

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2014; 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Invocation was given by Gary Goodwin 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 Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. 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 Petersen seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of May 20, 2014.
2. Adopt recommendation by the North Platte Planning Commission regarding an application by Brian Lusk for Lusk Second Subdivision located at 617 North Jackson Avenue.

Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #3
APPROVE QUALITY
GROWTH FUNDS TO
K & L ENTERPRISES

Dan Mauk, representing the Quality Growth Fund Committee, told the Council that K & L Enterprises had submitted an application for funding from the North Platte Quality Growth Fund for the purchase and renovation of the Cedar Bowl Building. He stated that two of the five members of the Quality Growth Fund Committee were absent from the meeting on May 30th and the committee was concerned about the high dollar amount of the \$750,000 request. He said that he is in favor of the project and believes it will be successful.

Muriel Clark, Assistant Director of the Lincoln County Visitor's

Bureau, told the Council that bowling is a safe, fun and challenging sport for all ages and is a bonding activity for families and friends. She encouraged the Council to award the funds needed for the project.

Gary Suhr, applicant, asked the Council to consider a \$200,000 grant and a \$250,000 loan. He feels they can still pull off the project with those amounts. He said they would reduce the bowling lanes from 32 to 22 and even though this would disqualify them from holding state tournaments, they hope to hold monthly tournaments and bring in out of town bowlers, while also attracting open bowlers. He believes the Quality Growth Fund fits this project, that he has more at risk than the City on this project, and that it will be successful. He told the Council that they only have seven days to get the contract signed for renovation to be open by August 20th for fall leagues. He also stated that they will end up borrowing the extra money that is not granted from the Quality Growth Fund request.

John Owen told the Council that the Big Apple Fun Center came to Kearney with their own funds and he does not believe the Council should give any funds for the project and without a proven manger he feels the bowling alley will not be successful.

Bill Fuller, former employee of the Cedar Bowl and current North Platte High School Bowling Coach, told the Council that if they close the current bowling alley there will never be another bowling alley in North Platte. He said kids in this community need a bowling alley.

Deb Simpson, Tiffany Hernandez, Gail Smeltzer and William Nelson, all spoke in favor of giving the funds for the bowling alley. They stated reasons such as bringing people to North Platte, to help make friendships, to earn scholarships, to create family bonding time, and to give kids a safe place to go so they will not get into so much trouble.

Lisa and Zachary Parish told the Council that the Special Olympics need a bowling alley in North Platte. They bowl for 15 weeks out of the year and other bowling alleys are too far away as most of their bowlers cannot drive.

Baker moved to “call the question”, ending debate on the subject.

Baker moved and Barrett seconded the motion to approve a

\$50,000 grant and a \$400,000 low interest loan from the North Platte Quality Growth Fund to K & L Enterprises to fund the purchase and renovation of the Cedar Bowl Building.

Baker withdrew his motion, with the consent of Barrett.

Baker moved and Barrett seconded the motion to approve a \$100,000 grant and a \$350,000 low interest loan from the North Platte Quality Growth Fund to K & L Enterprises to fund the purchase and renovation of the Cedar Bowl Building.

Baker withdrew his motion, with the consent of Barrett.

Baker moved and Lee seconded the motion to approve a \$100,000 grant and a \$350,000 low interest loan from the North Platte Quality Growth Fund to K & L Enterprises, subject to the Revolving Loan Guidelines, which requires a 10% owner project equity, at a term of 10 years and an interest rate equal to ½ of the project's primary commercial loan rate to fund the purchase and renovation of the Cedar Bowl Building. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": Carman. Motion carried.

ITEM #4
APPROVE ORD 3894

Mayor Livingston declared a Public hearing on Ordinance No. 3894 application by Brian Lusk to rezone certain lands from an R-2 Dwelling District to an I-1 Light Industrial District located on property described as Lots 4, 5 and 6 Block 1, Ruddy's Addition to North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska located at 617 North Jackson Avenue.

No one appeared.

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to close the hearing. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

Lee moved that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 3894 to be read on three different dates be suspended. Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

Mayor Livingston instructed Ordinance No. 3894 to be read one time by title only. Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion

to approve Ordinance No. 3894. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #5
APPROVE ORD 3895

Mayor Livingston declared a Public hearing on Ordinance No. 3895 application by Western Mobile Home Park LLC (Ryan Sellers) to rezone certain lands from an R-2 Dwelling District to an I-1 Light Industrial District located on property described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, The Cody Addition to North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska located at 616 North Miles Avenue.

Nancy Striebel, Director of Lincoln County Community Development Corporation, told the Council that LCCDC owns the house at 1821 West 6th Street, which abuts this property. She requested that the applicant be required to install a “nice” six foot privacy fence between the properties.

Lee moved and Baker seconded the motion to close the hearing. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

Lee moved that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 3895 to be read on three different dates be suspended. Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

Mayor Livingston instructed Ordinance No. 3895 to be read one time by title only. Lee moved and McNea seconded the motion to adopt recommendation by the North Platte Planning Commission to approve Ordinance No. 3895. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #6
LICENSE
AGREEMENT
WITH WOMEN'S
RESOURCE CENTER

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to authorize Mayor to execute License Agreement with Birthline, Inc., dba Women's Resource Center for placement of sign on City owned property. Roll call vote: "AYE": Barrett, Baker, Petersen, McNea, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. Motion carried.

ITEM #7
CLAIMS

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

ADJOURN

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

Adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Angela Gilbert, City Clerk