

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, June 6, 2016

Regular Meeting

Item Consent1

Approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Staff Contact: Cindy Dickinson, City Clerk

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The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff. A notice of the meeting had been published on May 27, 2016, in the Star Herald, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodations to attend the Council meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in city hall; provided, the City Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each council member, made available to radio stations KNEB, KMOR, KOAQ, and television stations KSTF and KDUH, and the Star Herald. The notice was also available on the city's website on May 27, 2016. An agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at all times from publication of the notice to the time of the meeting.

Mayor Randy Meininger presided and City Clerk Dickinson recorded the proceedings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Meininger welcomed everyone in attendance and encouraged all citizens to participate in the council meeting asking those wishing to speak to come to the microphone and state their name and address for the record. Mayor Meininger informed those in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska open meetings act is posted in the back of the room on the west wall for the public's review. The following Council Members were present: Randy Meininger, Raymond Gonzales, Jordan Colwell, Scott Shaver and Mark McCarthy. Absent: None. Mayor Meininger asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Mayor Meininger asked if any citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda wished to include an item providing the City Council determines the item requires emergency action. There were none. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member McCarthy that, "the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting be approved," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Gonzales, "NAYS" Shaver. Absent: None.

Pam Pritchard, Organizer for the Farmer's Market, presented her permit request to the City Council for the event that will take place every Saturday morning from June 4, 2016 to September 24, 2016. Council Member Shaver asked what they use the funds for that they receive from the vendors. Ms. Pritchard responded that most of the funds go to advertising expenses. The City does not charge a fee for the use of the parking lot and street for the Farmers Market. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to approve the Business Promotional Event Permit for the Downtown Scottsbluff Association, sponsors of the "Farmers Market" at the 18th Street Mini-Park on Saturday mornings, 6/4/16 – 9/24/16 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., including closure of 18th St. between Broadway and 1st Ave.," "YEAS", Colwell, Meininger, McCarthy, and Gonzales, "NAYS" Shaver. Absent: None.

Goal Setting – City Manager Nathan Johnson presented some examples of goals from other communities and the following list of Potential City of Scottsbluff City Council Goals. He explained that the broad policy goals of Fiscal Health and Responsibility, Public Infrastructure and Services and Economic Development are reflected in the budget. The staff is also working on goals so they can see if they are on track with what the City Council wants. The details of these goals will be worked on at the staff level.

**Potential City of Scottsbluff
City Council Goals
2016-2017**

Fiscal Health & Responsibility

- Maintain sound financial policies
- Ensure reasonable City rates and fees
- Maintain a fiscal model balancing short-term and long-term needs
- Apply strategies to promote sustainability of City services
- Carefully balanced land planning reflecting sound land use principles

Public Infrastructure & Services

- Proactively maintain infrastructure for current and future needs
- Provide sound utility systems
 - Provide safe and reliable water
 - Provide sound wastewater facilities
- Maintain Public Safety responsiveness
- Promote Public Safety initiatives and awareness
 - Fire Prevention education
 - Police Department activities
- Encourage livability through healthy lifestyles and quality of life
 - Parks & Recreation amenities
 - Library educational opportunities
 - Strengthen community service partnerships and regional collaboration
- Promote customer service

Economic Development

- Revitalization of Business and Residential Districts
- Implement Regional Economic Development Plan
- Market the City

Council agreed that the top priorities are infrastructure and public safety. Other concerns include a need to pay down the debt, keep utility rates minimal, and increase revenue. With the general fund operating primarily with sales tax revenue, it is becoming difficult to fund all general fund departments at the present level. Staff and council will need to explore alternative funding sources. Council directed staff to provide an estimate of what a ¼% to ½% increase in the levy would generate. Council discussed other sources of revenue including a lodging and restaurant tax.

Dana Weber, 1301 Idlewylde, Planning Commission member, commented that the walking and biking pathways should also be included in the Council goals. Staff will check to see if LB 840 funds could possibly be used on the pathways, and investigate other ways to utilize the LB840 funds.

Council agreed with the list of goals provided by City Manager Johnson, which will be reflected and detailed in the upcoming budget discussions.

Under Council Reports, Mayor Meininger reported that the 911 committee will meet June 2nd to make a recommendation on the CAD system. He also complimented Mark Bohl and the Public Works department for their work diverting the water away from Riverside Park and the Riverside Discovery Center.

City Clerk Dickinson thanked Council Members Gonzales and McCarthy for their part in donating and transporting 1 lb. bags of beans for the attendee welcome bags to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference last week, which was held in Omaha.

Moved by Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member Colwell, "to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m." "YEAS", Gonzales, Meininger, McCarthy, Shaver and Colwell "NAYS", None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk
"SEAL"