

The Council met in special work session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Lindahl at 6:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Mike Lawver, Gerry Tyler, Stuart Krejci, and Jim Svoboda. Absent: Greg Kavan, Kevin Dunbar.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting was a work session to discuss the Chestnut Street project, and no action would be taken.

Steve Wolf of JEO Consulting Group outlined the discussion and ideas generated by the committees and focus group regarding the needs (infrastructure improvement/repairs) and wants (improved appearance) for the project.

Jon Mooberry of JEO Consulting Group reported on what is included in the opinion of cost and additional items that might be added. The project area includes Chestnut from 14th Street to the railroad tracks, and 1st Street from Chestnut to Locust. A gateway appearance for the intersection of 5th and Chestnut was discussed.

Phil Lorenzen of D A Davidson reported on the city's current indebtedness and provided some possible scenarios for financing the project.

Format of a public open house was discussed, to be held early August.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Svoboda, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Approved:

Melissa M. Harrell, City Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor