MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, July 1, 2019

Present: Roy Christensen, Jane Raybould, Bennie Shobe, Richard Meginnis, Tammy Ward, Sändra Washington, and James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, Brandon Kauffman, Director of Finance, Miki Esposito, Director of Transportation and Utilities, Doug McDaniel, Director of Human Resources, Michael Despain Fire Chief, Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Jeff Bliemeister, Chief, Lincoln Police Department, Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development, Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lancaster County Health Department, David Cary, Director, Planning Department, Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation, Chad Blahak, Director, Building & Safety, and other City staff present.

Chair, Jane Raybould opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES
Directors’ minutes from June 17, 2019 approved and adopted (6-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
Raybould advised a brief discussion would be had after boards and commission reports regarding a request by Kathie Uhrmacher.

III. CITY CLERK
Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 3.a./3.b. will be called together.

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE
Jennifer Brinkman advised Council that Mayor Gaylor Baird was unable to attend the meeting due to being at a US conference of Mayor’s but plans to attend the July 15, 2019 meeting. A brief discussion was had on finalizing committee assignments.

Brandon Kauffman, Finance Director, advised Council that the City Finance Department received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFO). Several individuals in the finance/budget department led efforts to revamp the City budget document to make it more transparent. The GFO is a group of about 20,000 public finance members, across the nation that advocate for best practices. They also lobby, on behalf of congress, for cities and counties for public finance. With-in the GFO there is a group who reviews budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council and Local Budgeting and the GFO’s best practices on budgeting, they recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The City of Lincoln is one of three recipients in Nebraska to receive this award.

Diane Gonzales and Lynn Johnson provided a brief overview of the Uncle Sam Jam activities that will be taking place at Oak Lake on July 3, 2019. In the event of bad weather the event will be postponed until July 5, 2019.

Chief Bliemeister advised Council on fireworks related complaints that have been received.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. ILC – Christensen, Shobe, Washington (06.24.19)
Christensen reported discussion was had on home liquor deliveries in Lincoln, involving state law as well as what other neighboring states are doing. Discussion was had on the structure of the ILC meetings. There is usually an open portion for community members who represent liquor establishments to attend then the ILC members go into an executive session to discuss specific reports from the Bridge, last drink information, and LPD reports on liquor violations. The ILC would like to see more community participation. The next meeting
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will be an open format for liquor license holders to speak about any issues they would like to see addressed, what is going well, what is not going well; this will help to drive the ILC agenda’s for upcoming meetings.

2. DLA – Meginnis, Ward (06.25.19)
   Meginnis reported discussion was had on the future of the streets; 11th, 14th, “M”, and “O” involving streetscaping. An open house was held at Olsson Associates which generated some comments. Additional discussion was had on the future of the Downtown Master Plan and how it would be implemented.

3. PRT – Bowers (06.27.19)
   No report provided due to meeting being canceled

4. WHJPA – Ward (06.27.19)
   Ward reported they extended and finalized the plan to control the pigeon’s at Pinnacle Bank Arena. This has been an on-going problem. The plan includes adding screening under the ramp area to prevent pigeon’s from nesting under the ramp. After the meeting there was a reception to honor and celebrate previous members of the WHJPA. Bowers question as to if the pigeons are getting locked in when the screening is being installed. Kirkpatrick explained the pigeons are removed prior to the installation of the screens.

5. Safe & Successful Kids Inter-local – Shobe, Meginnis (06.20.19)
   No report provided due to meeting being canceled

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS
Raybould advised Council members there has been a request from Kathie Uhrmacher to present findings from a study the Women’s Foundation conducted. The Pre-Council will be held Monday, July 15, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.