

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 2, 2006

The Mayor and City Council of the City of David City, Nebraska met in open public session at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the City Office, 557 4th Street, David City, Nebraska. The Public had been advised of the meeting by posted notices in the U.S. Post Office, First National Bank of Omaha, Hruska Memorial Library, Butler County Courthouse, U.S. Bank, and the City Office, and a signed posting notification is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The Mayor and members of the City Council acknowledged advance notice of the meeting by signing the Agenda. The advance notices to the Public, Mayor and Council members conveyed the availability of the Agenda, which was kept continuously current in the office of the City Clerk and was available for public inspection during regular office hours. No new items were added to the Agenda during the twenty-four hours immediately preceding the meeting.

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Stephen Smith, Council members Gary Smith, Gary Kroesing, Nick Hein, Bill Schatz, Ted Lukassen, and Mark Kirby, Electric Supervisor Tim Kovar, Richard Scott Blecker, and City Clerk-Treasurer Joan E. Kovar.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard (Dick) Blecker of Valentine, Nebraska, was present to interview for the city administrator position. Mayor Smith asked several interview questions and then allowed Richard to ask any questions that he had. During the interview session Richard stated that his priority is "life support systems" such as infrastructure of water and sewer mains, streets; spending that has to be; not party favors. Richard said that he believes in leadership by example. He stated that Valentine, Nebraska is isolated where David City is close proximity to medical facilities, colleges, etc. He believes in going out and talking to the public one on one. When asked "what does success mean to you" he replied that when he retires that people say David City is better now than when he got here and what he did was positive. When asked about grant writing he stated that he is not a certified grant writer and has never gotten into grants. He says he is not an expert in his field but believes that anyone who says he is, is fooling himself. He said history does repeat itself; you need to know what is worth fighting for and what's worth deferring; he loves to explain things carefully so people understand. He is retired military and his health insurance is provided. When asked when he could start if selected he stated that he should be available about the middle of June because he wants to wait until his 17 year old son finishing his junior year at Valentine.

The Mayor and Council informed Richard that they had two remaining interviews to conduct and they would be in touch. Richard thanked the Mayor and Council for the interview and left the meeting.

Mayor Smith informed the council that Darrel Carlyle of West Des Moines, Iowa, had asked for round-trip mileage. After some discussion, Council member Schatz made a motion to pay mileage to the applicants from their home to David City only. Council member Hein seconded the motion. Voting AYE: Council members Smith, Kroesing, Lukassen, Kirby, Hein, and Schatz. Voting NAY: None. The motion carried.

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Council member Kirby made a motion to recess until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Council member Kroesing seconded the motion. Voting AYE: Council members Smith, Schatz, Lukassen, Hein, Kroesing, and Kirby. Voting NAY: None. The motion carried and Mayor Smith declared the meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m.

May 3, 2006

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Stephen Smith, Council members Gary Smith, Gary Kroesing, Nick Hein, Bill Schatz, Ted Lukassen, and Mark Kirby, Electric Supervisor Tim Kovar, Police Chief Steve Sunday, Dr. Jack Kaufmann, Joseph Johnson, and City Clerk-Treasurer Joan E. Kovar.

The special council meeting on May 2, 2006, was in recess until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. At 5:30 p.m. on May 3, 2006, Council member Hein made a motion to come back into session. Council member Kroesing seconded the motion. All of the Council members were present, all voted YEA, and the motion carried.

Joseph Johnson of Omaha, Nebraska, was present to interview for the city administrator position. Mayor Smith asked several interview questions and then allowed Joseph to ask any questions that he had. During the interview session Joseph stated that through UNO he has gained a lot of contacts and mentors. If he doesn't know the answer to a question, he will say he doesn't know but will find out. He stated that he and his wife are friendly, down to earth, and both hard workers who will get things done. He said he doesn't have great knowledge concerning infrastructure; what he knows he learned from books. He realizes the importance of having a balanced budget; being fiscally sound and prudent. He was born and raised in Nebraska and wants to stay in Nebraska. He likes the fact that David City is a small town with a lot of amenities so it will be a good place to raise a family. He stated grants are pretty easy to acquire; you just need to follow the directions. He views the employees as the backbone of the city and will employ them as his encyclopedia. Joe stated that if offered the job he could probably begin in approximately two weeks.

Mayor Smith thanked Joe for the interview and stated that he will let him know where we are at with the process. Joe thanked the Mayor and Council and stated to give him a call if additional questions arise.

Darrel Carlyle's interview was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 4th. Mayor Smith informed the council that when he advised Darrel Carlyle of West Des Moines, Iowa, that the City would only pay mileage one-way, he withdrew his application.

The council reviewed the applications of Richard Blecker and Joseph Johnson stating that both applicants were very fine men. Discussion followed.

Council member Smith made a motion to hire Joe Johnson at a starting salary of \$45,000/yr. Council member Schatz seconded the motion. All of the Council members were present, all voted YEA, and the motion carried. Mayor Smith will call Joe Johnson

