

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2015

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, was held at Mid-Plains Community College, 512 East B Street South in said City on the 25th day of June 2015, at 12:00 o'clock P.M. Present were: President of the Council: Harold Peterson; Council Members: Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser and Rodger Rankin. Absent: Darrell G. Bassett. City Manager: Aaron Smith; City Clerk: Jane M. Skinner.

Notice of the was given in advance thereof by publishing one time in the Keith County News and posting at the City Hall Administration Building as shown by the Certificate of Publication and Posting Notice attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the President and to all members of the Council on June 5, 2015 and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice and the Agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the Notice to the President and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The President of the Council stated this meeting is being convened in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and acknowledged a copy of the Open Meetings Act being duly posted in the southeast Corner of Council Chambers.

The meeting being held jointly with the Ogallala Library Board of Trustees. Present were: Mike Tuttle, Kathy Lute and Linda Block. Absent: Vicki Peters and Rod Ruzanic.

Aaron Smith, City Manager reported on the timeline for the asbestos abatement and demolition for the Progress School site located at 601 West B Street. The agreement was approved by the Ogallala City Council on December 18, 2014 to acquire the Progress School site for the future library. The Phase 1 and Asbestos Materials Survey was received from EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. on June 19, 2015. The City Council approved the bid process for the asbestos abatement and demolition at the June 23, 2015 City Council Meeting. At the July 14, 2015 meeting, the City council will consider an agreement with the Library Foundation to ensure funding is secured by the City prior to accepting bids at the July 28, 2015 City Council meeting. Bids for the asbestos abatement and demolition will be received by the city until 7-22-15. Prior to July 28, 2015, the city will secure funding from the Ogallala Library Foundation, and at the July 28, 2015 meeting will consider the bids for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the Progress School site. On August 12, 2015, the city is scheduled to close on property with the Ogallala Public School District. Asbestos removal may begin around August 17, 2015 and be completed by September 17, 2015. Demolition may begin after October 1, 2015 and should be complete by October 31, 2015. The lot would be cleared and ready for the next phase of development.

Rod Ruzanic and Vicki Peters entered the meeting at 12:07 P.M.

Kendra Caskey, Library Director, presented a comparison of current and expected operational costs. The increase is estimated at twenty thousand dollars annually.

Councilman Bassett entered the meeting at 12:16 P.M.

Elise Lockhart, Library Foundation, discussed the capital campaign commitments for the proposed library. The estimated \$200,000 required for the asbestos and demolition has been secured. Commitments of \$1.8 million for naming rights of the facility, \$300 thousand from the Keith County Commissioners, and \$10 thousand commitment from the Keith County Community Foundation have also been received.

Mike Tuttle, Library Board President, expressed the intentions of the Library Board to continue governing the library as it has been in the past. The Library would remain a city owned facility. The City will be responsible for building the library and the City Council would create an advisory board to handle the specific details of the construction process.

The committee would be comprised of representatives from the following organizations: The City, Library, Library Board, Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, Library Facilities Committee, and Keith County.

Bev Pollock, Jeff Headley and Dixie DeTourk addressed the members present regarding the roles and expectations in the construction phase of the proposed library.

An agreement between the City and the Library Foundation regarding the funding for the asbestos abatement and demolition was discussed. The details of the agreement will be well thought-out and proposed to the City Council at the July 14, 2015 City Council Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilman Bassett moved to adjourn. Councilman Block seconded the motion. The following council members voted Yes: Darrell G. Bassett, Kevin Block, Karl Elmshaeuser, Harold Peterson and Rodger Rankin. No: None. Absent: None. Motion declared carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:07 P.M.

Jane M. Skinner
City Clerk

Approved:

Harold L. Peterson
Council President

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I, Jane M. Skinner, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting of June 25, 2015 kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the Minutes of the President and Council of the City of Ogallala, Nebraska, were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jane M. Skinner
City Clerk

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