



# MINUTES

## City Council - REGULAR Session Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2016 North Plains Senior Center 7:00 PM

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Hatcher; Council President Teri Lenahan; Councilors: Robert Kindel, Jr., Sandi King, Charlynn Newton, Sherrie Simmons

**COUNCIL EXCUSED:** Scott Whitehead

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Blake Boyles; Chief of Police Bill Snyder; Library Director Debra Brodie; City Recorder Margaret Reh

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatcher called the Regular Session of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hatcher led the Council in the flag salute.

### 3 CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of March 7, 2016 City Council Regular Session Agenda

b) Approval of minutes of 02/16/2016 Council meeting.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Moved by Councilor Kindel. Second by Councilor Lenahan. Motion was approved unanimously.*

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None were forthcoming.

5 **PRESENTATION:** None Scheduled

### 6 STAFF REPORTS

Library Director Debra Brodie reported the North Plains Public Library has stepped up their programming for all levels of patrons. The WCCLS 12th Annual Art of the Story will be kicking off in April. The week-long extravaganza features twelve unique storytelling performances throughout Washington County. Admission is always free and all festival performances are designed for the enjoyment of adults. Brodie invited all the Councilors to attend the North Plains Art of the Story event at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club on April 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The storyteller is nationally acclaimed Kevin Kling.

Public Works Director Blake Boyles reported the water reservoir has been repaired.

7 **PUBLIC HEARING:** None Scheduled

### 8 NEW BUSINESS:

a) View Presentation and Adopt Resolution No.1923-the North Plains Public Library Strategic Plan and Goals 2016-2021

Library Director Debra Brodie, Library Consultant Linda Lybecker and Library Board Director Stephanie Farris presented the North Plains Public Library Strategic Plan and Goals for 2016-2021 to the Council. Library Board Directors Mark Perkins, German Marquez Montoya, and Laura Templin were also in attendance. The Board along with the Strategic Planning Committee identified goals that will be the library's focus for the next five years. With the passage of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) serial levy, there will be stable and predictable funding to achieve the objectives that will fulfill the goals. Discussion ensued.

*Motion to approve Resolution No.1923 adopting the goals of the North Plains Public Library Strategic Plan 2016-2021. Moved by Councilor Lenahan. Second by Councilor Simmons. Motion was approved unanimously.*

b) Discussion of Senate Bill 1573 Annexation Without Being Submitted to Electors

Boyles presented the staff report. Chris Crean was in attendance to answer any questions the Council had regarding what SB1573 means for the City of North Plains. Basically, this means the City can no longer refer annexation to the ballot. This bill applies to a city whose laws requires annexation by ballot. Applications for annexation will have to be run through the normal process. An application will have to be approved or denied based on criteria in our code. The Council would make a final decision without referring to the ballot.

The bill addresses that when an application is received by the city proposing annexation of territory submitted by all owners of land in the territory, the City Council shall annex the territory without submitting the proposal to the electors of the city. However, this must meet specific criteria. The territory must already be included within the urban growth boundary; the territory is subject to the acknowledged comprehensive plan of the city; the territory must be contiguous to the city limits; and the proposal conforms to all other requirements of the city's ordinances.

Discussion ensued. The full discussion is available to listen to on the audio minutes that were recorded at the meeting and posted on the City website at:  
[http://cityofnp.org/files/1314/5747/4360/030716\\_City\\_Council\\_Audio\\_Minutes.mp3](http://cityofnp.org/files/1314/5747/4360/030716_City_Council_Audio_Minutes.mp3)  
(The discussion on SB1573 starts at marker 40:02)

Some of the comments made during the discussion included the following: some city codes include a provision that says the city has to determine if the annexation is in the best interest of the city; the burden of proof is on the applicant to show there is adequate public facilities; the Planning Commission and the City Council will adopt or deny the findings that explain that it does or does not meet the criteria in the code; public facilities and services need to be funded and available to serve that area; it would need to be determined if the city will be responsible for the improvements or if they would collect fees from the developer prior to the development of the territory or if the developer could offer to complete the necessary improvements; new territory should not be brought into the City limits without the infrastructure in place first; coordinate with local school districts; a lot of planning has to go into developing an

area thoughtfully—and that is tough when you can't control the annexation portion of it; this annexation bill was part of a package with four bills that dealt with the affordable housing issue; legislative policy behind it is the notion of a UGB and the land inside the UGB is intended to be developed and the land outside the UGB is protected. Having the voter approved annexation had the potential of messing up the formula for having sufficient land for development inside the UGB; the idea behind the bill is that if there is more land available, there is more housing, if there is more housing available the price of homes will come down. That was what the bill was all about—affordable housing.

Criteria for annexation in our code is pretty minimal. Municipal Code: 16.205.010

- The proposed use for the site complies with the North Plains Comprehensive Plan;
- An adequate level of urban services and infrastructure must be available or made available—roads, sewers and water lines;
- The adequacy of each of these services shall be considered in relation to each annexation proposal: police, fire, parks, school facilities and all related services

Staff will work on reviewing criteria that could be applied as conditions of approval for an annexation request and will review what infrastructure deficiencies we have in the expansion areas.

**9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Scheduled**

**10 ORDINANCES:**

- a) First Reading  
None Scheduled
- b) Second Reading  
None Scheduled

**11 CITY MANAGER REPORT—Nothing further to report.**

**12 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Hatcher mentioned that Arthur Steinhorn, the drummer for the Garcia Birthday Band (GBB) was disappointed that the City was no longer having the Concerts in the Park series. GBB have really enjoyed playing in North Plains where they have found it to be very family friendly and a great turn-out. Steinhorn would like to work something out with the City so they could play here again this summer. Staff will work with GBB to set something up.

The Council reviewed the meeting calendar. April will be a very busy month with the Volunteer Recognition Night, the Vision Implementation Work Group meeting and the budget cycle process.

**13 ADVICE/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Volunteer Recognition Spaghetti Dinner-April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- Envision North Plains-Vision Implementation Work Group: April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center
- Budget Committee Meetings: April 11, April 25 and May 9, 2016

**14 ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hatcher adjourned the Regular Session of the City Council at 8:09 p.m.



David Hatcher, Mayor



Margaret L. Reh, City Recorder

Date Approved 03/21/2016