

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on March 14, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Powers with the following members present: Sarah Hoops, Chuck Niemeyer, Phil Odom, Kathy Duval, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Absent: John Harrington, Michael Krings.

The Mayor led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt the Agenda for the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Mayor Powers read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-142, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.

Councilmember Goebel stated the next Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for March 17th, 2016. There is a Utility Transition meeting March 15th at 1:30 P.M. The Mayor's Youth Council met last night. They formed a partial list of nominees for next year's officers. They are distributing applications for next year's membership to Mayor's Youth Council to Adams Central, Hastings High and St. Cecelia. Contacts are Everett Goebel, Kathy Duval, or Tyler Beck (President Mayor's Youth Council). Students must be a Junior or Senior in High School next year. Homeschool students are also eligible. Hastings Public Access Channel Board will meet tomorrow. HPAC will rebroadcast the March 9th Town Hall meeting on Charter cable channel 181 this Thursday at 10:30 A.M., Friday at 4:00 P.M., and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. The meeting is also posted on the City's website.

Councilmember Hoops reported on the Library Board meeting held last week. They are working to return gifts that were given to the Hastings Public Library many years ago. The move to the Museum is going well. She thanked staff members assisting with the public finance transparency meeting planned for Wednesday.

Councilmember Duval commented that Mayor's Youth Council will be in attendance at the City Council meeting scheduled for April 11th.

Councilmember Krings entered the meeting at 5:33 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Chuck Shoemaker, 815 W. 2nd St, #200, spoke on the Novak Study.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Powers recognized members from Boy Scout Troop #2 in the audience. He thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mayor Powers mentioned the Town Hall meeting held March 9th went well. He stated there will be more discussions on the downtown project in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Sarah Hoops that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 23, 2016.
- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of February 15, 2016.
- (c) Approval of the payrolls for the period ending February 27, 2016, paid March 4, 2016 and for the period ending March 12, 2016, paid March 18, 2016.
- (d) Approval of the regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.
- (e) Approval of the prepaid claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issues checks against the various funds for payment.
- (f) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports.
- (g) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart, LLC for a Special Designated License at the Adams County Fairgrounds on May 21, 2016.
- (h) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart, LLC for a Special Designated License at the Adams County Fairgrounds on June 4, 2016.
- (i) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart, LLC for a Special Designated License at the Colonial Gardens Event Center on July 16, 2016.
- (j) Approval of the request for CDBG funds, Drawdown #13 (\$480) for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project 12-DTR-107.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Public hearing on the request from Luke Klierer for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a duplex dwelling for families in need, along with ancillary use as limited office space and classrooms for the ministry, said facility to be known as "Miriam's Hope", located at 1818 West "B" Street.

No one appeared to speak in favor.

No one appeared to speak in opposition.

The City Clerk advised that her office had received no written objections.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Powers declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Michael Krings seconded by Everett Goebel to approve Resolution No. 2016-6...Approving the Conditional Use Permit for "Miriam's Hope" to be located at 1818 West "B" Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

Councilmember Odom opened the discussion on the Novak Study. He wanted citizens to know we are still talking about this study and its many recommendations. Council and staff need to set a timeline for the implementation process and continue to plan how to better serve the community. This is an important document for us to review and we need to consider all the options.

Councilmember Krings commented that staff across all departments have taken it upon themselves to use this study as a guide to improve things and do things differently. Mayor asked for reports from staff to share with the public on some of the highlight items to know what is being done. Big items will be dealing with all boards and committees and how they are structured within the City (Library, Museum, Board of Public Works). Public needs to know we are continuing to have conversations on this.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, asked all departments last week to send him an up-to-date report. Some are in a position where they are waiting on council action. Police Chief Kortum has given a comprehensive list of items that have been incorporated already. Joe will send the list to council this week.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Kathy Duval to approve Resolution No. 2016-7...Approving the plans, specifications and estimate of cost for Street Improvement District No. 2016-2 and for Alley Improvement District Nos. 2013-1 and 2015-1.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Everett Goebel to go into closed session at 5:40 P.M. for reason of a safety discussion. Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik to come out of closed session at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Phil Odom there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Vern P. Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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