

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, February 19, 2018

The Worksession was called to order by Mayor Stutte with the following member present: Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: Phil Odom, Scott Snell, John Harrington.

Others Present: Joe Patterson, Adam Story, Amy Hafer, Becky Matticks, Kent Gilbert, Dave Ptak, Lori Hartman, Brad Beahm, Mike Howie.

Public Notice - Official notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on February 16, 2018. 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 available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Review of Draft Ordinance No. 4548 regarding the reorganization of the Library and Museum Boards.

Dave Ptak, City Attorney, stated that the ordinance before Council is a result of discussion meetings with Council, the Library Board and the Museum Board. He indicated what they have before them is the consensus regarding the language proposed. Mr. Ptak reviewed the proposed ordinance with Council. He indicated areas of housekeeping with the adding of the Finance Director/City Treasurer and adding the two department heads, Director of Human Resources and Director of Information Technology. He stated that the Library Board had been expanded to eight members with two members being appointed each year for a four year term and four members constituting a quorum. He indicated the Library Board encouraged the expanding of the board member number to represent the community better. Mr. Ptak told Council the Library Director and Library Board would have exclusive control over the collection, books and materials purchased and that the Council would not make those decisions and that would keep politics from entering in to what is purchased.

Mr. Ptak stated the Museum Board would consist of eight members serving for a four year term with two members being appointed every year and the Museum Director and Museum Board would also have exclusive control of the Museum collection and exhibits.

Mayor Stutte thanked members of the Library Board, Museum Board and Council who came to meetings regarding the ordinance. He stated that he felt they improved it and thanked them for their help.

Brad Beahm, Library Board Chairman, agreed they are headed in the right direction. He indicated that keeping control of collection was their number one concern and stated that a quorum of four will be nice.

Mike Howie, Museum Board Chairman, stated as a Board they supported the changes and felt it brought some clarity to the Museum Director. He said that number of members on the board was a sticking point and he was glad they'll have more board members and more input from the community.

Councilmembers Hoops, Skutnik and Beahm felt this ordinance improved things and spoke to the positivity of the process.

Councilmember Hamelink questioned the disposition of funds and donated funds to the Museum or Library and how those funds would be handled. He asked if funds would automatically go to the foundations. He noticed it was only referred to under the Museum section.

Mr. Ptak indicated individuals donating would be directed to the foundations.

Councilmember Hamelink stated that there isn't a provision for the Library and should there be one for the Library too.

Mr. Ptak explained there isn't currently the provision but it can be added.

Ms. Hafer said she would like it put in the ordinance.

Consensus of the Council was to add it to the ordinance.

Discussion was had on new board member appointments after the ordinance is passed and allowing directors and boards to determine term of existing members. They also discussed bylaws of the two boards and revising them to match the new ordinance.

Mayor Stutte indicated to Council that the proposed ordinance will go on the February 27, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley that the Mayor and City Council go into closed session for the discussion of personnel at 5:56 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Phil Odom, John Harrington, Scott Snell. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley that the Mayor and City Council resume open session at 6:50 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Phil Odom, John Harrington, Scott Snell. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Phil Odom, John Harrington, Scott Snell. The motion carried.