

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 28, 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 28, 2016.

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

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

Moved by John Harrington seconded by Chuck Niemeyer to adopt the agenda for March 28, 2016 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Mayor Powers read the Public Notice - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, March 25, 2016. Pursuant to the Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, 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.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

Councilmember Goebel reported on the Board of Public Works meeting held March 17th. Hastings Utilities has been working to remove meter pits around town. There are ten located in City parks and airport. The approximate cost of their removal is \$44,000, in which \$9,000 of these funds will come from the Meter Pit Removal Incentive Fund and the balance from the Intra-City Service Fund. A presentation was given by Keith Leonhardt and Lee Vrooman on use of their GPS system to accurately locate utilities. It is used to stake out construction projects, determine the volume of the coal pile and several other uses. They were also given a printed report on the status of the ASR (Aquifer Storage and Restoration) project. The next meeting will be held tomorrow, March 29th at 9:00a.m. at Hastings Utilities.

Councilmember Duval questioned if the Board of Public Works had started a preliminary search committee. Mayor Powers stated they had talked to an executive search firm at a recent meeting. There will be a committee setup for the process, which might start next week.

Councilmember Harrington commended the museum on their new sign. Library is officially open at the Museum. Referring to Kathy Duval's question, we were going to review chapter 32, which would go toward hiring process.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Joe Patterson, City Administrator reminded the group of the follow-up meeting with University Nebraska at Omaha on Community Vision and Planning Session. This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st, at the Masonic Temple from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Mayor Powers thanked Brandi and Jesse McCoy for rebuilding Imperial Jewelers, Downtown Hastings.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Town Hall Council Meeting of March 9, 2016
  - (b) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 14, 2016.
  - (c) Approval of the payroll for the period ending March 26, 2016, paid April 1, 2016.
  - (d) Approval of the regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.
  - (e) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports.
  - (f) Approval of the application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Museum on May 21, 2016.
  - (g) Approval of the application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Museum on May 14, 2016.
  - (h) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart for a Special Designated License at Colonial Gardens on May 21, 2016.
  - (i) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart for a Special Designated License at Colonial Gardens on September 17, 2016.
  - (j) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart for a Special Designated License at the City Auditorium on August 6, 2016.
  - (k) Approval of the request of Mary Lanning Healthcare to utilize city streets for the Mary Lanning Employee Fun Run on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.
  - (l) Approval of the request of the Hastings Middle School to utilize city streets for annual Middle School Glow and Go 3K/5K event on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 8:45 P.M.
- Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by John Harrington to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services between the counties of Adams, Buffalo, Dawson, Phelps, Merrick and Hall. The cities of Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Holdrege, Lexington, Aurora and Cozad. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Kathy Duval to approve "Rutt's Family Properties", Telecommunications line Right of Way License Agreement with Glenwood Telephone to provide services to Rutt's Family Properties, 1001 West 1st Street, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute said agreement. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Kathy Duval to approve the request of the Business Improvement District to close 1st Street from Kansas Avenue to just east of the Amtrak Depot Parking lot at 1st and Denver Avenue and St. Joseph Avenue from 1st Street to 2nd Street from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Do the Brew event to be held April 23, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Everett Goebel seconded by John Harrington to approve the application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at First Street and St. Joseph Avenue on April 23, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Everett Goebel seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the contract with Eco-Tech, Inc., Ontario, Canada, for Replacement of NDS Demineralizer System in the amount of \$243,668.24 (including applicable sales tax and estimated freight). Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between South Central Economic Development District, Inc. and the City of Hastings changing the termination date of the contract to state "May 28, 2016 or a later date as determined by necessary grant contract extensions." Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by John Harrington to approve Award Contract for project No CDBG 12-DTR-107 - 1st Street Parking Lot Landscaping to Vontz Paving, 2355 West HWY 6, Hastings, NE 68901 in the amount of \$58,007.93, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute said contract documents. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Mayor Powers turned the meeting over to Council President Duval due to conflict of interest on the next agenda item.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Niemeyer to approve the base bid from Carmichael Construction LLC in the amount of \$68,000.00 for the CDBG #12-DTR-107 First Street Brewing Façade Project. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by John Harrington seconded by Everett Goebel to approve Hastings Half Races to be held on June 4, 2016, along with routes, attached conditions, and exhibits.

Mike Florek stood to speak on behalf of the event. He thanked City departments that have pulled together to make it easy to hold the event. He stated event information can be found on the website located at [www.halfhastings.com](http://www.halfhastings.com). The event needs volunteers, so please visit "contact us" on the website.

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

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Chuck Niemeyer to approve Resolution No. 2016-8...Giving advance notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads that the City of Hastings intends to conduct a special event to be known as the "Hastings Half Races" requiring the closing of a portion of the State highway system on June 4, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Moved by John Harrington seconded by Chuck Niemeyer to approve Resolution No. 2016-9...Accepting the bid for the construction of improvements in Street Improvement District No. 2015-1 (9th Street-Ash Avenue to 2nd Avenue).

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, commented that utility work will start soon in the project area. Other

work is scheduled to start the first part of May. Project completion is planned for September 15th. The City opened bids March 2, 2016. Mr. Ptak and Mr. Wacker are working with Hastings College on amending the agreement, revising the responsibilities of cost associated with the project. The agreement will be forthcoming in the near future for final approval by council.

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Niemeyer to go into closed session at 5:55 p.m. for reason of real estate negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, Michael Krings. The motion carried.

Michael Krings entered the closed session at 6:00p.m.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik to come out of closed session at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel, Michael Krings. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

Moved by Chuck Niemeyer seconded by Ginny Skutnik there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Chuck Niemeyer, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel, Michael Krings. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Vern P. Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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