

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**September 4, 2002**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of David City, Nebraska met in open public session at 5:30 p.m. on **September 4, 2002** in the meeting room of the City Office, 557 4th Street, David City, Nebraska. Mayor Smith called the special meeting, contacted all of the Council members to advise them of the meeting, and also notified The Banner-Press of the special meeting. The Mayor and members of the City Council acknowledged notice of the meeting by signing the Agenda which is a part of these minutes.

Present for the meeting were: Mayor Stephen Smith, Council members Mark Kirby, Ted Lukassen, Gary Kroesing, Nick Hein, Gary Smith, and Bill Schatz, City Administrator Andrew Brannen, City Clerk Joan E. Kovar, and Heather Lauterbach representing The Banner Press.

Mayor Smith stated that he called the meeting to discuss a personnel issue and to keep the Council and the public informed. With that, Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to City Administrator Andrew Brannen.

City Administrator Andrew Brannen stated: "Your hardest day is always your first day, and also when you have to tell them you won't be here anymore." City Administrator Brannen continued to say that he accepted a position as City Manager of Princeton, Illinois. Princeton has a population of approximately 7,500 and offers almost identical services as David City. Andrew wanted to make it clear that he was not leaving because he felt the town was too small. "David City is not too small; you will always have challenges here. I have always enjoyed coming to work everyday." Andrew stated that the grandparents would like to enjoy their grandson, Patrick, so they were looking for a location closer to the grandparents. Andrew stated that he will work until October 25, the end of October's pay period. Andrew's wife Dian, and son Patrick, will currently remain in David City as Dian has a commitment to teach at Aquinas High School. Andrew will be back frequently on the week-ends and will be more than willing to help with the transition. "There is a lot of information on my computer and in my files that I could show my replacement, and I would be willing to do this without any compensation."

After some silence, Council member Smith stated: "Well, Andrew, you will be missed greatly, I wish you good luck, nothing we can do, we had 3 good years, and I appreciated you while you were here." Some of the other Council members expressed similar sentiments.

Council member Hein made a motion to accept the resignation of City Administrator Andrew Brannen, effective October 25<sup>th</sup>, with regret. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Voting YEA: Council members Schatz, Kroesing, Lukassen, Kirby, Smith, and Hein. Voting NAY: None. The motion carried.

The Council discussed appointing a "City Administrator Search Committee" such as was formed when Andrew Brannen was hired. Mayor Smith stated that the previous committee included himself, three council members, three employees, and three citizens. Council member Gary Smith served on the previous committee and the Council unanimously agreed that he should serve on the new committee. Mayor Smith asked which other Council members would like to serve on the committee. As there was no response, Mayor Smith advised them to give it some thought and hopefully by the September 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Mayor Smith will have names for the appointment to the committee.

Council member Hein made a motion to advertise for the City Administrator's position.

Council member Kirby seconded the motion. Voting YEA: Council members Smith, Schatz, Kroesing, Lukassen, Kirby, and Hein. Voting NAY: None. The motion carried.

Council member Kirby stated that he hates to see City Administrator Brannen go, but that he understands his situation and the desire to be closer to family.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council member Smith made a motion to adjourn. Council member Hein seconded the motion. Voting YEA: Council members Kirby, Lukassen, Schatz, Kroesing, Hein, and Smith. Voting NAY: None. The motion carried. Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

Mayor Stephen Smith

City Clerk Joan E. Kovar



CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
September 4, 2002

I, Joan E. Kovar, duly qualified and acting City Clerk for the City of David City, Nebraska, do hereby certify with regard to all proceedings of September 4, 2002; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; that the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of the City of David City, 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 The Banner Press was provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Joan E. Kovar