lose the downtown.

Don Kurre, 1110 West 3rd, encouraged the Council to take the awnings down as it will be money well spent and will increase the vitality of the downtown.

Gail Smeltzer, owner of Dr. Scrubs, told the Council the Jeffers Street construction impacted her business and she is concerned how the renovations will impact the businesses downtown.

Don Lucas, owner of Swan's Furniture, told the Council they need a good plan to revitalize Dewey Street so it will not disrupt businesses.

Clarine Eickhoff, former Platte River Mall Manager, told the Council she is in favor of removing the awnings and believes it is great timing. She stated that sales normally increase when businesses change store fronts and displays.

Lee moved and Baker seconded the motion to close the hearing. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee,

Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

ITEM #7
CONSENT TO
CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOL ON CITY
PROPERTY FOR
HONKY-TONK BBQ

Lee moved and Baker seconded the motion to adopt Resolution consenting to the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor on East 5th Street during the Honky-Tonk Barbeque celebration on June 10, 2017. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #8
SPECIAL
DESIGNATED
PERMIT FOR
HONKY-TONK BBQ

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to approve application by Brothers Tavern LLC for a Special Designated License on June 10, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on East 5th Street from Dewey Street to Bailey Street for a beer garden during the Honky-Tonk Barbeque. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #9
APPROVE ORD 3959

Lee moved that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 3959 relating to the vacation of a portion of Bailey Avenue south of Francis Street to be read on three different dates be suspended. Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Ostendorf. "NAY": Steinbeck. Motion carried.

Mayor Livingston instructed Ordinance No. 3959 to be read one time by title only. Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 3959. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #10
REMOVE PARKING
ON BOTH SIDES OF
CENTENNIAL PARK
ROAD

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to adopt Resolution to remove parking on both sides of Centennial Park Road from Leota Street south and west 150 feet. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #11
RENEWAL
AGREEMENT
WITH CGI
COMMUNICATIONS

Lee moved and Baker seconded the motion to authorize Mayor to sign a three year renewal agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. to update the Community Video Tour Agreement on the City of North Platte's web site at no cost to the City. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #12
U.S. BANCORP
FOR THREE
REFUSE TRUCKS

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to accept Lease Proposal and authorize the Mayor to sign the "Acceptance" document and lease-purchase documents with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for three Freightliner M2-106 Chassis with Newway 20 cubic yard refuse bodies for use by the Public Service Department in the total amount of \$501,271.00. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #13
ISSUE WARRANT
TO WESTERN
ENGINEERING

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to adopt Resolution approving claims and authorizing the issuance of a warrant to Western Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of \$178,659.99 to pay approved claims and referring to and incorporating the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 3874 relating to warrant financing passed and approved on May 21, 2013. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #14
CLAIMS

Petersen moved and Pedersen seconded the motion to approve the Claims. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Baker moved and Lee seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Baker, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Ostendorf. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Angela Gilbert

Angela Gilbert, City Clerk