

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, October 7, 2013**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Consent2**

**Approve the minutes of the September 30, 2013 Regular Meeting.**

**Staff Contact: Cindy Dickinson**

The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 30, 2013 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 September 27, 2013, 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 accommodation 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 September 27, 2013. 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: Raymond Gonzales, Randy Meininger, Mike Deibert, and Scott Shaver. 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.

Mayor Meininger announced that the following four people had submitted letters of interest to fill the Council Member vacancy left by the resignation of Dave Boeckner: Linda Redfern, Liz Hilyard, Mark McCarthy, and Pete Marez. Currently the schedule includes voting on the person to fill the vacancy at the October 21, 2013 meeting, and swearing in the new member at the November 4, 2013 meeting. Council agreed to interview all interested individuals on October 2<sup>nd</sup> after 5 p.m. and October 5<sup>th</sup> if needed. Two Council Members will conduct interviews at the Library and two at City Hall.

City Manager Kuckkahn discussed the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. He suggested hiring a consultant to work on a specific phase of the Comprehensive Plan which would include the planning and land use of commercial development opportunities for our entire area, including Terrytown, Gering and surrounding communities. This study would specifically target commercial, light and heavy industrial developments in our entire region as there is potential for all of us to benefit. The Community is interested in commercial and industrial growth and a consultant could provide information on ways to attain specific commercial growth. This will be paid for, all or in part, with LB840 funding as it is a qualifying activity looking specifically at industrial growth. This is only one piece of the comprehensive plan, however it is a very essential piece. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Gonzales, "to authorize the hiring of a consultant to conduct research on the commercial and industrial development phase of the Comprehensive Plan," "YEAS", Gonzales, Meininger, Deibert, Shaver. "NAYS": none.

Mr. Kuckkahn discussed another phase of the Comprehensive Plan regarding the City's swimming pools. City staff has been discussing the Splash Arena, the agreement with the School District and how much pool space is required by the City. Panhandle Area Development District (PADD) now has a planner who can assist with determining the types of recreation programs required for our area. Mayor Meininger made a recommendation that City Manager Kuckkahn talk with PADD about providing

a plan for recreation programs in our area. In addition, he suggested working with the City of Gering in developing any recreation plans.

Mr. Kuckkahn noted that Dave Boeckner's vacant Council seat has also created a vacancy on the Twin Cities Development Board. Council Member Deibert already serves on the Board as an alternate. Moved by Mayor Meininger, seconded by Council Member Gonzales, "to appoint Council Member Deibert as the primary representative on the Twin Cities Development Board, and Council Member Gonzales as an alternate representative," "YEAS", Meininger, Deibert, Gonzales, "NAYS" Shaver.

Under public comment, Mr. Larry McCaslin, 2601 Addison Drive, addressed the Council and ask that they add an item to the next regular meeting regarding the recent designation of the Sheldon Heights Subdivision as a Blighted and Substandard area.

Under Council Reports, Nathan Johnson, Assistant City Manager will be attending the Nebraska League of Municipalities October 10 and 11, 2013. Mayor Meininger also announced that the Fall Frolic is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all Council Members to register.

Moved by Council Member Deibert, seconded by Mayor Meininger, "to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.," "YEAS", Gonzales, Meininger, Deibert, Shaver. "NAYS" none.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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