MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, April 1, 2019

Present: Roy Christensen, Jane Raybould, Carl Eskridge, Bennie Shobe, Cyndi Lamm, Jon Camp, and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office, Chris Connolly, Chief Assistant City Attorney. Other Department Directors’ present.

Chair, Bennie Shobe opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES
Directors’ minutes from March 28, 2019 approved and adopted (7-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
None

III. CITY CLERK
Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.d. and 4.e. will be called together. Item 4.f. has a request to withdraw from the applicant.

Under Public Hearing – Resolutions – Item 5.b. has a Motion to Amend No. 1 to clarify/correct dates of service.

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE
Miki Esposito, Director, Transportation & Utilities, provided an update on potholes – there have been a number of contracted workers assisting with filling potholes, they will soon be closing out those contracts and transitioning back to standard city operations. As the weather warms up they will have access to better asphalt materials which will result in more robust repairs of the potholes.

A brief update on the Ashland wells was also provided. Esposito stated that 3 out of the 4 wells have full electricity. They are unsure if the levee is being repaired, NRD is coordinating those efforts with Sarpy County.

Councilman Camp inquired about the Mayor purchasing a statue of Standing Bear in the amount of $12,000 and an additional $4000 for a stand to display the statue. Hoppe stated that the Mayor and his staff work very closely with Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development (LPPAD); they expect small investments from the City in order to leverage very large investments with the private sector. With this partnership there has been several are installations along the City/County building, some of which are rotating art pieces. Hoppe stated that he is unaware of the specific details of this particular purchase he will look into it and report back to Councilman Camp. Councilman Camp requested that the Mayor wait on the Executive Order to purchase this particular piece of art until Councilman Camp is able to get more information. Hoppe stated he would visit with the Mayor about the request.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. BOH - Shobe (03.12.19)
Shobe reported discussion was had on several policy changes including outdoor, indoor air quality and health and safety hazards. They are seeing an increase in numbers for access to care enrollment for those that are on assistance. A brief discussion was had on Legislation. The warnings of smoke from the Kansas burns did not affect Lincoln as much this year.

2. MAC – Shobe (3.12.19)
Shobe reported in honor of Women’s History month Kathie Uhrmacher with the Mayor’s Commission on Women came and provided a brief history on the commission and of the women’s foundation. Discussion was had on the MAC and the Commission on Women partnering together. It was noted that LPD was not represented at the meeting and has missed the past few meetings. An invitation was extended to Council members to attend the next MAC meeting.
3. **PBC** – Camp, Raybould (3.12.19)  
Raybould reported the deck repairs on the south end of the Hall of Justice campus are still ongoing. Work continues on the nursing mother’s room in the 605 building. Approval of the general vouchers was conducted including the payout for the deck repair.

4. **ISPC** – Raybould (3.14.19)  
Raybould reported there are two issues that are being dealt with regarding the CJIS update, moving forward there will some in-house work conducted and a partnership with a third-party to help identify the best possible outcome. Work is being conducted with a new vendor on the payroll system; the previous vendor was not delivering on the original time-line. April 1, 2020 is the target date to go on-line with the new payroll system. Discussion was had regarding the public website traffic and the firewalls preventing access to some sites. Work is being conducted to resolve this issue. Software is being developed to allow individual on-line access to the police and fire pension.

5. **Parks & Rec** – Gaylor Baird (03.14.19)  
Gaylor Baird reported she was not able to attend

6. **Safe & Successful Kids Inter-local** – Shobe, Lamm (03.21.19)  
Lamm reported discussion was had on the evaluation module that will be used to examine the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, a brief pre-budget introduction hearing on the budget for SRO’s, public hearing on this item will be at the next meeting. The reports that have been received display positive feedback in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The next meeting will be April 18, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at Lincoln Public Schools District Office (LPS).

7. **ILC** – Eskridge, Christensen, Shobe (3.25.19)  
Eskridge reported there was an open discussion on the future direction of the ILC. Currently there are business representatives that attend a portion of the meeting. However, during the ILC meetings there is confidential information that is discussed pertaining to the Bridge and LPD. At the advice of the Law department the meetings are then separated, after discussion involving the public we move into a closed session format to discuss the sensitive issues. A suggestion was made to have quarterly open meetings for the public to be more engaged in the City policies and how that affects their business. Christensen added additional discussion was had on the purpose of the ILC, with the possibility of revisiting the existing purpose, and how policies will impact new business modules of having liquor delivered to your door.

8. **DLA** – Eskridge, Gaylor Baird (3.26.19)  
Eskridge reported discussion was had on searching for the replacement of Terry Uland’s position. A presentation was provided by staff of Center Point, they currently have two staff working on the streets visiting with homeless, through this process they are getting to know these individuals and gaining the trust of homeless individuals, listening to their experiences to gain perspective on what resources need to be developed to better assist these individuals. Through this process they are seeing an increase in the number of homeless individuals gaining access to treatment, assistance, and getting the individuals off the street. The DLA pays half the salary for these two positions.

9. **JBC** – Lamm, Gaylor Baird (3.26.19)  
Gaylor Baird reported Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, provided a report on C-Cares. C-Cares is a concept to provide continuum of care, aftercare and recovery for everyone. Through a partnership with Region V and Nebraska Systems of Care is proposing a collaborative service offering immediate services to individuals and tailored to the families. There is currently the former detention center that holds 10 beds, this facility would be ideal for the work they hope to achieve with juveniles through C-Cares. This matter will be brought before the County Board. Region-V provided a presentation on Medicaid, there is concern regarding funding on mental health issues at the state level. Additional discussion was had on the flood relief efforts.
10. PRT – Lamm (3.28.19)
Lamm reported the team is seeing progress, three cases remained open, and three cases were closed. Homeowners are doing a fantastic job complying. One case was referred to law due to issues with the property owners’ rights.

11. WHJPA – Eskridge (3.28.19)
Eskridge reported some of the arena bonds are through federal programs because of that there is an audit that is completed to ensure everything is order. A copy of the audit report was provided and showed no discrepancies. There are six bonds, two of which will expire in 2045. The February occupation tax report indicated that taxes were down. The overall projections do indicate things are good. A new wood floor will be installed in the arena. Discussion was had on the right of entry for the property that is being considered for housing developments in the south end of the west Haymarket area. Bids for the demolition of the Jacobson building came in lower than projected.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS
A brief discussion was had regarding constituent requests wishing to be on the Snow Operations Task Force. It was determined that if those requests are sent directly to a Council member, they should be forwarded to the City Council Secretary to maintain and organize between the four city quadrants. This will simplify the process when it comes time to review the applications for selection.

Christensen brought up the discussion regarding the City issued cell phones four of the Council members received earlier in the year and if these number should be made available to the public. Christensen stated that since the City is providing the phones through tax payer funds the numbers should be published to the public. Gaylord Baird indicated she thought the City phones were purchased and issued to keep a separation between personnel cell phones and City business; this is a way for Council members to document communications, and primarily for our use to communicate among other Council members and other City staff. Gaylord Baird further stated, constituents can still reach Council members by phone through the Council office anyone who is on Council can give out their number if they wish but for safety concerns it would be wise to consider whether or not they are published to the public. Camp inquired how constituents would reach Council members through the Council office. Gaylord Baird stated she could be reached through her office phone that is offered through the IS department. Camp stated he thought those phone lines were given up in the budget several years ago. Raybould stated she didn’t think the phone lines were hooked up. Gaylord Baird stated that they are not but you can request through IS to have them hooked up. Raybould stated that she didn’t think the offices had the newer VOIP phones. Christensen stated you have to request the VOIP phone and for IS to hook it up. Gaylord Baird further stated she is not saying that the City issued cell phone can’t be used for constituent contact if you are returning a message, and there’s been a screening but for some of the personnel safety concerns that we sometimes experience I think having that number published could be a detriment. Shobe stated the City Council Secretary inquiring in direction as to whether the City issued cell phones should be published to the public. Christensen suggested to delay in publishing the cell phone numbers until further discussion can be had regarding the matter.

Camp brought up the discussion regarding the change in leadership of the chair of the ¼ cent sales tax. Hoppe stated that he believes the ballot language states the Mayor appoints. Recommendations and suggestions have come forward but that is nothing the Mayor’s office has announced. Hoppe further stated, subsequently the Mayor is happy to appoint someone that has ties to this community and neighborhood associations so the committee would have some balance. It was suggested that Bob Caldwell may have made some kind of an announcement at the recent debate naming who would be chair of this committee. Hoppe stated that no one has been appointed at this time and won’t be until the citizens say it’s okay to do it.

Chair, Shobe adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.