

**WORK SESSION
JOINT GOVERNING MEETING**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norfolk, Nebraska met with representatives from the Northeast Community College Board of Governors, the Norfolk Public School Board and the Madison County Commissioners on Monday, November 30, 2009 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 1313 North Main Street, Madison, Nebraska.

Commissioner Jerry McCallum called the meeting to order.

Roll call found the following City Council members present: Mayor Sue Fuchtman and Councilpersons Brenneman, Fauss, Lange, Coy, and Van Dyke. Absent: Saunders, Reeder, and Wilson.

Staff members present were City Administrator Al Roder and City Clerk Beth Deck.

Others present were: Dr. Marlene Uhing, Julee Pfeil (Norfolk Public Schools), Nancy Scheer, Dick Johnson, Lee Klein, Jerry McCallum (Madison County) and Mary Honke (Northeast Community College).

The news media was represented by Greg Wees, Norfolk Daily News, and Jim Curry, WJAG/KEXL.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Norfolk Daily News, and notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council prior to the meeting.

City Clerk Beth Deck recorded the proceedings for the City of Norfolk.

Commissioner Jerry McCallum informed the public about the location of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Agenda Motion

Lee Klein moved, seconded by Mayor Sue Fuchtman to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call: All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Other Business
Legislative Bills

McCallum explained a bill regarding jail reimbursement from prisoners may be forthcoming in the upcoming legislative session. McCallum requested participation in helping each other with support of various bills.

Van Dyke requested open communication and reasons why each entity should be in support of various bills.

Northeast Community College and Norfolk Public Schools did not have anything to report on legislative bills at this time.

Highway 35 Project

City Administrator Al Roder stated funding for the proposed Highway 35 project is tied up in Washington on a technical amendment.

McCallum encouraged the group to work together in support of one highway project at a time to get funding.

General consensus of the group is to work together in favor of funding for completion of Highway 30 but keeping Highway 275 as a high priority.

Mayor Fuchtman encouraged everyone to contact senators on a regular basis to keep on top of environmental issues since there seems to be a much longer process to get approval to move forward with projects.

Capital projects

Roder explained the City of Norfolk's Park & Recreation Trails Master Plan is being developed to address football, baseball and aquatic facilities needs. Councilpersons recently met with Public School Board members to discuss common interests regarding recreational facilities. The City has also submitted a grant application for funding to extend the Cowboy Trail from TaHaZouka Park to 1st Street.

McCallum asked about the Riverwalk and whether the City of Norfolk needs a water park.

Roder explained the Riverwalk Committee is participating in discussions about the trails; however, the rest of the proposal is a private development. Roder has concerns about using public funds for private development. Roder stated something needs to be done because the two pools in Norfolk have reached the end of their useful life. However, nothing is clearly defined at this time. Roder feels citizens need to be asked about priorities regarding recreational facilities.

Mayor Fuchtman understands the Riverwalk Committee is scaling back the project and starting by developing a small piece of property by an old motel located by the river on East Norfolk Avenue.

Van Dyke stated the City of Norfolk will probably have ballot issues in 2010 on both an LB 840 program and recreational needs, including Memorial Field, baseball fields and aquatics.

Dr. Uhing said Memorial Field needs work and agreed there is a need in Norfolk for improved recreational facilities.

Coy feels it only makes sense and is more cost effective for entities to work together on recreational needs.

Mary Honke feels there is a need for public input to move forward with recreational projects and the public needs to understand that recreation does not make money.

Nucor Road and Victory Road Projects

Dick Johnson stated the Victory Road project is under contract with Elkhorn Paving and construction will start in the spring of 2010 with completion anticipated in August 2010.

Johnson explained the Nucor Road project will be renamed in the future, such as the Northeast Industrial Bypass or Highway. Nucor has two concerns that have driven the project: safety and security. The cost estimate for the entire project is \$12 million with approximately \$9 million committed to date. The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District is applying for a grant to help fund the remaining \$3 million for the project. Johnson stated Phase 1 of the project will be ready for bid letting in the spring/summer of 2010 and Phase 2 anticipated to be let in 2011.

Joint Governing Meeting

The next Joint Governing meeting will be hosted by the City of Norfolk some time by the end of January 2010 with Al Roder setting a date in the near future. McCallum would like Senator Mike Flood invited to the meeting. Proposed items for discussion include legislative issues and government regulations (Dick Johnson was asked to provide bullet points of the changes on environmental regulations).

Councilperson Van Dyke moved, seconded by Councilperson Fauss to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Roll call: All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sue Fuchtman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth A. Deck
City Clerk

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