

CITY OF MILFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 12, 2015

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the Webermeier Library Building, 617 2nd Street in said City on the 12th day of May 2015 at 5:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Dean Bruha; Council members: Jeff Baker, Rick Fortune, Jeff Heckman, Dan Kral. Also present: Chief of Police Forrest Siebken, Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. A roster of public attendance is attached.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places; a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certification of Posting attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruha called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Bruha publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the east wall of the meeting room at the Webermeier Library.

Hire part-time summer employee & set wage: A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Kral to hire Josh Schaben at an hourly rate of \$8.15. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Kral yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the BNSF Double Tracking Project thru Milford: Burlington Northern representation: Michael Schaeffer, Construction Engineer; Bently Tomlin, Manager Public Projects. Nebraska Dept. of Roads representation: Abe Anshasi, Public Transportation Engineer. Highlights of the discussion: The RR is in the design & permitting phase of the project. The reason for double tracking - there is a six mile stretch between Pleasant Dale and Milford with one set of tracks. It causes a bottleneck because trains have to stop at either end to allow passage of other trains. The additional track will run along the north side of the existing track thru Milford. There are areas of this project where the second line will run on the south side of the existing track. The Corp of Engineer considers environmental issues and determines the track layout. Concerns of the public: Speed limit thru town, quantity of traffic, noise pollution and if there will be some type of noise buffer.

There was discussion regarding the Walnut Street X-ing. The RR will give the City \$80,000.00 to close the crossing. There is concern with the Coop grain facility and trucks being able to turn around if we close the tracks. The State Dept. of Roads by law can give \$5,000.00 to close the crossing and up to \$12,000.00 to assist with barricades or a cul-de-sac. Abe's opinion is the safest crossing is a closed crossing. Heckman asked about the finishing of the Hwy 6 bridge and asked if they were going to concrete the slopes under the bridge so it looks nice. Baker asked about updating the circuitry with the second line. The circuitry will be updated for the second line but no changes will be made for the existing line. If the City would decide to close the Walnut Street crossing there is a concern with EMS getting out of town to the north if something would happen at the Hwy 6 Bridge closing down or blocking traffic. There are survey markers on the lagoon berm and the City is questioning the R.O.W. The RR noted this is common. Closing the Walnut Street crossing would be up to the City. The City would create a resolution to close the crossing, all entities involved would sign an agreement, the city would determine the cost to close it, BN would take down the signals and send a check for \$80,000.00. NDOR would assist where needed. The RR representative agreed to come back and update the Mayor, Council and citizens on the project as they move forward. Mayor Bruha and the Council thanked all 3 gentlemen for attending the meeting and providing the community with the information.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Kral to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

Dean A. Bruha, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council of May 12, 2015 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily 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 said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted

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 meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk