

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 26, 2018

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 26, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Ginny Skutnik, Butch Eley, Jeniffer Beahm, Sarah Hoops, Scott Snell, Phil Odom, Paul Hamelink, John Harrington. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt current agenda for March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - 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:**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Stutte stated the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide for 2018 is available at the Parks & Recreation office and in the Hastings Tribune.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. All Consent Items.**

Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Scott Snell to approve all consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 12, 2018

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

(d) Approval of the request of the Hastings Community Arts Council to utilize city streets for the Downtown Do the Brew

(e) Approval of the request of the Hastings Community Arts Council, Inc. for a Special Designated License for an event to be located at 1st Street and St. Joseph Avenue on April 28, 2018 with an alternate location of the Hastings City Auditorium, 400 N. Hastings Avenue

(f) Approval of Work Order SL-116

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

**3. Public Hearings.**

(a) Public hearing on the request of D J & R Investments, LLC for a proposed Plan Modification #1.16.18(a) to Redevelopment Area No. 14 within the City of Hastings. Don Threewitt, Development

Services Director, gave a staff report. This will allow Tax Increment Financing (TIF) authority to be enacted for the purchase and development of land. The developer intends to build a 46 room extended stay hotel, mid-scale brand. Harry Dworak stood to speak in support. City Clerk received no objections.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to approve Resolution No. 2018-12 approving proposed Plan Modification #1.16.18(a) to Redevelopment Area No. 14 within the City of Hastings, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Public hearing on the request of Hastings Lodging 2, LLC for a proposed Plan Modification #1.16.18 to Redevelopment Area No. 14 within the City of Hastings. Don Threewitt gave a staff report. The developer intends to build a 75 room, limited service hotel, upper mid-scale brand. TIF funding would make this project possible. Mike Works, Hastings Lodging, stood to speak in support. City Clerk received no objections.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2018-13 approving proposed Plan Modification #1.16.18 to Redevelopment Area No. 14 within the City of Hastings, Nebraska. Councilmember Odom asked if the floodplain would allow them to build on the lot? Dave Wacker, City Engineer, stated it was possible. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### 4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve Professional Services Contract with SCEDD for grant administration of CDBG # 17-DTR-105. Lorie Ferguson, South Central Economic Development District, stood to speak in support. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by John Harrington to approve lease with Allo Communications, L.L.C. for Lot 6, Block 14, Dietz Addition. Dave Ptak, City attorney, explained this is a result of negotiations for a central office location in the City of Hastings. The lot location is east of the utility warehouse on 14th Street. Nate Burman, Allo Communications, stood to answer questions. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### 5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4549 SETTING THE BOND AMOUNT FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY TREASURER AND THE ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY TREASURER.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Hoops.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4549 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember John Harrington seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted upon second and final reading and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance. City Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her

signature thereto. Published in the Hastings Tribune on March 30, 2018. Effective date of the ordinance is April 11, 2018.

(b) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2018-24... approving the use of up to \$1,000,000 of Hastings Utility's Economic Development funds as a match for LB518 Rural Workforce Housing Development Funds in the event Hastings Economic Development Corporation is awarded a grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development on behalf of the City of Hastings. Joe Patterson, City Administrator, stated workforce housing has been identified as being an issue. The State has a matching grant available and the North Commons location has been targeted. The money would be loaned out, and as paid back would stay in a revolving fund. This money could be used for infrastructure and buy-downs. Mayor Stutte stated this item was recommended for approval by the Utility Board. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve appointment of Kevin Schawang as Director of Information Technology. Mayor Stutte stated this item cleans up an ordinance by appointing the Information Technology Department Head position that was created. He thanked Kevin for his hard work this past year. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve the appointment of Lori Hartman as Director of Human Resources. Mayor Stutte stated this item cleans up the ordinance by appointing the Director of Human Resources Department Head position that was created. Mayor Stutte thanked Lori for her hard work for the past 3 years for the Utility Department and looks forward to having her involved with the entire city. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

Joe Patterson reminded the council about their annual council retreat this weekend starting at 9a.m. at Central Community College. He will begin working on the agenda tomorrow.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn at 5:53p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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